

WHY CHOOSE OUR GRADUATE PROGRAM?

Our MA's and Ph.D.s. go on to successful careers in academia, the public sector (e.g., federal and state governments), and the private sector (e.g., think tanks and consulting firms). Below we list some former PhD graduates, with their current positions.

Brandon Bridge, PhD 2017;
Economist & Director of
Forecasting, Bur. Bus. & Econ.
Res., University of Montana

Bern Dealy, PhD 2016;
Economist, US Food and Drug
Administration

Tunay Oguz, PhD 2015;
Assistant Professor,
Economics, Lenoir-Rhyne
University

Heidi Pitts, PhD 2015;
Economist: NM Public
Regulatory Commission

Olufolake Odufuwa, PhD 2015; Economist, Transfer
Pricing Senior Associate,
PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC

James Price, PhD 2012;
Research Fellow, Brock
University

German Muchnik-Izon, PhD 2011; Associate Professor,
Eastern Washington University

Jason Hansen, PhD 2009;
Economist, Modeling and
Simulation; Idaho National
Laboratory

Michael Milligan, PhD 2009;
Economic Affairs Officer,
Economic Commission for
Latin Am. & Caribbean

Gwendolyn Aldrich, PhD 2008; Res. Scientist II, Bureau
of Bus. & Econ. Research,
University of New Mexico

Mani Nepal, PhD 2007;
Research Program Manager,
So. Asian Network of
Development and Env. Econ.,
Nepal

Pallab Mozumder, PhD 2005
Associate Professor,
Economics & Earth &
Environment, Florida
International University

Michael Hand, PhD 2007;
Research Economist, U.S.
Forest Service, Rocky
Mountain Research Station

H. John Talberth, PhD 2004;
Founder, President and
Sr. Economist, Center for
Sustainable Economy

Amy (Watts) Burke, PhD 2001; Senior Analyst, National
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Craig Broadbent, PhD 2009;
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GRADUATE STUDY IN ECONOMICS



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THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics at the University of New Mexico is an applied economics department. With 20 participating faculty, our program offers both MA and PhD degrees. We began offering a masters in the 1940's and established our PhD program more than 50 years ago, in 1967. Our fields of specialization include: (i) Environmental/Natural Resource Economics (ii) International Development and Sustainability; and (iii) Public Economics. The MA degree also allows a specialization in Econometrics.

The Department participates in a number of interdisciplinary graduate programs at UNM including the Latin American Studies program, the Masters in Public Policy program, and the Masters in Water Resource Program.

For qualified candidates, competitive funding for PhD students is available in the form of Teaching Assistantships, Graduate Assistantships and Research Assistantships. There are also a limited number of scholarships and grant awards available. Assistantship contracts typically pay a salary stipend, tuition credit, and health insurance.



Public Economics focuses on the study of the role of the government in the economy. The central theme is to evaluate government policies through the lens of efficiency and equity. As examples, public economists study how tax rates are determined, how welfare programs promote equality, how K-12 spending affects student achievement, and how the Affordable Care Act affects the health of the Americans. Current research includes active work in health economics and policy.

Environmental/Natural Resource Economics focuses on addressing human interactions with natural systems. We address pressing problems in both New Mexico and the larger world. These include air quality and pollution, climate change, drought, wildfires and forest management, water management and water quality, energy, environmental health, biodiversity, and invasive species. Our goals are to understand the impact of humans and their economic pursuits and provide decision makers with improved policy and management information.


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ECONOMETRICS & MICROECONOMICS,
EXPERIMENTAL ECONOMICS, NON-MARKET
VALUATION METHODS, SURVEY METHODS, DYNAMIC
OPTIMIZATION & SIMULATION TOOLS



International Development and Sustainability focuses on providing economic opportunities and alleviating poverty in the developing world. Sustainability meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own. This is an interdisciplinary environment analyzing real-world data to discover causal linkages while promoting program intervention, evidence-based social policies, and sustainable technologies.

