
Corrected: DICE May 2022 Newsletter

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Diversity in Cornell Economics (DICE) May 2022 Newsletter

DICE Updates

Welcome to the Diversity in Cornell Economics newsletter! We're excited to share news of our recent activities and highlight some opportunities, upcoming events, and recent research related to diversity in the field of economics.

Leadership Recruitment

DICE is seeking current and/or new members to step into more active leadership roles in our organization for the next academic year. Such roles include (but are not limited to) planning DICE programming, organizing our undergraduate mentorship program, compiling the DICE newsletter, facilitating monthly meetings, and handling general administrative responsibilities. Subject to our [broad mission statement](#), the specific priorities and organizational structure

of DICE are malleable to contemporaneous need and current membership interest, so if you have ideas for how DICE can better serve the Cornell economics community, please let us know! All help is welcome with open arms; note that you do not have to be an underrepresented minority to contribute to DICE! And if leadership isn't something you want to commit to but you are still interested in getting more involved, that's fine too! If any of this sounds appealing, please contact [Grace Phillips](#). We hope to finalize our 2022-23 leadership at our May 16 meeting.

Relaunch of Women+ in Cornell Economics

Women+ of Cornell Economics (WOCE) relaunched last week after a pandemic-related hiatus. The group is broadly meant to connect graduate students in economics-related fields at Cornell with an underrepresented gender identity (e.g. female, non-binary, or trans). Topics of discussion generally relate to gender equity in economics. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact [Dana Smith](#).

Mentorship

Our undergraduate mentorship team hosted a career panel in late March to share information with undergraduates about the various jobs economics majors commonly take. We had representatives with experience in government, consulting, finance, think tanks, and more! We hope to host a complementary panel next fall on the economics PhD application process. If you are interested in getting more involved with the undergraduate mentorship team, please contact [Christa Deneault](#).

Department/Field Accountability

Our Field of Economics accountability team recently sent a ranked list of DICE priorities to the Economics Diversity and Inclusion Committee (EDIC). Among the top ranked items included: better collection of PhD admissions data related to the applications and acceptances of underrepresented minorities; improving strategies to recruit a diverse pool of PhD applicants to the economics PhD; and changing language on the PhD admissions page to communicate a more welcoming department. If you have additional ideas that you would like to bring to the EDIC, please contact [Kalie](#) or [Meredith](#).

Last Meeting of the Semester on May 16

The final DICE general body meeting will take place Monday, May 16 at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format: MVR 2250 and also on Zoom. We hope to have food for those who can make it in person. Everyone's attendance is strongly encouraged!

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

CSWEP PhD Mentoring Sessions (Application Deadlines this Summer)

The Committee for the Status of Women in the Economics Profession is organizing two upcoming mentoring sessions for women and non-binary economics PhD students in their 3rd

and 4th years. The first will take place over Zoom on September 30, with applications due June 9. For additional information and to apply, [click here](#). The second will take place at the 2022 Southern Economics Association meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL on November 18, 2022, with applications due July 29. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

Join EMPOWER! at Cornell

The Graduate School recently launched EMPOWER!, which is "a new community development group focused on engaging and supporting social science, humanities, and art PhD students from backgrounds historically excluded from and underrepresented in the academy."

EMPOWER! will host its second lunch on May 25, which will provide a forum to discuss a number of topics related to succeeding in PhD programs at Cornell. [RSVP here](#).

Additional Resources

See additional PhD student opportunities for conferences, scholarships, and mentorship on the frequently updated [Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession \(CSWEP\) information page](#). Also, the Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP) [considers applications for mentorship](#) on a rolling basis, and the Women in Economics Initiative (WiE) will start considering [new applications for mentorship](#) later this summer. You can [sign up for the WiE newsletter here](#).

Research Spotlight

A [recent working paper](#) by [Robert Schultz and Anna Stansbury](#) uses data from the National Science Foundation's Survey of Earned Doctorates to study socioeconomic diversity among US economics PhD recipients. They find that relative to other fields, economics PhDs are much more likely to have highly educated parents and much less likely to be first-generation college students.

DICE Mission Statement

Our mission is to strive towards equity in economics and related fields, empower students to progress in the field, and provide a sense of belonging for all members of the economics community, particularly those from historically underrepresented groups.

Contact Us

Have comments or questions, or want to get involved? Reach out to us by [email](#) or on [Twitter](#). If you want to learn more about DICE, please [visit our website](#).

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