

Western Economics



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Upcoming Workshops

There are no workshops next week.

News and Announcements

Promotion and Tenure Review – Notice of Solicitation

The Promotion and Tenure Committee will conduct a review of promotion to the rank of Associate Professor and Granting of Tenure for [Professor Nirav Mehta](#) and a review of promotion to the rank of Professor for [Professor Salvador Navarro](#). Anyone wishing to make a written submission can do so until the Files close. It is anticipated this will occur by **Friday, September 14, 2018**.

Copies of the research dossiers for Professors Mehta and Navarro are available on the Department *Intranet*.

Main Office Hours

The Main Office will be open for usual business hours 8:30-4:30 p.m. as of September 4, 2018.

Sabbatical Applications

Sabbatical Applications are due to the Chair on September 4, 2018. The [online](#) / [paper](#) forms are found on the [Faculty Relations website](#).

Reminder- Fall Departmental Meeting

The Fall Departmental Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 19, 2018** in room 4161 SSC at 3:00p.m. All Faculty and staff are invited to attend.

New Academic Year – Start Dates

Undergraduate classes begin **Thursday September 6, 2018**, Graduate and MFE classes begin on **Monday September 10, 2018**.

Fall Prospectus Meeting

The Fall Prospectus Meeting will take place **Friday, October 5th** from 10:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00p.m. in SSC 4161. Please mark your calendars.

Tuesday Coffee Hour

Tuesday Coffee Hour will resume on **September 18, 2018**. Coffee Hour takes place at 2:40 p.m. in the 3rd floor faculty lounge (SSC 3036). Faculty, staff, and graduate students are welcome.

Parking Changes

There are a few changes to parking:

- The Social Science visitor lot will now have a 2-hour maximum. Those who stay longer will be charged for the full day at the rate of \$21. This does not apply for visitors passes approved through the main office.
- Parking and Visitor Services is implementing License Plate Recognition technology. To avoid ticketing, valid parking permit holders need to ensure their vehicle and license information is updated. [Instructions here](#).

New Smoking Restrictions in Place

Western has established 6 new designated smoking areas as part of the plan to make Western smoke-free by July 1, 2019. Western's Board of Governors approved changes to Western's Smoking Policy 1.16, found [here](#). The map of the location of these areas can be accessed [here](#). For help with smoking cessation, see [here](#).

The Joanne Goodman Lecture Series

Elaine Tyler May, Regents Professor of American Studies and History at the University of Minnesota will be presenting a [series of talks](#) as part of the [Joanne Goodman Lecture Series](#) from **October 2-4** in the Great Hall at Sommerville House, room 3326. All are welcome to attend.

OECD Conference – Call for Papers

The [OECD and CEPII](#) and its partners have announced that the 8th Annual International Conference on Immigration in OECD countries will be held in Paris December 10-11, 2018. Papers examining immigration in OECD countries from an economic perspective are welcomed and are **due September 16, 2018**.

Biennial Conference on Consumer Finance and Macroeconomics – Call for Papers

The conference will take place November 16, 2018. Papers in the area of consumer finance and macroeconomics are welcome, and should be submitted as a PDF via [email](#) by **September 4, 2018**.

Research Notices

Research Grant Applications – Department Procedures

*Please submit a paper copy or email a pdf of all internal and external research grant applications, including contracts, to Karin for review and subsequent Chair approval/signature prior to submitting your application electronically. Completion and submission of the [ROLA](#) is also required in order to obtain institutional approvals for research grant/contract applications. Please see Karin if you need assistance.

Policy Changes – Travel and Expense Procedures

Western Financial Services revised the MAPP 2.16 Travel and Expense Policy effective July 1, 2018. Please refer to the Department Intranet for updates.