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Economics Department Welcomes New Faculty Members

We are pleased to announce Sandra Black and Elliot Lipnowski joined our department faculty beginning July 1, 2019. Sandra Black has been appointed Professor of Economics and International and Public Affairs, and was previously the Audre and Bernard Rapoport Centennial Chair in Economics and Public Affairs Professor of Economics at the University of Texas at Austin. Her primary research fields include labor and education with a focus on the role of early life experiences on the long-run outcomes of children, as well as issues of gender and discrimination. Lipnowski, previously from University of Chicago, will join us as an Assistant Professor in Economics. He studies microeconomic theory, specializing in dynamic games of incomplete information.

We also welcome Émilien Gouin-Bonenfant, Xiaosheng Mu, and Ceyhun Elgin. Gouin-Bonenfant has been appointed Assistant Professor of Economics. He is a macroeconomist whose research focuses on the labor market. He uses a blend of theoretical and empirical methods to shed light on questions related to income and wealth inequality. A common theme in his research is the focus on firm heterogeneity to understand macroeconomic outcomes. He completed a B.Sc. from Université de Montréal, and a Ph.D. from the University of California San Diego, both in economics. In Spring 2020, he will teach an undergraduate seminar in Macroeconomics. Mu has been appointed Assistant Professor of Economics. His research focuses on how individuals make use of information toward their decisions, how society accumulates knowledge over time, as well as how to design contracts and pricing rules in market interactions. In Fall 2019, he will teach math methods in the MA program. He earned his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard, and was a postdoctoral researcher at the Cowles Foundation at Yale University.

Elgin has been appointed Lecturer (In Discipline), as well as the Director of the MA program in economics. He obtained his Ph.D. in economics at University of Minnesota in 2010, and was previously professor of economics at Bogazici University (Turkey). His research and teaching interests are in macroeconomics, economic growth, international economics, and public finance.

“We are very fortunate to be welcoming five faculty members,” said Miguel Urquiola, Professor and Chair of the Department of Economics. “Their contributions will help expand our reach into critical areas of study, and generate opportunities for new research,” he added.

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