



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
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# Congratulations

**Kristina Avery, summa cum laude**

*"Measuring Consumers' Willingness-to-Pay to Avoid Disruptive Advertising in Smartphone Applications"*

**Christina Chase, magna cum laude**

*"The effects of state-level employment nondiscrimination policies on income"*

**Manna Chen, magna cum laude**

*"Understanding Sibling Influences: The Effects of Number and Sex of Siblings on Educational Outcomes"*

**Cassandra Duchan, cum laude**

*"Bias-Motivated Incidents and Racial and Ethnic Attrition: Relating the Prevalence of Racially-Motivated Hate Crimes to the Reported Identity of Americans"*

**Alexandra Eagle, cum laude**

*"Cultural Assimilation and Health Disparity: Measuring the Outcomes of Interracial Marriages for American Indians"*

**Jacek Hamielec, magna cum laude**

*"How Does the Growth of Infrastructure Affect Growth in Continental Europe?"*

**Pawel Janas, magna cum laude**

*"Using Penalized Regression to Uncover Peer Effects in the Panel Autoregressive Model"*

**Deborah Kloeckner, summa cum laude**

*"Prioritizing low-income groups and the environment in communities with poor water quality"*

**Yuming Liu, magna cum laude**

*"Can the Taylor Rule Describe the Monetary Policy in China?"*

**Ganghua Mei, summa cum laude**

*"Dynamic Returns and Volatility Spillovers Across the U.S. Stock Market, World Gold Market, and Chinese Stock Market: Insights for Hedging and Diversification Strategies"*

**Steve Powers, cum laude**

*"Conflict, Inequality, and FDI"*

**Kaye Sitterley, magna cum laude**

*"The Impact of Restricting Abortion on the Infant Mortality Rate"*

**Travis Tallent, cum laude**

*"The Impact of HOV/MOT Lane Creation on Public Transit Ridership: Evidence from the Los Angeles Metro"*

**Christina Young, summa cum laude**

*"The Effect of the Colorado Family Planning Initiative on Births and Adverse Birth Outcomes"*

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11:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M. • MAY 6, 2016 • GLENN MILLER BALLROOM IN THE UMC