Celebrating Women in Econ

THURSDAY MAY 14, 1:30-2:30 PM
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Schedule

1:30-2:30
Event featuring a history of women in Econ at Yale, senior thesis presentations, and a keynote speech by Professor Judith Chevalier of the School of Management

2:30-3:00
Q&A Discussion with Faculty and Students
Lisa Qian: Lisa is a graduating senior majoring in economics and one of the department’s four Tobin Scholars for the class of 2020. Over the past semester, she has been working with the Economic Growth Center to research and write about its history. She will be presenting on the history of Women in Economics at Yale.

Liana Wang: An Economics major and Human Rights Scholar, Liana is interested in inequality, the protection of basic rights, and how public policy can build stronger, more integrated communities. On campus, she was Co-Director of the YLS Lowenstein Project, working on advocacy and research supporting migrants and indigent workers; she also wrote a column for the YDN. She’ll start an MPhil in Economics this fall.

Ying Zheng: Ying is an Economics major at Yale. She is actively involved with the Asian American community on campus. She co-directed the Chinese Adopted Siblings Program for Youth (CASYP) program and was an active member of the Taiwanese American Society. As the Chief Investment Officer of Smart Woman Securities (SWS), she managed the $35,000+ stock portfolio during her senior year. She interned at BlackRock during her sophomore and junior summers and she will be returning to BlackRock as an equity research analyst after graduation.

Rachel Diaz: Rachel is currently the Co-President of Women in Economics, and will soon be working for economic consulting firm Analysis Group as a data analyst in the company’s Boston office. Rachel conducted research with Zack Cooper, the director of Health Policy at Yale’s Institution for Social and Policy Studies, this past year. Her research mainly focuses on the effects of Private Equity acquisitions of hospitals in the U.S. to determine how hospital ownership structures impact billing practices and provider behavior.

Jingyi Cui: Jingyi, an Economics and Math major from Hopper, hails from Beijing, China. She started college expecting to do humanities, and thoroughly enjoyed her experience in Directed Studies. Before she fell in love with econ in her junior year, she spent most of her free time reporting for the Yale Daily News. She interned in Brussels, Istanbul, and Buenos Aires during the summers. She is excited to start as a PhD student in econ this fall.

Nikita Raheja: Nikita is a double major in Economics/Math and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration. She is currently the Co-President of Women in Economics and will be working as a data analyst for Analysis Group next year. In the future, she hopes to get a PhD in Economics. This year she conducted senior research on the effects of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, studying economic vulnerabilities to natural disasters. Nikita will be moderating the event.
Keynote Speaker

Professor Judith Chevalier: Professor Chevalier is the William S. Beinecke Professor of Finance and Economics at the Yale School of Management. Her research is in the areas of both finance and industrial organization. Some of her recent research examines the interaction between customer reviews and firm strategy, consumer foresight in markets for durable goods, the impact of state regulations in the market for funeral products and services, and the taste for leisure as a determinant of occupational choice. She is a former co-editor of the American Economic Review and of the Rand Journal of Economics. She has served on the Executive Committee of the American Economic Association and on the board of the AEA’s Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession.

Panel Guests

Professor Ebonya Washington: Professor Washington is the Samuel C. Park Jr. Professor of Economics. She received her PhD in economics at MIT in 2003. She specializes in public finance and political economy with research interests in the interplay of race, gender and political representation; the behavioral motivations and consequences of political participation and the processes through which low income Americans meet their financial needs. Her work has appeared in the American Economic Review and the Quarterly Journal of Economics.

Yoko Okuyama: Yoko is a 6th year Ph.D. student in the economics department. Her research focuses on the intersection of labor economics and political economy through the lens of gender relations. During her Ph.D. study at Yale, Yoko combined her quantitative skills, economic insights, and her passion for history, and examined the socio-economic impact of women's radio programs in her home country Japan under the US-led occupation (1945-1952).

Pengpeng Xiao: Pengpeng is a sixth year Ph.D. student in the economics department. Her research focuses on gender inequality in the labor market and within the household, and her thesis investigates employers' discrimination against women based on fertility concerns. After graduating from Yale, she will join Duke University as an Assistant Professor in Economics after a year of postdoctoral research at the Institute for Fiscal Studies.