# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF MINORITY GROUPS IN THE ECONOMICS PROFESSION (CSMGEP) DECEMBER 2021

The Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP) was created by the American Economic Association (AEA) more than 50 years ago<sup>1</sup> in response to concerns about the underrepresentation of minority and historically disadvantaged groups in economics and economic policy decisions, despite the fact that these groups comprise a growing proportion of the population and contribute significantly to the economic outcomes of the country. To address this issue, the committee monitors the racial and ethnic diversity of the economics profession and oversees a Pipeline Program to promote the advancement of racial/ethnic minority groups in economics.

We begin our annual report with current data on the numbers and proportions of minorities studying economics at the undergraduate and graduate levels, highlighting representation within race by gender. Second, we compare historical trends in minority representation in economics to trends in minority representation in the general population, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, and all subjects. Then we report results from a recent survey on minority faculty in economics departments followed by updated information on the three components of the Pipeline Program overseen by the CSMGEP: the Summer Training Program, the Mentoring Program, and the Summer Fellows Program. Finally, we summarize CSMGEP's other recent activities.

## I. Recent Data on Minority Economists

#### Degrees Conferred in 2020

Data on economists in the "pipeline" in this report were drawn from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) at the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The most recent data on degrees conferred across all U.S. institutions are the preliminary data from academic year 2019-2020. Differences between preliminary and final data have typically been minor. All calculations given in these tables are our own, based on the survey data provided by the IPEDS.

The data include all degree-granting institutions (at bachelor's, master's and doctorate levels) participating in the survey. Degrees awarded to American citizens and permanent residents are included in this analysis, while nonresidents have been removed from the data.<sup>2</sup> Degree recipients of unknown ethnicity are included in the totals, and in 2020 these constituted 4.0% of economics degrees<sup>3</sup> conferred.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The CSMGEP was initially established in 1968 but has been in operation under its current name since 1975.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nonresidents make up a significant proportion of the economics degrees awarded, especially at master's (55.7%) and doctorate (61.9%) levels. See Appendix Table 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Schools must choose a Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) degree code in reporting their degrees to the IPEDS. We classify as economics, those degrees with CIP codes housed under the two-digit social science code (45) and then under the four-digit economics code (45.06) which includes as child codes "Economics, General,"

<sup>&</sup>quot;Applied Economics," "Econometrics and Quantitative Economics," "Development Economics and International

Table 1 illustrates the underrepresentation of Black, Hispanic, and Native American<sup>4</sup> students among economics degree recipients. <sup>5</sup> The table shows the number of economics degrees awarded to these groups in 2020.6 (See Appendix Table 1-2 for degrees awarded by all racial/ethnic groups). A total of 34,384 degrees in economics were awarded to citizens and permanent residents of the United States in 2019-2020. The majority of these degrees were earned at the bachelor's degree level (92.9%) and the largest racial/ethnic group among all recipients was white followed by Asians (58.5% and 15.4% respectively, see Appendix Table 2). The focal minority groups earned 17.7% of degrees, despite comprising 31.9% of the US population. Hispanic students earned 12.2%, followed by Black/African American recipients at 5.2%; American Indian/Alaskan Native scholars earned 0.2% of degrees. Comparing representation across degree levels, minorities earned a larger share of bachelor's degrees (17.8%) than doctorates (11.6). This was primarily due to Hispanics earning 12.4% of bachelor's degrees, yet only 6.9% of PhDs. African Americans were slightly less represented at the PhD level than the bachelor's (4.3% and 5.2% respectively), while Native Americans earned similar shares of bachelor's and PhD degrees (0.2% and 0.4%). Across all degree levels, Hispanic students, most numerous in the population, received the highest number of economics degrees among minority groups, while American Indian students, least numerous, were the recipients of just 74 economics degrees in 2019-2020, half of the peak level of 141 degrees in 2009 (see Appendix Table 3).

While minorities are underrepresented among STEM graduates compared to their population share, they earn a larger share of STEM than economics degrees, at all degree levels (20.1% overall compared to 17.7% in economics). Table 2 shows the number of degrees awarded to minority students in STEM subjects in 2020. Each of the three groups makes up a larger fraction of STEM compared to economics graduates, although for Native Americans the difference is negligible. (Hispanics earned 13.0% of STEM degrees and 12.2% of economics, Blacks 6.7% and 5.2%, and American Indians 0.3% and 0.2%).

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Development," "International Economics," and "Economics, Other." We exclude subjects housed under the two-digit "Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services" code (52), including those with the four-digit "Business/Managerial Economics" code (52.06) which has only one child code, which is itself "Business/Managerial Economics."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> We use the terms "Native American", "American Indian/Alaskan Native", and "American Indian" interchangeably. The same is true for our use of "Hispanic," "Latino", and "Latinx".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The three groups are mutually exclusive. Blacks refers to non-Hispanic Blacks and Native Americans to non-Hispanic Native Americans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In this report we designate Blacks, Hispanics, and American Indians as "minorities" as they are the groups that have been targeted by the American Economic Association's efforts to increase racial and ethnic diversity in the profession (see Collins, S.M., (2000), Minority Groups in the Economics Profession, *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 133-148).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Authors' calculations using U.S. Census Bureau's Population Division (2010-2020) data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> We classify as STEM fields those listed as such by the Department of Homeland Security. See <a href="https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/stem-list.pdf">https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/stem-list.pdf</a>.

Table 1: Degrees Awarded in Economics in the Academic Year 2019-2020

Award Level	Grand Total	U.S. Citizen and Permanent Resident Total		n Indian or n Native	Black / African American		Hispanic	or Latino	All Minorities		
		•	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
BA	40046	31931	69	0.22	1653	5.18	3965	12.42	5687	17.81	
MA	4493	1989	3	0.15	118	5.93	207	10.41	328	16.49	
PhD	1219	464	2	0.43	20	4.31	32	6.90	54	11.64	
All	45758	34384	74	0.22	1791	5.21	4204	12.23	6069	17.65	

Table 2: Degrees Awarded to Minority Students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Subjects in 2019-2020

Award Level	Grand Total	U.S. Citizen and Permanent Resident Total		American Indian or Alaskan Native		Black / African American		or Latino	All Minorities	
			Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
BA	548106	499141	1664	0.33	32530	6.52	69363	13.90	103557	20.75
MA	201625	114959	349	0.30	9292	8.08	11694	10.17	21335	18.56
PhD	33657	18382	44	0.24	771	4.19	1332	7.25	2147	11.68
All	783388	632482	2057	0.33	42593	6.73	82389	13.03	127039	20.09

#### Intersection of Gender and Minority Representation

Minority women exist in the intersection of two underrepresented groups and thus may be particularly underrepresented at all stages of the economics pipeline. In Table 3 we report representation of female minorities in economics by degree level.

Thirty-three percent of minority degree earners in economics were women. This is slightly higher than the all-races female rate—women were approximately 31.0% of all economics degree earners—but still well below equal representation. Minority women were the recipients of 5.9% of all economics degrees conferred in 2020 (to women and men), while representing 16.2% of the US population. Minority women earned 19.0% of all economics degrees conferred to women. Minority representation amongst women was higher at the bachelor's (19.1%) and master's levels (17.9%) than at the PhD level (11.6%).

In 2020 across all degree levels, Hispanic women received a slightly greater proportion of conferrals among women (BA, MA, and PhD proportions of 12.9%, 10.9%, and 7.2% respectively) than all Hispanics received among the total (12.4%,10.4%, and 6.9% respectively). Hispanic women made up just 31.3% of all PhDs conferred to all Hispanics.

Black women were slightly better represented among all women recipients than Black recipients were among the total economics degree recipients (6.1% and 5.2%, respectively). Black women made up a slightly smaller share of women PhD recipients as Black graduates made up overall (3.6% and 4.3%, respectively). Black women comprised 36% of all Black economics degree recipients, a larger percentage of Black degree recipients than minority women comprised of all minority degree recipients and than did women of all races comprise among all economics degree recipients.

American Indian women comprised 32.4% of American Indian economics degree recipients in 2020. Twenty-four American Indian/Alaskan Native women received economics degrees in economics, 21 of which were at the bachelor's level.

Minority female representation in STEM subjects was higher than representation in economics, across all degree levels. Table 4 reports representation of female minorities in STEM subjects by award level. Minority women were the recipients of 9.2% of all STEM subject degrees and 21.9% of STEM subject degrees conferred to women.

In terms of gender balance within minority groups, again minority women do better in STEM as a whole than in economics. Minority women represented 45.6% of all STEM degrees awarded to minorities in 2020, with Hispanic, Black, and American Indian women comprising 43.8%, 49.0%, and 45.6% of degree recipients among their respective ethnic/racial groups. These values were above the representation of women overall in STEM degree conferrals (41.8%).

Nonetheless, minority women were underrepresented in both economics and STEM, but not among all subject degree recipients. Minority women made up 16.2% of all subject degree

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Authors' calculations using U.S. Census Bureau's Population Division (2010-2020) data. Minority men earned 11.8% of all economics degrees, while representing 15.8% of the US population.

recipients and 64.1% of the minority degree recipient population. <sup>10</sup> While these figures highlight an increasingly troubling trend of lower educational attainment amongst men of color, the overrepresentation of women in higher education makes the limited number of minority women in STEM and economics fields even more concerning.

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  Percentages generated from untabled calculations using the IPEDS completions survey data on minority women degree conferrals in all subjects.

Table 3: Degrees Awarded in Economics in the Academic Year 2019-2020 to Minority Women

Award Level	Grand Total of Women	U.S. Citizen and Permanent Resident		an Indian or Vative Women		rican American Vomen	-	nic or Latino Women		Ainority omen
		Women Total	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
BA	13496	9831	21	0.21	594	6.04	1267	12.89	1882	19.14
MA	1849	689	2	0.29	46	6.68	75	10.89	123	17.85
PhD	400	138	1	0.72	5	3.62	10	7.25	16	11.59
All	15745	10658	24	0.23	645	6.05	1352	12.69	2021	18.96

Table 4: Degrees Awarded to Minority Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Subjects in 2019-2020

Award Level	Grand Total of Women	U.S. Citizen and Permanent Resident	American Indian or Alaskan Native Women		Black / African American Women		Hispanic or Latino Women		All Minority Women	
		Women Total	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
BA	226560	208290	755	0.36	15959	7.66	30475	14.63	47189	22.66
MA	82394	48480	159	0.33	4521	9.33	5021	10.36	9701	20.01
PhD	12242	7515	23	0.31	399	5.31	587	7.81	1009	13.43
All	321196	264285	937	0.35	20879	7.90	36083	13.65	57899	21.91

## Trends in Minority Degrees Conferred 1995-2020

Minority representation in the general population, undergraduate and graduate programs, STEM fields and economics has increased between 1995<sup>11</sup> and 2020. Both the total number of economics degrees and the percentage of economics degrees awarded to minority students have increased since 1995, with 2020 marking the eleventh consecutive year of growth in minority representation in economics. (See Appendix Tables 3-6 for the annual data by degree and race/ethnicity). However, this growth is entirely attributable to large proportion increases in the Hispanic population, as African Americans and American Indians have seen their share of economics degrees decrease in the last 25 years. Additionally troubling, representation of minorities in economics remains relatively low compared to minority representation in STEM fields and in all subjects.

From 1995 to 2020 minority representation in all subjects increased from 13.1% to 25.3%, and minority representation in STEM fields increased from 11.2% <sup>12</sup> to 20.1%. Minority representation in economics increased from 11.6% to 17.7% over the same period.

Figures 1, 2, and 3 compare the overall representation<sup>13</sup> of minority groups in economics, STEM fields and all other subjects to underlying changes in their respective representation in the total U.S. population.<sup>14</sup> Trends are presented separately for each minority group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> We look at trends since 1995 because that is the first year that the IPEDS data by race and the degree subjects of interest were available.

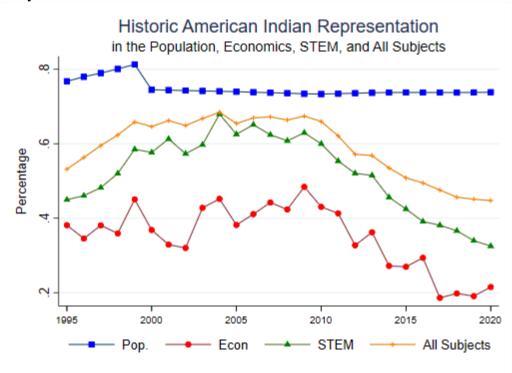
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Percentage generated from untabled author calculations using the IPEDS data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Degree types are pooled, and representation in economics/all subjects is defined as the number of economics/all subject degrees awarded to the racial group divided by the total number of economics/all subject degrees awarded to U.S. permanent residents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Racial population percentages are taken from U.S. Census, Population Division's estimates for the years 1995-2020. https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/popest/intercensal-1990-2000-state-and-county-characteristics.html

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While it is difficult to compare IPEDS data on Native Americans before and after 2010 because of a change to the racial categorization<sup>15</sup> (see table notes), it appears that in recent years American Indian representation in economics, STEM fields and all subjects has decreased while population figures have remained steady (Figure 1), suggestive of a broader problem of access to postsecondary education for American Indian students.

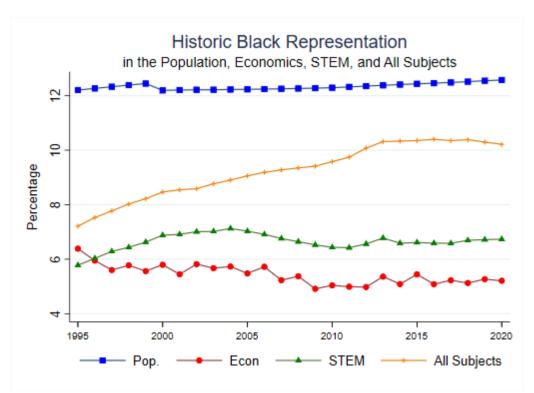


**Figure 1: Changes in Representation of American Indians/Alaskan Natives.** This figure shows the percentage of the American Indian population within the total population along with the percentage of economics degrees, STEM degrees, and degrees in all subjects awarded to American Indian students from 1995 to 2020.

Note: The downtick in population in 2000 is likely due to the fact that beginning in 2000 the Census has allowed respondents to identify with more than one race. Choosing two or more races is its own racial category. IPEDS made this same change in 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Burnette, Jeffrey D. (2022). "Marginalization of Indigenous People in Education Data Produces a False Narrative." *The Minority Report*, 14, page 1, 10-13.

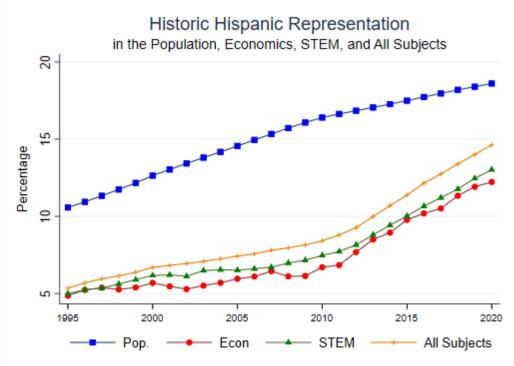
Black representation in economics has actually decreased somewhat since 1995, going from 6.4% to 5.2% in 2020 (Figure 2) while the Black share of all subject degrees conferred has increased considerably from 7.2% to 10.2% over the same time span. However, in the past eight years all three series have been flat with population share of (12.6%), greater than all subjects share (10.2%), greater than STEM share (6.7%), greater than share in economics (5.2%). That Black representation in economics and STEM fields has followed a markedly different trend from Black representation in other subjects suggests that there may be specific barriers to Black students in both STEM and economics degree attainment.



**Figure 2: Changes in Representation of Blacks/African Americans.** This figure shows the percentage of the Black/African American population within the total population along with the percentage of economics degrees, STEM degrees, and degrees in all subjects awarded to Black/African American students from 1995 to 2020.

Note: The downtick in population in 2000 is likely due to the fact that beginning in 2000 the Census has allowed respondents to identify with more than one race. Choosing two or more races is its own racial category. IPEDS made this same change in 2010.

Hispanic representation in economics has experienced the highest levels of growth out of all minority groups (Figure 3), more than doubling from 4.9% to 12.2% between 1995 and 2020. The growth in representation in economics is right on the heels of representation in STEM (5.0% to 13.0%) and all degrees (5.4% to 14.6%) outpacing the population gains as Hispanics grew from 10.6% to 18.6% of the population during this period, but all three series remain below population share levels.



**Figure 3: Changes in Representation of Hispanics/Latinx** This figure shows the percentage of the Hispanic population within the total population along with the percentage of economics degrees, STEM degrees, and degrees in all subjects awarded to Hispanic students from 1995 to 2020.

Clearly, there is more to be done regarding the representation of minority groups in economics. While the number of degrees awarded to minority students in economics continues to increase, representation of minorities in economics continues to be outpaced by representation of minorities in the STEM and all subjects degree-receiving populations as well as in the general population. And while the fraction of Native American degree recipients ticked up slightly in 2020, the overall trend across the past 10 years has been one of decline. There is also a concerning trend for Black students; Black representation in the aggregate of all subjects is increasing at a rate faster than their population growth, yet representation of Black students in economics remains low with no growth.

The root cause of this underrepresentation is unknown, although various supply and demand side determinants have been suggested. Recent research (Carrell, Page and West, 2010; Hale and Regev, 2014; Fairlie, Hoffmann, and Oreopoulos, 2014; Kofoed and McGovney, 2019; and Porter and Serra, 2020)<sup>16</sup> finds that the demographics of instructors or role models may be particularly impactful in improving minority and female participation early on in the pipeline. Stevenson and Zlotnik (2018)<sup>17</sup> document an underrepresentation of women amongst both real and fictional people mentioned in economics textbooks which may also play a role in attracting minority women to the discipline.

Implicit and explicit bias is another factor. Both are particularly harmful for minority women, as they are impacted by both negative gender and racial stereotypes. For instance, Carlana (2019) and Papageorge, Gershenson, and Kang (2020)<sup>18</sup> show that low expectations and negative implicit stereotypes of instructors towards underrepresented demographic groups can disadvantage the targeted groups. Likewise, Wu (2018)<sup>19</sup> documents negative sentiments and explicit bias towards women in online economics message boards, suggesting a hostile work environment for female economists and students which may be an additional factor in the underrepresentation of minority women. Results from the AEA Climate Survey<sup>20</sup> in winter 2018–19, found that 28 percent of minority respondents reported having personally been discriminated against or treated unfairly on the basis of race/ethnicity by someone in the field of economics, while three-fifths of minority women reported experiencing either racial discrimination and/or gender discrimination. These groups are also the most likely to take costly action, such as leaving a job, to avoid possible harassment, discrimination, or unfair treatment, which could partially explain their underrepresentation in the field of economics.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Carrell, S. E., Page, M. E., & West, J. E. (2010). Sex and science: How professor gender perpetuates the gender gap. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *125*(3), 1101-1144; Hale, G., & Regev, T. (2014). Gender ratios at top PhD programs in economics. *Economics of Education Review*, *41*, 55-70; Fairlie, R. W., Hoffmann, F., & Oreopoulos, P. (2014). A community college instructor like me: Race and ethnicity interactions in the classroom. *American Economic Review*, *104*(8), 2567-91; Kofoed, M. S. & McGovney, E. (2019). The effect of same-gender or same-race role models on occupation choice evidence from randomly assigned mentors at west point. *Journal of Human Resources*, *54*(2), 430-467; Porter, C., & Serra, D. (2020). Gender differences in the choice of major: The importance of female role models. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 12 (3): 226-54. <sup>17</sup> Stevenson, B., & Zlotnik, H. (2018). Representations of men and women in introductory economics textbooks. In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 108, pp. 180-85).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Carlana, M. (2019). Implicit stereotypes: Evidence from teachers' gender bias. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 134(3), 1163-1224; Papageorge, N. W., Gershenson, S., & Kang, K. M. (2020). Teacher expectations matter. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 102(2), 234-251.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Wu, A. H. (2018). Gendered Language on the Economics Job Market Rumors Forum. In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 108, pp. 175-79).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Allgood, S., Badgett, L., Bayer, A., Bertrand, M., Black, S. E., Bloom, N., & Cook, L. D. (2019). *AEA Professional Climate Survey: Final Report* Nashville, TN: AEA.

Similarly, in a survey of introductory economics students, Bayer et al.  $(2020)^{21}$  find that minority students are less likely to feel a sense of belonging and that they can learn the material than non-minority students. Low levels of these feelings are associated with a lower likelihood of majoring in economics.

Others have shown that lack of information is an issue for students considering classes and majors in college. Bayer, Bhanot, and Lozano (2019)<sup>22</sup> found that an economics department's providing underrepresented minorities and women with a welcome message that included information about economics and what economists do increased the likelihood that a student completed an economics course in the first semester of college by almost twenty percent.

Bayer, Hoover, and Washington  $(2020)^{23}$  also point to a role for better information, among other factors, for increasing minority representation. Survey and interview respondents—minority economists and those who were once interested in the field—reported lack of mentoring, implicit bias, along with lack of good information, as the most frequent hindrances to minorities in economics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Bayer, A., Bhanot, S. P., Bronchetti, E. T., O'Connell, S. A. (2020). Diagnosing the Learning Environment for Diverse Students in Introductory Economics: An Analysis of Relevance, Belonging, and Growth Mindsets. *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 110:294-98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Bayer, A., Bhanot, S. P., & Lozano, F. (2019). Does simple information provision lead to more diverse classrooms? Evidence from a field experiment on undergraduate economics. In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 109, pp. 110-14).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Bayer, A., Hoover, G. A., & Washington, E. (2020). How You Can Work to Increase the Presence and Improve the Experience of Black, Latinx, and Native American People in the Economics Profession. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, *34*(3), 193-219.

#### Minority Representation in Economics Faculty

To gauge minority representation among economics faculty, we present data from the American Economic Association, which conducts an annual survey, the Universal Academic Questionnaire (UAQ), of approximately 850 degree granting institutions. From these data, we have extracted information on the percentage of economics faculty by race/ethnicity in academic year 2020-21.<sup>24</sup>

We note that these data must be interpreted with caution. First, the response rate to the survey is low (approximately 41 percent this most recent year, similar to a 42 percent response rate the year before). As such, the data may not be representative, particularly if departments with greater (or fewer) numbers of minority faculty are more likely to respond. Second it is, unfortunately, not possible to make comparisons between the data in Tables 1-4 and the data on racial/ethnic representation among economics faculty in Table 5 because of the survey's lack of representativeness. Third, one cannot make comparisons across time within these data as the sample of schools changes from year to year. Fourth, even within the same schools, individuals' URM status may change due to a change in citizenship status. Thus, although the fraction of minority faculty has increased this year over last, we cannot meaningfully interpret this increase. The change could be indicative of larger trends in the economics profession or rather may be symptomatic of a changing composition of universities responding to the UAQ survey.

Amongst institutions included in the survey, representation of minority faculty in economics (across all academic positions) totals about 8.2% <sup>25</sup>, far less than the 31.9% that Black, Latino and Native Americans make up in the population. Black faculty members had their highest representation in part time tenure-track faculty positions (7.1%), while Hispanic faculty members had their highest representation in full-time assistant professor positions (6.0%).

Only 6.9% of full-professor positions are held by minorities, with Hispanic and Black economists making up 4.2% and 2.3%, respectively.

The higher representation among assistant and associate professors relative to full professors may suggest that minority economists are not making it through the entire academic pipeline or are at least still in the process of moving through. However, minority representation is also relatively high in less prestigious non-tenure track and in part time positions relative to full time.

The data confirm that racial and ethnic diversity is still lacking in the economics profession and highlights the need for continued efforts to train, recruit, and retain underrepresented students and faculty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> These data are based on the 350 institutions that responded to the survey. The data analyzed include ethnic representation for U.S. citizens and permanent residents only. Institutions that only reported total minority faculty are not included in the Black- and Hispanic-faculty subsections but are included in minority faculty totals. Faculty on leave during the 2020-2021 academic year are included, but visiting appointments are not. A person who is full-time at the institution but only part-time in the economics department is considered full time. Non-response to ethnic identity of staff is shown as zero in these data and cannot be distinguished from actual zeros in representation.

<sup>25</sup> Percentage generated from untabled calculations using UAO survey data.

Table 5: Representation of Black, Hispanic and Minority Groups in Economic Faculty in the Academic Year 2020-2021

		Tenured	and Tenure-T	rack Faculty		Non-Ten	ure Track	/D	4 1
Institution's Highest		Full	Time			Fac	culty		otal
Degree	Full Prof.	Associate Prof.	Assistant Prof.	Other	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
				Black Fa	aculty				
BA	2.7%	3.8%	3.2%	4.1%	4.1%	1.5%	7.3%	3.0%	6.3%
MA	2.1%	3.9%	2.2%	5.0%	10.3%	3.4%	5.5%	2.9%	6.4%
PhD	2.2%	2.4%	2.6%	1.3%	9.4%	2.6%	2.9%	2.4%	4.1%
Total	2.3%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	7.1%	2.4%	4.8%	2.6%	5.3%
				Hispanic	Faculty				
BA	2.4%	4.5%	4.3%	2.0%	1.4%	3.1%	2.7%	3.5%	2.2%
MA	3.2%	4.6%	3.7%	0.0%	13.8%	4.6%	5.5%	3.8%	7.0%
PhD	5.1%	6.9%	7.7%	2.7%	5.7%	5.5%	4.1%	6.0%	4.4%
Total	4.2%	5.7%	6.0%	2.1%	5.2%	4.7%	4.0%	5.0%	4.3%
				Minority 1	Faculty <sup>1</sup>				
BA	5.1%	8.5%	7.8%	6.1%	5.5%	4.6%	10.0%	6.6%	8.5%
MA	7.0%	9.3%	7.4%	5.0%	24.1%	11.5%	10.9%	8.2%	13.4%
PhD	7.7%	9.7%	10.4%	6.7%	17.0%	8.3%	7.8%	8.7%	9.5%
Total	6.9%	9.2%	9.1%	6.3%	12.9%	7.7%	9.2%	8.0%	10.1%

Note: <sup>1</sup> Minority faculty include Black, Hispanic and Native American Faculty.

## **II.** AEA Pipeline Programs

The AEA Pipeline Program comprises three programs, the Summer Training Program, the Mentoring Program and the Summer Fellows Program, that together work to increase diversity in the economics profession. The activities of each program over the past year are reported below.

## Summer Training Program

The AEA Summer Training Program moved to Howard University in the summer of 2021. Thirty students were admitted from a record 128 who completed the application (slightly increased from the 124 who applied for the program in its last year at Michigan State University (MSU)). Twenty-eight of those accepted completed the program successfully. (Of the two remaining, one declined to attend and one left the program before its conclusion.) The twenty-eight came from colleges across the United States including Puerto Rico. They included eight graduates, six rising seniors, eight juniors and six sophomores. Fourteen of the students identify as Black; ten as Latinx, two as Native American or Native Hawaiian, six as Asian and four as White. (Students could select multiple ethnic/racial identities.) Sixteen of the students identify as male and twelve female.

All US citizens and permanent residents are eligible for scholarship assistance. Preference is given to applicants who, by their background, life experience, and scholarship can show they will bring greater diversity to the field and who demonstrate financial need. In summer 2021 all attendees received fellowships which covered tuition, health insurance, books, and a stipend.

Program leadership includes Director Omari Swinton, Professor, Chair, Director of the Graduate Program, Howard; Co-Director Gerald E. Daniels, Associate Professor, Associate Director of the Undergraduate Program, Howard; and Assistant Director Rhonda V. Sharpe, President of the Women's Institute for Science, Equity and Race (WISER). Dr. Swinton is an alumnus of the summer program. Dr. Sharpe has previously served as its associate director.

Although leadership had hoped and planned for an in-person program, they were informed two months prior to start that university regulations required that the program be run remotely. Leadership pivoted to adjust syllabi and activities and shipped laptops and textbooks (facilitated by funder Amazon) to students while gearing up to run a brand-new program.

Like MSU, Howard ran a two-tiered eight-week program with a foundations and an advanced track. Both groups took coursework in math, microeconomics, economics and a research experience. Foundations students were paired with one of 10 policy institutions (see the table below) for their research component. Program leaders hope to expand upon the list of institutions in future summers. Advanced students wrote a paper (see their topics in the table below) in a more traditional research methods course, taught by employees of the Federal Reserve Board. Both groups of students had multiple opportunities to present their research, including brief very preliminary presentations at the Pipeline Conference.

#### **AEASP Student Research**

#### **STUDENT** PRESENTATION TITLE OR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING **PARTNER**

Foundations Level

Patrick Edwards Washington Center for Equitable Growth Lauren Godwin Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Vanessa Goris

Compass Lexecon Lauren Lau

Nicholas Nguyen Congressional Budget Office

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation SeSe Nguyen

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics José Niño

Urayoán Otero **Bates White** 

Patrice Pierre Department of the Treasury

Women's Institute for Science, Equity and Race Zaria Roller

Alec Romero U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Richard Vega

Alessandra Vidal Meza **Bates White** 

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Vincient Whatley

Advanced Level

Karim Adnane New York State Debt Forecasts Post COVID-19

Mariah Allen, Miasia Disparities in Access to Financial Services for the LGBTO+

Community in the US Huebner

Bryan Anderson, James Examining the Impacts of Immigration on Trade in the US 2008-

2019 Hidalgo

Macheddie Baker, Futsum "Coronomics" Impact on International Trade

Tekle

Michelle Blair Social Interactions and Peer Effects in Occupational Choice U.S. Housing Price Growth Rates Before & During COVID-19

Jovial Clayton, Michelle

Nguyen

Jimmy Mendez Forecasting Inflation Using Macroeconomic Indicators: A

Machine Learning Approach

Distance Learning and Declining Enrollment Manny Prunty

Charlene Ramos Effect of Global Anti-Dumping Duties on the Philippines

Pineapple Industry

Forecasting Puerto Rico's Exports and Imports Héctor Romero-Ramírez

Classroom activities were complemented by two seminar series. In the brown bag, representatives from organizations that employ economists spoke about their organizations and more generally about the economics profession. See the table below for speakers and topics. In the second series the following economists spoke about their research:

- Gbenga Ajilore, USDA
- Isaiah Andrews, Harvard
- Nina Banks, Bucknell
- Carycruz Bueno, Wesleyan University

- Roger Ferguson, TIAA
- Mark Lopez, Pew
- AEASP alum Fenaba Rena Addo, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Patrick Lapid, Office of Research at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Sebastian Tello-Trillo, University of Virginia

## **Brown Bag Series**

#### **ORGANIZATION**

Analysis Group
Bates White
Institute for Defense Analyses
National Association for Business Economics
Office of the United States Trade Representative
Poverty Action Lab
Urban Institute

#### **TOPIC**

PhD application workshop
Case studies of economic analysis
Current research of four economists
Employer panel
Working as an Economist at the USTR
Pathways to economics and RCTs
Using data in policy research

Howard has heightened attention to mentoring. During the summer each student had a weekly mentoring appointment with a member of the faculty. The greater innovation is occurring now that the summer program has been completed. Students have been placed into pods consisting of four students who act as peer mentors (a mixture from both tracks) and an established economist who is the more senior mentor. The groups check in monthly to continue discussions on graduate school preparation. A student may remain in the pod for three years or until accepted into a PhD program at which time the student would be encouraged to enroll in the AEA Mentoring Program for graduate students.

In addition to funding from the AEA, the summer program is supported by contributions from Amazon, the Peterson Foundation, Analysis Group and Bates White. The remaining funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the MSU program is also expected to be rolled over to Howard.

For more information on the Summer Training Program go to <a href="https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/aeasp">https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/aeasp</a>.

#### **Mentoring Program**

The AEA Mentoring Program partners minority doctoral students and recent graduates (within the past three years) with academic mentors in their field and facilitates networking between students at all stages of the pipeline and minority economists (both inside and outside of academia). The program was established in the mid-1990s (as the Pipeline Mentoring Program), to address the underrepresentation of racial/ethnic minority groups among those entering and completing doctoral degree programs in economics.

The program staffing model changed in 2021. Dr. Francisca Antman, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder and Dr. Trevon Logan, Professor of Economics and Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University now serve as co-equal co-directors.

Students must complete a formal online application to be admitted to the mentoring program. Participation is limited to three years with the possibility of renewal, conditional on an active relationship with a mentor. There were 65 mentees from 37 institutions as of fall 2021. This number has been relatively stable (between 60 and 65 mentees) since fall 2016.

At least six students in the AEA Mentoring Program completed the requirements for their PhDs. in economics in 2021 (although this number is likely to increase as fall 2021 graduates were not known at the time of this report). Seven mentoring program students earned PhDs in 2020.

Currently supported by the NSF but transitioning to AEA financing, the mentoring program provides funding to mentees for research and conference and other travel expenses. While travel was largely curtailed in 2021, the program funded a software purchase, conference registrations (ASSA, Society of Labor Economists, Population Association of America, Western Economics Association International (WEAI)) and travel to the hybrid Southern Economic Association (SEA) meetings. This funding included 13 students who presented at regional conferences (compared to eight student conference presentations in 2019). Mentee conference presentations were up significantly in 2021 because the co-directors, in response to the decrease in presentation opportunities due to COVID-19, organized three sessions, two at the WEAI and one at the SEA comprised entirely of mentee research. The 2021 all-mentee sessions were as follows:

## **AEA Mentoring Program WEAI Sessions**

Disparities in Macroeconomics, Trade and Development

## Mentee Presenters:

- Alexis Villacis, Arizona State University, "Linking Risk Preferences and Risk Perceptions of Climate Change: A Prospect Theory Approach"
- Christine Strong, Old Dominion University, "The Impact of Fiscal Rules on Government Debt: Evidence from the CFA Zone"
- Marco del Angel, California State University, Los Angeles, "Child Labor, Temperature Shocks and Intra-Firm Trade"
- Adir dos Santos Mancebo Junior, Florida International University, "Earnings Inequality, Household Heterogeneity and Macroeconomic Volatility"

## Disparities in Health and Education

#### Mentee Presenters:

- Luis Armona, Stanford University, "Federal Student Aid Design and Quality Provision in U.S. Higher Education"
- Carycruz M Bueno, Brown University, "Eyes on the Virtual Prize: The Impact of Goal Setting on Virtual Learning Engagement"
- Yolunda Nabors, Middle Tennessee State University, "Wage Gap And Disability Types"

• Britni Wilcher, American University, "Recessions, Childcare, and Maternal Health in the U.S."

## **AEA Mentoring Program SEA Sessions**

Households, Trade, Fluctuations and Macroeconomics

#### Mentee Presenters:

- Sergio Barrera, University of Minnesota, "Beliefs, Credit Constraints, and Inequality in Higher Education Outcomes"
- Enrique Valdes, Florida International University, "Are Poor Countries Better off Forming Customs Unions or Signing Free Trade Agreements?"
- Romeo Eric Neuyou Nana, University of Arkansas, "Measuring the Upstreamness and Downstreamness of a Country Position in the Global Value Chain: Does the Financial Development Level Matter?"
- Adir dos Santos Mancebo Junior, Florida International University, "Earnings Inequality, Household Heterogeneity, and Macroeconomic Volatility"

One of the signature activities of the mentoring program is the Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference (SMPC) which brings together mentoring program participants, their mentors, other academics, and the students attending the Summer Training Program to hear research presentations and panels on professional development and allows time for mentees to meet with one another and with their mentors. Because of COVID-19, this event was canceled entirely in 2020. In the summer of 2021, it was held remotely which allowed for a record 275 registrants. (Approximately 120 participated in 2019.)

In addition to the summer program student brief presentations mentioned above, the conference featured presentations by job market candidates and other mentees with work in draft form who benefitted from close reads by discussants. Two other mentees presented more preliminary projects. Mentees presented the following:

- Mackenzie Alston, Florida State University, "The Effects of the 2020 Social Justice Movement on Faculty."
- Luis Armona, Stanford University, "Redesigning Federal Student Aid in Higher Education."
- Sergio Barrera, University of Minnesota, "Higher Education Gaps, Beliefs and Access to Funding."
- Nathaniel Burke, West Virginia University, "Predicting from Biased Polls."
- René Crespin, Cornell University, "Does the Market Value School Social Climate?: Evidence from Housing Prices and a School Climate Information Campaign."
- Marco Del Angel, California State University Los Angeles, "Child Labor, Temperature Shocks and Intrafirm Trade."
- Adir dos Santos Mancebo Junior, Florida International University, "Earnings Inequality, Household Heterogeneity and Macroeconomic Volatility."
- Eric Neuyou, University of Arkansas, "Contract Enforcement and Sector Composition of Foreign Direct Investment."

 José Bayoán Santiago Calderón, Bureau of Economic Analysis, "Measuring the Cost of Open Source Software Innovation on GitHub."

SMPC participants also had the opportunity to attend panels on mentoring and being mentored, navigating career transitions, successful grant proposals, surviving and thriving in graduate school and navigating the PhD market. Networking sessions allowed mentees to meet with leaders from potential funders including the National Bureau of Economic Research, the National Science Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation and the Washington Center for Equitable Growth; to speak with representatives from potential employers such as the Economic Policy Institute and the Federal Reserve Board; and to engage with representatives from affinity groups including the AEA Committee on the Status of LGBTQ+ Individuals in the Economics Profession (CSQIEP), AEA Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), American Society of Hispanic Economists, Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics, Inclusive Peer Onsite Distance Mentoring Program, the National Economic Association and Women's Institute for Science, Equity and Race.

San Diego State University President Adela de la Torre, the first woman to permanently hold the position, delivered the conference's inspiring Lewis-Oaxaca Distinguished lecture.

Only in its fourth iteration, the Job Market Bootcamp (JMB) is quickly becoming another signature of the Mentoring Program. The event was held virtually in the summer 2021 for the second year in a row. The JMB helps prepare AEA Mentoring Program participants for the job market and increase their chances of securing positions best suited to their interests, training, and professional and personal goals. In 2021, nine mentees and four coaches met monthly from August through December on job market overview, the job market paper, job market packets, interviews, and flyouts. Additionally, the program was enriched this summer by the inclusion of both large and small group sessions with speech coach Dale DeLetis and a professional social sciences editor, Karen DeVivo, who worked one-on-one with mentees to edit their papers.

Seven of the eight 2020 JMB Mentees on the market in 2020-21 secured employment or, in one case, a dissertation fellowship while still completing her PhD.

One great advantage of the virtual environment is that shorter more frequent meetings are cost effective. Going forward, the directors anticipate a blend of in-person JMB events at the SMPC and virtual events in the fall.

Begun in 2018, the Mentoring Program Impactful Mentor Award recognizes and celebrates individuals who have played instrumental roles over the years in mentoring traditionally underrepresented minorities in economics and diversifying the profession with respect to race/ethnicity. Dr. Peter Henry has been selected as the 2021 honoree. Dr. Henry's leadership of the PhD Excellence Initiative, a two-year pre-doctoral fellowship program, as well as his one-on-one mentoring have been instrumental in helping underrepresented minority students to reach the PhD.

More information about the Mentoring Program can be found at <a href="https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/csmgep/mentoring">https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/csmgep/mentoring</a>.

The Summer Fellows Program aims to increase the participation and advancement of women and underrepresented minorities in economics by providing graduate students and early career faculty with placements at sponsoring research organizations or public agencies. Dan Newlon, Director for Government Relations for the American Economic Association, serves as Program Coordinator.

The program rebounded in 2021 to place 17 fellows, an increase from the 14 hired in the summer of 2020, despite pandemic-related freezes on hiring by some of the government agencies that have hired fellows in the past. Six of the 17 chosen in 2021 were from underrepresented minority groups compared to four the previous summer. The number of minority applications also fell slightly from 19 to 17 so the success rate for minority applicants jumped from 21% to 35%.

Overall the program saw fewer than half the applications in 2021 as it did in 2020 (a drop from 230 to 105, a more typical number) driving the overall acceptance rate from 6% to 16%.

The hiring was spread across twelve sponsors, an increase from eight sponsors the previous summer. One fellow was hired by a new sponsor, the Washington Center for Equitable Growth. The rest were employed by the Federal Reserve Board and by Federal Reserve Banks in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Minnesota, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, and St. Louis.

Further information on the Summer Fellows Program can be found at: https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/summer-fellows-program.

## III. Recent and Ongoing Activities

In this section we summarize additional activities undertaken by the committee in the past year.

## Awards to Encourage Diversity in the Economics Profession

In addition to the five awards introduced in 2020 to promote diversity, the CSMGEP helped the AEA to launch a sixth diversity award in 2021. The <u>Professional Development Grant for Underrepresented Minorities</u>, sponsored by Pearson Education, awards \$2000 each year to the junior economist winner of an essay competition on how the writer's research relates to economics education. The competition is open to junior economics faculty members from groups traditionally underrepresented in the economics profession. We congratulate Dr. Michelle Phillips, University of Florida, the grant's first honoree.

The five awards launched in 2020 are as follows.

The AEA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Diversity and Inclusion recognizes departments for excellence in conceiving and implementing new policies and procedures to promote diversity and inclusion in their organization. The Department of Economics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University received this honor for 2021.

<u>Department Seed Grants for Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion</u> offers one-time grant funding to help a department establish a new bridge or mentoring program aimed at increasing diversity

in economics doctoral programs. Middlebury College Department of Economics and University of Kansas Department of Economics both received funding in 2021.

The Andrew Brimmer Undergraduate Essay Prize is awarded to an essay on the economic well-being of Black Americans authored by an undergraduate student. Congratulation to Christopher Walker, Miami University, who earned the 2021 prize for his essay "Analysis on Black American Wealth."

The winners of the above will be recognized by the AEA President at the 2022 ASSA meeting awards ceremony.

The final two awards were not granted this year due to the virtual nature of the 2022 ASSA conference.

<u>Underrepresented Minority Travel Grants</u> is awarded to early career economists who identify as American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central or South American origin) or Pacific Islander who seek funds to defray the cost of travel, lodging and registration for the annual ASSA meetings. Because of the 2022 meetings being virtual, there was no call for applications for this prize in 2021.

Small Group Breakfast Meeting for Underrepresented Minorities. Early career economists who identify as American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central or South American origin) or Pacific Islander are invited to apply for a seat at a networking breakfast at the ASSA meetings that includes prominent member(s) of our field. The goal is to allow URM scholars access to AEA journal editors, executive board members, thought leaders in specific areas of economics, or other economists for the purpose of addressing issues of access to journals, conferences and networks. Although the AEA sent out a call for this competition, we attribute a dearth of applications to ongoing zoom fatigue.

## Sponsored Sessions at Conferences

An important ongoing activity for the CSMGEP is sponsoring sessions at professional conferences. The CSMGEP organized sessions on research and professional development at the 2021 AEA's and regional conferences.

#### **American Economic Association**

The CSMGEP once again hosted a dissertation session, chaired by Renee Bowen, University of California San Diego, which included the following students and papers:

- "Desegregation and Impact Aid: Does Military Presence Influence School Composition?", Chantal D. Smith, Howard University
- "Petroleum Extraction, Agriculture, and the Local Communities in the Niger Delta. A Case of Ilaje Community," Adedayo Ladelokun, Howard University
- "Nowcasting Waterborne Commerce: A Bayesian Model Averaging Approach," Brett Garcia (joint with Jeremy Piger and Wesley W. Wilson, all of University of Oregon)

- "Financial Inclusion: A Policy Impact Assessment," Noimot Bakare-Ayoub, Howard University
- "Work Half-Time, Receive Full-Time Pay: Effect of Novel Family Policy on Female Labor Market Outcomes," Luciana Etcheverry, University of Oregon

The second CSMGEP session at the 2021 virtual ASSA meetings, a paper session, entitled Aging and Race was chaired by Perry Singleton, Syracuse University. Papers included:

- "Age and the Labor Market for Hispanics in the United States," Joanna Lahey, Texas A&M University and Roberto Mosquera Moyano, University of the Americas
- "Healthy Aging among Older Mexican Immigrants," Emma Aguila, University of Southern California and Maria Casanova, California State University-Fullerton
- "Incarceration and Black-White Cohort Differences in Male Employment, Earnings, and Social Security Wealth," Gary Engelhardt, Syracuse University and Michael Eriksen, University of Cincinnati
- "The Effect of Social Security Retirement Benefits on Food-Related Hardship among Older Americans," Perry Singleton, Syracuse University
- "The Effect of Opioids on Health and Physical Mobility," Engy Ziedan, Tulane University

Because of the virtual nature of the 2021 meetings, CSMGEP did not hold its annual cocktail reception joint with the National Economic Association (NEA) and the American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE). We look forward to holding the event again in 2023.

#### **Western Economic Association**

The CSMGEP sponsored a professional development panel entitled "What Should Researchers Know Before Submitting a Grant? A (virtual) chat with the program directors at NSF, NIH and the Washington Center for Equitable Growth". Organized and hosted by Kalena E. Cortes, Texas A&M University, College Station. Panelists included:

- Nancy Lutz, Economics Program Director, National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong, Economics Program Direction, National Science Foundation (NSF)
- John Phillips, Chief, Population and Social Processes Branch, National Institute on Aging (NIH)
- Korin Davis, Academic Program Director, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

## **Southern Economic Association**

The CSMGEP sponsored two professional development sessions at the 2021 Southern Economic Association meetings.

"Learn about Programs Offered by CSMGEP, NEA and ASHE," included the following panelists:

• Gary A. Hoover, Tulane University

- Jose Manuel Fernandez, University of Louisville
- Miesha Williams, Morehouse College

Co-sponsored with CSWEP, "Navigating a Non-Tenure Track Academic Career," organized by Jose Manuel Fernandez, University of Louisville and chaired by Shreyasee Das, Temple University included the following presentations:

- "Navigating a Non-Tenure Track Academic Career," Seth Gitter, Towson University
- "Trends in Non-Tenure Track Positions within U.S. Economics Departments," Gina C. Pieters, University of Chicago and Christopher Roark, University of Chicago
- "Navigating the Non-Tenure Track Role as an Agent of Change," Kim Holder, University of West Georgia
- "Strategies to Stay Relevant Outside the Classroom," Darshak Patel, University of Kentucky
- "Publishing without a Tenure Clock," Jadrian James Wooten, Pennsylvania State University
- "Director of Undergraduate Studies: The Role, the People, and Its Purpose," Melanie Elizabeth Fox, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

#### Web Materials

#### Div.E.Q.

Created by CSMGEP member Amanda Bayer in 2011, <u>Diversifying Economic Quality</u> (Div.E.Q.), a wiki devoted to teaching practices that promote inclusivity and innovation and are evidence-based, is celebrating its ten-year anniversary with a new look and new content. The wiki includes classroom strategies and instructor practices with the objective of improving teaching quality, including minority students, and increasing their chances of remaining for further study, thereby advancing diversity in the profession. The wiki is participatory, offering a means for faculty to share their research and learn from others. Div.E.Q. can be followed via twitter (@Div\_E\_Q).

#### **Diversifying Economic Seminars Speakers List**

Visitors to the <u>CSMGEP webpage</u> will find a link to the <u>Diversifying Economics Seminars</u> <u>Speakers List</u>. This database was developed in response to a too common refrain that there are no underrepresented minority economists in particular sub fields of economics. CSMGEP invites conference and seminar organizers to consult the speakers list and we invite scholars who identify as underrepresented minorities, gender minorities or LGBTQ+ to enroll themselves in the database.

#### The Minority Report

The Association for Economics Research of Indigenous Peoples (AERIP) has joined *The Minority Report* family. In collaboration with the National Economic Association (NEA), the American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE) and now AERIP, the CSMGEP publishes its annual newsletter showcasing the people, programs, research, and activities of those involved in

working to increase the representation of minorities in the economics profession. <u>The most recent report as well as archived issues</u> are available for download.

## **Profiles of Prominent Minority Economists**

On its website, the committee publishes profiles of minority economists and others who have significantly impacted the minority economics community through their research, teaching, and mentoring. The objective of the series is to highlight the many accomplishments of these economists, and to inspire young people who might be considering a career in economics by providing a glimpse into the lives of those who made that decision. The most recent profiles, as well as those from previous years, are available on the CSMGEP website.

## **Webinar: Helping Faculty Help Students Get Into PhD Programs in Economics**

For the second year, CSMGEP will in January 2022, host a webinar, organized by Dick Startz, aimed at helping faculty help students get into PhD Programs. Panelists will include Sandile Hlatshwayo, IMF; John List, University of Chicago; James Peoples, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Nancy Rose, MIT; and Dick Startz, University of California-Santa Barbara. The webinar is co-sponsored by CSWEP, CSQIEP and AEACEE. The 2021 webinar can be viewed here.

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# Appendices

Appendix Table 1: Comparison of Economics Degrees Awarded in 1995 and 2020 to Students from other Racial/Ethnic Groups

Award Level	Year	Grand Total	U.S. Citizen and Permanent Resident	As	sian	Native Ha Pacific I	waiian or slander <sup>1</sup>	Two or Mo Gro		Ethnicity	Unknown	Non-Per Resid	
			Total	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
BA	1995	17735	16077	1977	12.30	0	0.00	0	0.00	433	2.69	1658	9.35
	2020	40046	31931	5006	15.68	50	0.16	1391	4.36	1242	3.89	8115	20.26
MA	1995	2403	1280	119	9.30	0	0.00	0	0.00	104	8.13	1123	46.73
	2020	4493	1989	227	11.41	3	0.15	73	3.67	94	4.73	2504	55.73
PhD	1995	911	475	63	13.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	25	5.26	436	47.86
	2020	1219	464	64	13.79	0	0.00	12	2.59	32	6.90	755	61.94
All	1995	21049	17832	2159	12.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	562	3.15	3217	15.28
	2020	45758	34384	5297	15.41	53	0.15	1476	4.29	1368	3.98	11374	24.86

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Until 2011, *Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders* were considered part of the *Asian* ethnic group, thus 1995 values are reported as zero. In 2011, the number and share of economics degrees of Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders for BA, MA, PhD, and total levels were 72 (0.25%), 2 (0.10%), 1 (0.24%) and 75 (0.24%) respectively. <sup>2</sup> Until 2011, *Two or More Ethnic Groups* was not its own ethnic category, thus 1995 values are reported as zero. In 2011, the number and share of economics degrees of two or more ethnic groups for BA, MA, PhD, and total levels were 376 (1.31%), 35 (1.7%), 9 (2.19%) and 420 (1.34%) respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The *Non-Permanent Residents* percentages use the *Grand Total* as the denominator.

# Appendix Table 2: Degrees in Economics Awarded to all Racial/Ethnic Groups in the Academic Year 2019-2020

Award Level	Grand Total	U.S. Citizen and Permanent Resident Total	Asian	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Black/African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White	Two or More Ethnic Groups	Ethnicity Unknown	Non- Permanent Residents
BA	40046	31931	5006	69	1653	3965	50	18555	1391	1242	8115
MA	4493	1989	227	3	118	207	3	1264	73	94	2504
PhD	1219	464	64	2	20	32	0	302	12	32	755
All	45758	34384	5297	74	1791	4204	53	20121	1476	1368	11374

Appendix Table 3: All Economics Degrees and All Subject Degrees Awarded to Minority Students 1995-2020

Year	Total Economics	Black/A Ame		Hispani	c/Latino		Indian and n Native	All Minority Groups		All Minority Groups in All Degree Subjects	
	Degrees -	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
1995	17832	1139	6.39	866	4.86	68	0.38	2073	11.63	200742	13.10
1996	16793	999	5.95	879	5.23	58	0.35	1936	11.53	211939	13.78
1997	16543	927	5.60	889	5.37	63	0.38	1879	11.36	222729	14.32
1998	16984	981	5.78	894	5.26	61	0.36	1936	11.40	233842	14.79
1999	17309	963	5.56	933	5.39	78	0.45	1974	11.40	245892	15.26
2000	18186	1054	5.80	1034	5.69	67	0.37	2155	11.85	262228	15.80
2001	20667	1126	5.45	1129	5.46	68	0.33	2323	11.24	276277	16.03
2002	22496	1309	5.82	1189	5.29	72	0.32	2570	11.42	289711	16.18
2003	24776	1405	5.67	1365	5.51	106	0.43	2876	11.61	309563	16.52
2004	26107	1496	5.73	1487	5.70	118	0.45	3101	11.88	332150	16.83
2005	26712	1463	5.48	1591	5.96	102	0.38	3156	11.81	349363	17.14
2006	26281	1504	5.72	1603	6.10	108	0.41	3215	12.23	367276	17.42
2007	26460	1384	5.23	1705	6.44	117	0.44	3206	12.12	384769	17.75
2008	28100	1510	5.37	1717	6.11	119	0.42	3346	11.91	399788	17.97
2009	29120	1431	4.91	1787	6.14	141	0.48	3359	11.54	417808	18.23
2010	30430	1534	5.04	2039	6.70	131	0.43	3704	12.17	442167	18.65
2011	31235	1559	4.99	2137	6.84	129	0.41	3825	12.25	473787	19.16
2012	30554	1521	4.98	2347	7.68	100	0.33	3968	12.99	512346	19.91
2013	29820	1599	5.36	2534	8.50	108	0.36	4241	14.22	544564	20.87
2014	30883	1571	5.09	2763	8.95	84	0.27	4418	14.31	566450	21.56
2015	33019	1798	5.45	3227	9.77	89	0.27	5114	15.49	586803	22.23
2016	33360	1696	5.08	3400	10.19	98	0.29	5194	15.57	614214	23.05
2017	35451	1853	5.23	3726	10.51	66	0.19	5645	15.92	645636	23.57
2018	34862	1787	5.13	3952	11.34	69	0.20	5808	16.66	665500	24.23
2019	34612	1823	5.27	4125	11.92	66	0.19	6014	17.38	690495	24.75
2020	34384	1791	5.21	4204	12.23	74	0.22	6069	17.65	713834	25.29

Appendix Table 4: Bachelor's Degrees in Economics and All Subjects Awarded to Minority Students 1995-2020

Year	Total BA Economics		African rican	Hispani	c/Latino		Indian and n Native	All Minor	ity Groups	All Minority All Degree	
	Degrees -	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
1995	16077	1045	6.50	816	5.08	63	0.39	1924	11.97	159379	13.92
1996	14966	901	6.02	813	5.43	54	0.36	1768	11.81	167479	14.64
1997	14832	836	5.64	809	5.45	56	0.38	1701	11.47	174427	15.18
1998	15358	889	5.79	831	5.41	58	0.38	1778	11.58	182079	15.64
1999	15836	876	5.53	861	5.44	75	0.47	1812	11.44	190641	16.09
2000	16789	977	5.82	960	5.72	65	0.39	2002	11.92	201797	16.54
2001	19351	1071	5.53	1073	5.54	63	0.33	2207	11.41	212042	16.61
2002	21127	1231	5.83	1128	5.34	63	0.30	2422	11.46	222577	16.73
2003	23335	1346	5.77	1277	5.47	99	0.42	2722	11.66	236282	17.01
2004	24474	1426	5.83	1387	5.67	111	0.45	2924	11.95	248856	17.23
2005	24860	1375	5.53	1469	5.91	95	0.38	2939	11.82	258927	17.39
2006	24418	1405	5.75	1495	6.12	104	0.43	3004	12.30	271386	17.69
2007	24574	1295	5.27	1611	6.56	105	0.43	3011	12.25	283011	17.94
2008	26005	1393	5.36	1630	6.27	111	0.43	3134	12.05	294800	18.25
2009	27050	1336	4.94	1691	6.25	134	0.50	3161	11.69	305075	18.45
2010	28185	1427	5.06	1933	6.86	123	0.44	3483	12.36	321709	18.87
2011	28766	1438	5.00	1986	6.90	121	0.42	3545	12.32	344581	19.46
2012	27897	1398	5.01	2188	7.84	96	0.34	3682	13.20	374083	20.26
2013	27411	1455	5.31	2356	8.60	101	0.37	3912	14.27	399420	21.13
2014	28541	1450	5.08	2610	9.14	80	0.28	4140	14.51	417025	21.79
2015	30664	1666	5.43	3041	9.92	83	0.27	4790	15.62	435039	22.50
2016	31060	1566	5.04	3202	10.31	93	0.30	4861	15.65	455222	23.34
2017	33151	1734	5.23	3539	10.68	62	0.19	5335	16.09	479857	23.89
2018	32636	1644	5.04	3769	11.55	65	0.20	5478	16.79	492956	24.60
2019	32282	1672	5.18	3928	12.17	63	0.20	5663	17.54	509678	25.15
2020	31931	1653	5.18	3965	12.42	69	0.22	5687	17.81	527703	25.75

**Appendix Table 5: Master's Degrees in Economics and All Subjects Awarded to Minority Students 1995-2020** 

Year	Total MA Economics		African rican	Hispani	c/Latino		Indian and n Native	All Minor	ity Groups	All Minority All Degree	y Groups in e Subjects
	Degrees -	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
1995	1280	78	6.09	38	2.97	4	0.31	120	9.38	38595	10.92
1996	1352	77	5.70	49	3.62	3	0.22	129	9.54	41703	11.54
1997	1242	79	6.36	65	5.23	5	0.40	149	12.00	45169	12.14
1998	1177	71	6.03	50	4.25	3	0.25	124	10.54	48238	12.63
1999	1058	67	6.33	55	5.20	2	0.19	124	11.72	51507	13.13
2000	992	59	5.95	58	5.85	2	0.20	119	12.00	56717	13.99
2001	949	49	5.16	41	4.32	5	0.53	95	10.01	60360	14.64
2002	1004	62	6.18	51	5.08	9	0.90	122	12.15	63162	14.82
2003	1118	51	4.56	70	6.26	6	0.54	127	11.36	69059	15.33
2004	1286	54	4.20	76	5.91	6	0.47	136	10.58	78571	15.95
2005	1524	81	5.31	103	6.76	7	0.46	191	12.53	85345	16.71
2006	1542	83	5.38	91	5.90	2	0.13	176	11.41	90745	17.01
2007	1566	72	4.60	74	4.73	10	0.64	156	9.96	95884	17.54
2008	1711	104	6.08	73	4.27	7	0.41	184	10.75	98813	17.50
2009	1716	88	5.13	83	4.84	7	0.41	178	10.37	106299	17.95
2010	1840	97	5.27	85	4.62	7	0.38	189	10.27	114561	18.37
2011	2058	104	5.05	137	6.66	8	0.39	249	12.10	122739	18.65
2012	2184	109	4.99	144	6.59	4	0.18	257	11.77	131182	19.29
2013	1941	129	6.65	148	7.62	7	0.36	284	14.63	137535	20.48
2014	1920	108	5.63	131	6.82	3	0.16	242	12.60	141108	21.25
2015	1858	122	6.57	156	8.40	3	0.16	281	15.12	142876	21.82
2016	1819	115	6.32	164	9.02	5	0.27	284	15.61	149550	22.56
2017	1823	104	5.70	169	9.27	3	0.16	276	15.14	155697	22.99
2018	1762	125	7.09	155	8.80	4	0.23	284	16.12	162359	23.57
2019	1866	138	7.40	170	9.11	3	0.16	311	16.67	169981	23.98
2020	1989	118	5.93	207	10.41	3	0.15	328	16.49	175240	24.36

Appendix Table 6: Doctorate Degrees in Economics and All Subjects Awarded to Minority Students 1995-2020

Year	Total PhD Economics		African rican	Hispani	c/Latino		Indian and n Native	All Minor	ity Groups	All Minority Groups in All Degree Subjects	
	Degrees -	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
1995	475	16	3.37	12	2.53	1	0.21	29	6.11	2768	8.09
1996	475	21	4.42	17	3.58	1	0.21	39	8.21	2757	8.26
1997	469	12	2.56	15	3.20	2	0.43	29	6.18	3133	9.06
1998	449	21	4.68	13	2.90	0	0.00	34	7.57	3525	10.01
1999	415	20	4.82	17	4.10	1	0.24	38	9.16	3744	10.83
2000	405	18	4.44	16	3.95	0	0.00	34	8.40	3714	10.80
2001	367	6	1.63	15	4.09	0	0.00	21	5.72	3875	11.25
2002	365	16	4.38	10	2.74	0	0.00	26	7.12	3972	11.70
2003	323	8	2.48	18	5.57	1	0.31	27	8.36	4222	11.98
2004	347	16	4.61	24	6.92	1	0.29	41	11.82	4723	12.98
2005	328	7	2.13	19	5.79	0	0.00	26	7.93	5091	13.03
2006	321	16	4.98	17	5.30	2	0.62	35	10.90	5145	12.58
2007	320	17	5.31	20	6.25	2	0.63	39	12.19	5874	13.31
2008	384	13	3.39	14	3.65	1	0.26	28	7.29	6175	13.75
2009	354	7	1.98	13	3.67	0	0.00	20	5.65	6434	14.12
2010	405	10	2.47	21	5.19	1	0.25	32	7.90	5897	14.06
2011	411	17	4.14	14	3.41	0	0.00	31	7.54	6467	14.78
2012	473	14	2.96	15	3.17	0	0.00	29	6.13	7081	15.48
2013	468	15	3.21	30	6.41	0	0.00	45	9.62	7609	15.95
2014	422	13	3.08	22	5.21	1	0.24	36	8.53	8317	16.79
2015	497	10	2.01	30	6.04	3	0.60	43	8.65	8888	17.40
2016	481	15	3.12	34	7.07	0	0.00	49	10.19	9442	18.26
2017	477	15	3.14	18	3.77	1	0.21	34	7.13	10082	18.79
2018	464	18	3.88	28	6.03	0	0.00	46	9.91	10185	19.07
2019	464	13	2.80	27	5.82	0	0.00	40	8.62	10836	20.05
2020	464	20	4.31	32	6.90	2	0.43	54	11.64	10891	20.22