Cormac O’Dea has been appointed an Assistant Professor who will join the Department of Economics starting in 2018. He will first spend the 2017-18 academic year as a Cowles Postdoctoral Associate.

Currently working at the Institute for Fiscal Studies in London, O’Dea is also completing his Ph.D. in Economics at University College London. He has an M.Phil. in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a B.A. in Economics from Trinity College Dublin.

O’Dea is a public economist whose research focuses on how government policies affect household consumption, saving and labor supply decisions. Current work investigates the implications of how Social Security is designed for household behavior and well-being. Other ongoing research studies the mechanisms through which inequality is transmitted across generations.