

# THE ECONOMIC CLUB

O F W A S H I N G T O N , D . C .

## Fellowship Recipients

### 2018

Sai Luo

Ph.D. Candidate University of Maryland

Topic: Understanding the Labor Force Participation of Young Adults: A Cross-Cohort Comparison

Veronika Penciakova

Ph.D. Candidate University of Maryland

Topic: Ownership Structure & Risky investment among U.S. Firms

Yongjoon Park (winner of the Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship)

Ph.D. Candidate University of Maryland

Topic: The Economic Welfare Implications of Slot Divestitures: A Case Study of Washington D.C. Reagan National Airport

### 2017

Amira Alghumgham

Ph.D. Candidate Howard University

Topic: Are Economic Development Projects Tipping Points for Neighborhood Change?

Allison Stashko

Ph.D. Candidate Georgetown University

Topic: Do police maximize arrests or minimize crime? Evidence from racial profiling in U.S. cities

Catherine Kimbrell (winner of the Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship)

Ph.D. Candidate George Mason University

Topic: The Impact of Poverty on the Pretrial Process

### 2016

Robert Kulick

Ph.D. Candidate University of Maryland College Park

Topic: Horizontal Mergers, Prices, and Productivity

Riley Wilson

Ph.D. Candidate University of Maryland College Park

Topic: Moving to Economic Opportunity: the Low-Skill Migration Response to the Fracking Boom

### 2015

Caitlin Brown

Ph.D. Candidate Georgetown University

Topic: White or Black Hat? An Economic Analysis of Computer Hacking

Robert Whitten

Ph.D. Candidate Georgetown University

Topic: How Kinky Are U.S. Taxpayers? Using Income Bunching to Measure Tax Rate Sensitivity

Lokesh Dani (winner of the Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship)

Ph.D. Candidate, George Mason University

Topic: Identifying Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area's New Growth Trajectory: An Occupational Perspective for Assessing Regional Human Capital Assets

### 2014

Jacob Mortenson  
Ph.D. Candidate, Georgetown University  
Topic: A More Complete Picture of Taxpayer Responses to Marginal Tax Rate Changes

Alison Weingarden  
Ph.D. Candidate Georgetown University  
Topic: The Causes and Consequences of Mass Layoffs

Alyx Mark (winner of the Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship)  
Ph.D. Candidate George Washington University  
Topic: Beyond Remedy: Does Civil Legal Assistance Matter for Democratic Governance?

## 2013

Claire Brunel  
Ph.D. Candidate, Georgetown University  
Topic: Green Jobs v. Green Imports: Links from Regulation to Innovation to Trade and Labor Demand

Zhenhua Chen  
Ph.D. Candidate George Mason University  
Topic: Transportation and Regional Output in the Northeast Megaregion: A Spatial Econometric CGE Assessment

Chrysanthi Hatzimasoura (Winner of the Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship)  
Ph.D. Candidate George Washington University  
Topic: The Economics of Underrepresentation: Theory and Experimental Evidence on Social Stimuli and Inequality of Aspirations in DC Communities

## 2012

Lisa J. Dettling  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Proposal for "Opting Back In: Home Internet Use and Female Labor Supply"

Mauricio Villamizar  
Ph.D. Candidate, Georgetown University  
Topic: Identifying the Effects of Monetary Policy Shocks: Evidence from Columbia

Xiaochu Hu (winner of the Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship)  
Ph.D. Candidate, George Mason University  
Topic: The Role of High-Skilled Immigration in Regional Economic Development; A Case Study of Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Labor Market

## 2011

Bogdan L. Bonca  
Ph.D. Candidate, George Washington University  
Topic: Credit Scores and Strategic Default

Jeffrey Borowitz  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Risk Tolerance and Time Investment in Children

Ellen Zapata (winner of the Philip Dearborn Fellowship)  
Ph.D. Candidate, George Mason University  
Topic: A Mixed Method Analysis of Foreclosure, Public Policy, Economic Development and Urban Change in the Washington, DC Area

## 2010

Abby Alpert  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: The Anticipatory Effects of Medicare part D on Drug Utilization

Kyle Handley  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Exporting Under Trade Policy Uncertainty: Theory and Evidence from Australia

## 2009

Takahiko Kiso  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Technological Progress in Fuel Efficiency: An International Comparison

Agustin Roitman  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Imperfect Information and Savings in Small Open Economies: Theory and Evidence

## 2008

Matthew Chesnes  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Capacity Utilization Choice in the Oil Refining Industry

Mingfeng Lin  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Understanding the Value of "Social Commerce": An Empirical Investigation of Online Peer-to-Peer Financial Lending

Chong Gao (winner of the 2nd Annual Philip Dearborn Fellowship)  
Ph.D. Candidate, American University  
Topic: Three Empirical Analyses of the HUD "Affordable Housing Goals" Regulation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the GSEs) and a Case Study of the Regulation's Impact on House Prices in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area

## 2007

Ethan Ilzetzki  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Ethan's proposed research is expected to shed light on the underlying causes of pro-cyclical fiscal policies in developing countries.

Melissa McInerney  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Melissa's dissertation analyzes the impact of a state-level policy change intended to reduce the duration of worker's compensation claims.

Paul Jacobs  
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Economics, American University  
Topic: Mr. Jacob's dissertation focuses on the affordability of private health insurance with a particular emphasis on "Designing an Optimal Subsidy Program for the District of Columbia." Business and community leaders in the District should find the recommendations and affordable premium estimates useful to plan possible employer contribution levels.

## 2006

Aparajita Goyal  
Ph.D. University of Maryland  
Topic: Aparajita's dissertation concerns information technology and rural markets: theory and evidence from a unique intervention in central India.

Emily Owens  
Ph.D. University of Maryland  
Topic: Emilys' research talks about government regulation of illicit behavior.

## **2005**

Lei Ding  
Ph.D. George Mason University  
Topic: Lei's research concerns the role of infrastructure in regional economic growth - the case for China.

Zamira Simkins  
Ph.D. Candidate, American University  
Topic: Zamira's dissertation research concerns economic and monetary integration in the European Union and the associated costs and benefits of the recent enlargement of the EU.

## **2004**

Shaoming Cheng  
Ph.D. George Mason University  
Topic: Shaoming's dissertation research deals with the heterogeneous preferences in the location choices of Japanese investors in China.

Alexander Whalley  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland  
Topic: Alexander's research is to investigate racial differences in the value of education.