Senior Thesis Topics
1984-2023

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2022-23

Amuzgar, Arya, “Hyper-Financialization: Equity Derivatives Exposure and Financial Market Fragility.”

2021-22

Baker-Durant, Milo, “The Rise of the Renminbi as an International Reserve Currency.”


Isenstein, Aaron, “Examining How Changes in Monetary Variables Have Impacted Asset Prices.”


O’Shea, Erin, “The Consequences of Student Loan Debt: Business Formation, Macroeconomic Policy and Family Challenges.”

Sommers, Alison, “Finance and Fear: Sentiment, Media, and Financial Markets During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”


Wilcox, Daniel, “Convergence and Hegemony The United States and China in the 21st Century.”

2019-20


Zhang, Xiangsiyu, “The Effectiveness of the China Shanghai (Pilot) Free Trade Zone on Financial Innovation.”

2018-19

Kaplan, Sarah, “A Cross County Examination of Fiscal Federalism in the 2016 Election.”

Mian, Maha, “The Economics of Fashion: Do Newcomers to the Industry Have a Chance?”

Murphy, Colin James, “The Nature of Asset Bubbles and the Timing of Their Burst.”

Righi, Robert, “The Shifting Dynamics of International Reserve Currencies.”

Zibin, Han, “China’s Options in Dealing with the U.S. Trade Restrictions.”

2017-18

Croak, Mallory, “The Effects of STEM Education on Economic Growth.”

Kupferberg, Spencer G., “A Comparative Study of Hyperinflationary Periods in Argentina and Brazil and What
Venezuela Can Learn from Them.”
Leahy, Alyssa K., “An Analysis of Sanctuary City Characteristics and Their Role in the American Economy.”
Li, Zaiying, “Quantitative Easing: U.S. and China Similarities, Differences, and Lessons Learned.”

2016-17
Grover, Sarthak, “The Political Economy of One Belt One Road.”
Jablonski, Karol Aleksander, “Optimum Currency Areas and the European Experience: An Examination of Diverging Competitiveness among Key EU Nations.”
Malik, Rimsha Ali, “Has China’s Trade Expansion in the Manufacturing Sector Deindustrialized Other Developing Countries?”
Schwartz, Joshua R., “The Impact of Wealth and Sentiment on Consumption: Before and After the Great Recession.”
Tran, Kevin Paltat, “Is Graduate School Worth It? Evaluating the Return on Investment in a Master’s Degree.”

2015-16
Cordier, Mary, “How Tax Havens Are More Than Harbors of Financial Secrecy.”
He, Amy, “The Impact of Chinese Culture on the U.S. Housing Market.”
Jia, Miaoqing, “How to Rebalance China’s Economic Structure?”
Kaplan, Caelin, “Quantifying the Impact of Political Considerations on Russia’s Choice of Currency for Oil Invoicing.”
Mosley Jr., Rodney, “An Economic Evaluation of Suspected Student Debt Bubble.”
Valenti, Tyler, “Is Student Debt Sustainable? The Effects of Tuition and Salary on Repayment Rates.”

2014-15
Ebersol, Allison E., “China’s Trade and Investment with ASEAN: A Historic and Economic Analysis.”
Fung Chang, Henry, “The Implications of Capital Overhang in the Housing Market.”
Gao, Xi, “Growth Engine: Effects of China’s Trade and Investment on the Economies of East and Southeast Asia.”


Moshier, Meredith L., “The Six-Year Hangover: An Assessment of the Effectiveness of Unconventional Monetary Policy in Dealing with Debt Overhang within the U.S. Economy.”

Murtagh, Thomas, “Executive Economics in American Soccer.”

Wang, Ran, “Peer-to-Peer Lending Industry and Risk Control Measures.”

2012-13


Beerworth, Connor J., “Changing Faces : China’s Economic Development And Responses To The 2007 Global Financial Crisis.”

Clay, William Scudder, “The Effects of the Federal Reserve’s Unconventional Monetary Policy on Foreign Exchange Rates and the Effectiveness of Defensive Capital Controls.”


Kamara, Habib, “Government Debt and Long-Term Interest Rates.”


2011-12


2010-11


Enriquez Murrilo, Jorge, “Middle Class, Political Competition and Economic Growth.”
Spicer, Michael, “Following the Herd: An Economic Analysis of the Effects of Herd Mentality and the Effects on the U.S. Housing Bubble.”


2009-10


Fontaine IV, George O., “Corruption: Understanding its Effect on Growth.”

Gorski, Sean, “Quantifying Capital Overhang in the United States Housing Market and its Impact on Future Housing Investment.”


2008-09


Colomba, Kyle J., “An Economic Analysis of Niche Marketing For the Export Sector of the Caribbean Islands: The Case of Fresh Fish.”


Linden, Patricia, “The Role of Uncertainty in Aggregate Investment.”

Mason, Mallory, “Exploring State-Specific Policies to Address the Problem of Rising Obesity in the United States.”


2007-08

Burns, Brandon, “Risk Adjusted Leverage Capital and the Performance of U.S. Banks’ Assets.”

Chais, Courtney, “Tourism Trends and Patterns: What Are the Determining Factors?”


Ono, Rie, “The Ripple Effect of the Bubble Economy in Japan and the Decreasing Saving Rate.”

2006-07

Bayne, Kelly, “The Contribution of Health as Human Capital to National Growth.”

Grady, Michael, “The Effectiveness of U.S. Bilateral Foreign Aid.”

Quereau, Lindsay, “Understanding the Yield Curve as a Financial Indicator: Past to Present.”
Strader, Eric, “The Effect of Oil Prices on the U.S. Macroeconomy.”

2005-06


2004-05

Berryment, Christopher S., “Immigration and Social Capital: Can Socio-Economic Cohesiveness Survive Global Migration?”

Kharitonova, Mariya, “Foreign Direct Investment: Combining the Theories.”

Schulkind, Lisa, “The Savings-Investment Relationship and International Capital Mobility.”

Shaffran, Gregory A., “A Dialectic Examination of Latin America and the Need for Socially Inclusive Economic Development.”

2004

Garibaldi, Jeffrey J., “The Transition from Socialism to Capitalism: A Comparative Study of Hungary and Romania in the Post-Communist Era.”

Hecker, Allison L., “Cost Efficiency of Commercial Bank Mergers.”

Minewaki, Miku, “The Effectiveness of Economic Policies on the Japanese Economy.”

2003

Abidi, Hina, “The Emigration of Highly Skilled Labor and Its Impact on the Growth of Pakistan.”


2000-01

Campbell, Nicholas A., “The Effects of Political Repression on Economic growth: A case Study of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile.” [ID with Political Science.]

Dudley, Elizabeth, “An Economic Analysis of the Fisher Effect and the European Monetary Union.”

Fitzpatrick, Erin L., “A comparative Analysis of Exchange Rate Regimes on macroeconomic Performance.”


Leong, Olivia, “Re-evaluating the Phillips curve in light of the performance of the U.S. economy in the 1990s.”

Podgorny, Aleksandra, “Poland’s Progress Towards European Union Accession and Satisfaction of the Maastricht Criteria.”
Rankowitz, Sarah, “Factors Affecting the Apparent Shift in the \textit{NAIRU}.”

Ritter, Lesley R., “The effects of telecommunications on European economic growth.”

1999-00

Daneshmand, Mani A. “Predicting Corporate Investment Patterns: A Neural Networks Approach.”


Groulx, Bryan E., “The Causes of CEO Turnover and the Consequences for Corporate Sector’s Capital Investment and R&D Expenditures.”


Knarich, Jennifer, “Implications of European Union Legislation Towards Advancement of Equal Opportunities within the European Union.” [Interdepartmental with Political Science]


Polizzi, David P., “The Rebirth of the Liquidity Trap: the feared economic condition lived once before, now it returns to challenge modern day Japan.” [Interdepartmental with History]


1998-99


DeLorenzo, Frank, “Factors that Affect the Location Decisions of Japanese Firms in the United States.”


Patel, Anup, “The Proliferation of Information Technology and the Productivity Paradox.”


1997-98

Arya, Pakhi, “Central Bank Independence and Macroeconomic Performance.”

DiStefano, James, “An Examination of the Effects of Public Investment and Public Capital Accumulation on the Gross Domestic Product of Mexico.”


Gibson, Craig, “Mean Reversion in Equity Markets: Implications for Market Efficiency.”


Martyniouk, Vladimir, “Productivity of Information Technology and Economics of Ideas in Two-Digit SIC Code Manufacturing Industries.”


1996-97


Zapryanov, Anguel, “Asymmetric Information and Nonresidential Investment: Evidence from Macro Data.”


1996


Klein, Jonathan, "An Economic Analysis of the Middle-East Peace Process."

Korber, Liza, "The Information Content of the Yield Curve and the Conduct of Monetary Policy."

1994-95


Cestone, Michael, "Concluding Computer Productivity."


Levine, David F., "Post-Maastricht and Europe's Proposed Monetary Union: Will the European Economies Converge and at What Cost?"

Lions, Monique, "Changes in the Term and Risk Structure of Interest Rates as Predictors of Economic Growth."
Peek, Ryan L., "An Economic Analysis of Downsizing and Firm Performance."
Rowe, Patrick, "The Risk and Return Characteristics of Investment Grade Wine: An Economic Analysis."
Tran, Loi, "The Effects of Investment on the Growth Rate of GDP of Viet Nam as it Transforms to a Market Economy."

1993-94
Donahue, Suzanne, "How Will a Unified European Market Affect American Businesses?"
Fink, Laura, "The Effects of Executive Compensation and CEO Turnover on Firm's Investment Spending."
Ghikas, Philotas L. D., "Investment Decisions and Optimal Replacement of Oil Tankers."
Marcoullier, Jr., William P., "A Comparative Analysis of the Effects of Capital Market Imperfections on Small Businesses."
Siddiqi, Saleem A., "The Role and Evolution of Swap Structures in Financial Intermediation."
Warren, Christine L., "The Effect of the Stock Market on Investment."

1991-92
Foley, Elisabeth "An Economic Analysis of the Relationships Between Exchange Rates and Prices."
MacArthur, Elizabeth "The Effects of Deregulation on the Term Structure of Interest Rates and the Effectiveness of Monetary Policy."
Steckler, Matthew "The Effects of Defense Cuts on the U.S. Economy."
Vogel, Jeffrey "The Effects of Public Infrastructure on Private Investment."

1992-93
Day, Shields "Changes in the Interest-Rate Sensitivity of the Economy as a Result of The Deregulation of the 1980s."
Goneos, Theodore "Exchange Rates and the Influence of Expectations."
Lee, Peter J. "The Privatization of Brazil's Public Enterprises."
Sklavos, Alexander "The Role of Expectations in Financial Markets."

1990-91
Bhatt, Paresh, "Buffer Stock Money: The Estimation of the Short-Run Money Demand Function and Cointegration and Error-Correction Modelling."

Bicking, David L. "The Implications of Monetary Reform: The Case of Poland."


Louie, Nelson, "The Role of Credit in Predicting Aggregate Output."

Martin, Michele M. "An Analysis of Commercial Banks Decisions Regarding Loans to Mexico."

Powers, James P. "An Analysis of the Role of Deposit Insurance in Bank Failures in the United States and Canada."

Remis, Robin E. "The Effects of EC Harmonization on Commodity Trade within the United States: Focusing Specifically on Agricultural Trade."


Schwarz, Hans "Productivity Study of the United States and Germany: The Value of Labor Quality."


1989-90

Ancona, Lara Jean, "Investment and the Cost of Capital in the United States and West Germany."

Cunningham, Patrick J. "Corporate Investment Theory: A Revised Cash Flow Model."

Downer, Martha E., "The Effect of Environmental Regulation on Productivity Growth Rates in the United States in the 1970's and Early 80's."

Goneos, Petros D., "Investment in Crude Oil Carriers."

Hinckley, Jonathan, "The Effect of Mexican Debt on the U.S. Commercial Banking System."

Lowney, Brendan K., "The Structure of Costs, Technical Change and Scale Economies in the U.S. Automobile Industry."

Melio, Virginie L. "An Economic Analysis of Deregulation Legislation and Its Effect on the Mortgage Market."

Ryan, Kristen E., "Japanese Direct Investment: The Effects Upon the US Economy."

Warner, Jeffrey R., "Housing Trends in the New York State Capital Region."

1988-89

DeStefano, James, "How the Home Video Revolution Affects the Demand for Movie Tickets."

Ghezzi, Roxanne, "'New Customers'? Who is Buying into the Condominium Markets?"


Saperstone, Peter, "Analyzing the Factors Affecting the Level of Exports in Telecommunications Equipment: A Comparative Study Between United States and Japan."
1987-88

Bhatt, Alok, "Fiscal and Monetary Policy in an Open Economy: Determinants of the US Balance of Trade."

Collins, Jeffrey, "Foreign Direct Investment in the United States."

Coleman, Thomas J., "The Impact of Automobile Sales Incentives on the Automobile Industry."

Duffy, Lynn, "Welfare Effects of Protectionism in the Textile Industry."

Golightly, Hellen, "The Net Impact of Capital Inflows and the Budget Deficit in the United States."

Hernandez, Don, "Fighting Inflation in Latin America."

Liebmann, Julie, "The Effects of Social Security Contributions on the Savings Rate--Japan vs. the United States."

Rideout, Craig, "The Distortionary Effects of Continual Real Government Budget Deficits."

1986-87

Christiansen, Tom, "The Effects of the Budget Deficit on Interest Rates."

Claveloux, Guy, "Swiss Investment in the US Pharmaceutical Industry."

Emerson, Adam, "Deregulation, Nonbanks, and the Fed's Control Over the Money Supply."

Hodgkin, Andrew, "The Effects of Deregulation on the Profitability and Efficiency of Commercial Banks."

Hooley, Cathy, "The Effect of Military Spending on Economic Growth in the US."

Mazzei, Nelson, "Macroeconomic Policy in Venezuela."

Stoller, Elizabeth, "The Effect of Inflation on Stock Prices."

1985-86

Barry, John E., "Economic Consequences to Spain's Agricultural Sector upon its Entry into the European Economic Community."

Colley, Robert W., "The Risk and Return Characteristics of Junk Bonds."

Davis, Jr., John E., "Foreign Direct Investment in the United States by Japanese Automobile Companies."

Johnson, Maria P., "The Determinants of Stock Prices in the U.S. from 1960 to 1985: Economic Factors and Investors' Perception of the Market."

Morse, Robert I., "The Contraction of the M1 from 1929-1933: Was the Decline Endogenously or Exogenously Influenced?"

1984-85

Heyman, Anthony W., "The Costs and Benefits of American Manufacturers' Increasing Tendency to Relocate Abroad."

Olsen, Stephen C., "An Economic Analysis of the Space Shuttle Program."


White, Alan Z., "Problems and Prospects of Regions in the U.S.: A Case Study of Three Areas."

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