

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."

Beebe, Serina, "Analysis of the Efficiencies and Sustainability of ICCAT Policies on Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Stocks: Application of an Economic-Ecological Action Cycle/Structural Context Framework."

Emery, Kyle, "The Macroeconomic Effect of the Widening Gaps of Income and Educational Inequality in the United States."

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

Karki, Sangam Dhoj, "Determinants of Singapore's Economic Growth, 1965 – 2021."

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."

Thapa, Sadhika Rajeshwari, "Understanding the Factors Behind China's Economic Growth and their Impact on Growth Trends in the Future."

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

2019-20

Stanwood, Matt, "The Death of the Monoline Insurance Industry: A Post-Mortem Appraisal."

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.”

Llakmani, Lazaren, “Analyzing the Shifts in Japan’s Global Value Chain from 1988-2015.”

Malik, Rimsha Ali, “Has China's Trade Expansion in the Manufacturing Sector Deindustrialized Other Developing Countries?”

Rametta, Matthew Christian, “Controversies in Industrial Policy: The Creation of an Explicit U.S Industrial Policy.”

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.”

Grasso Jr, Jeffrey D., “Assessing the Role of Credit Rating Agencies in the Financial Crisis of 2007-2009: How the Problem Surfaced, What Has Been and Can Be Done in Response?”

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.”

Kerbs, Megan K., “The Evolution, Dynamics and Trends of the Content of Chinese Exports from 1995-2011.”

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.”

Zheng, Laiyi, “Analyzing the Long-term and Short-term Relationships among China’s GDP Growth, Stock Market Depth and Stock Market Returns.”

Zhou, Qin, “What Has Been Different? A Comparative Study of Asian Financial Crisis and Global Financial Crisis in Asia.”

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."

Jankins, Tyler R., "Can Bitcoin Become a Viable Currency? An Economic Appraisal."

Levine, Joseph P., "The Relationship of Open-Based Trade and GDP Growth: A Study of China's Economic Rise as a Trade Superpower Through Intermediate Goods."

Manna, Michael, "The Role of Cyber-Security as a Tool for Institutional Risk Management: Case Study of the Biggest Data Breaches Between 2013-15."

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

Abrams, Ariana G., "Government Policy and Moral Hazard in the 2007-2009 Financial Crisis."

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."

Csaplar IV, Richard Charleston, "The Economics of Violent Crime: A Study of Chicago's High Crime Rate."

Golden, Daniel H., "The Effectiveness of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act."

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

Quinn, James Rogan, "The Austerity Trap: Why A Currency Zone Can Only Rely On Austerity."

2011-12

Casper, Michael A., "The Yield Curve: An Analysis of its Forecasts for the Future of the U.S. Economy."

Miller, Michael Owen, "The Twisting Fed: How Changing Open Market Operation Compositions Affect Long-Term Interest Rates and Subsequently Influence Capital Expenditures."

Pham, Trang, "The Relationship between Openness and Economic Performance A Case Study of the Five Leading Emerging Markets in Southeast Asia: Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia."

Reddy, Scott W., "From The Gas Pump To Our Hips: The Impact That U.S. Corn-Ethanol Production Has On America's Obesity Epidemic."

2010-11

Bhushan, Naina, "The Clash of the Currencies: Renminbi vs. US Dollar."

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."

Troop, Maxwell, "A Tale of Two Crises: A Comparative Analysis of the Great Depression and the Great Recession."

2009-10

Deasi, Neeja, "The World's "Best" Religion: A Cross-Country Study on How Religion Affects Economic Growth and Development."

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."

Meltzer, Benjamin S., "The Economic Crisis in Hungary: Its Roots and Origins."

2008-09

Clancy, Sean, "The Role of Financial Institutions in the Growth of the Japanese Economy After the Meiji Restoration."

Cuté Ramos, Manuel, "The Reactionary Effects of the Federal Reserve, Moral Hazard, and the Current Economic Recession."

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

Greenberg, Matthew R., "The U.S. Dragons: The Illusionary Effect of a Professional Sports Franchise on a City's Economy."

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."

Milnamow, Brendan, "Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Role of Education."

Shelley, Lindsey A., "The High Price of Low Interest Rates: An Empirical Investigation of the Claim that "Too Low" Interest Rates Contributed to the Current Financial Crisis."

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?"

Mairena, Jessica, "The Euro's Emerging Role as a Vehicle Currency and its Effect on the U.S. Economy."

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

Bailey, Lauren A., "Unleashing the Celtic Tiger: The Influence of Foreign Direct Investment on Ireland's Economic Growth in the 1990s."

Darlow, Eric S., "The Role of Social Interaction in the Dissemination of Trends: Implications for Consumer Behavior."

Heitner, Sarah T., "The Growing Participation of Women in the Labor Force in India and Japan: A Comparative Study."

2004-05

Berrymont, 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."

Gatha, Nehal M., "An Economic Analysis of Compulsory Licensing for HIV/AIDS Medications on South Africa's Economy."

Wiles-Skeels, William, "Debt and Utility in the Developing World." [Interdepartmental with Philosophy.]

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."

Gershkovich, Alen, "Income Inequality and Its Effect on Economic Growth: A Case Study of the Russian Federation."

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 *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."

Greenhouse, Corey S., "A Comparative Study of the Decline and Recovery of East Asian Economies: the Cases of Korea and Indonesia."

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

Ha, Alison, "Are Capital Controls a Viable Tool for Economic Stability? An Analysis of the Use of Capital Controls in Malaysia."

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

Martinson, Andrew P., "The Relationship Between Trade and Financial Openness and Economic Growth."

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]

Shand, Wendy F., "The Changing World of Banking: A Closer Look at the Effects of Bank Mergers and Acquisitions on Small Business Lending."

1998-99

Conopask, Margit S., "A Comparative Economic Analysis of the 1987 United States Stock Market Crash and the East Asian Crisis: The Differences, Similarities, and Lessons Learned."

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

Dimitrov, Spass, "Currency Crises, Capital-Market Imperfections, and Financial System Reforms in the Small Indebted Economies of East Asia."

Maryniak, Ewa, "Shock Therapy vs. Gradual Approach in Transition Economies."

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

Schuster, Sloane E., "The Macroeconomic Effects of Alternative Retirement Systems: Pay-as-You-Go Social Security vs. A Privatized System."

Silver, Sloane, "The Aftermarket Performance of Initial Public Offerings."

Zuckerman, Ron, "The Enigma of Integrated Financial Markets: An Analysis of Portfolio Risks with Exposure to International Equities."

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."

Dimitriou, Riginos, "A Mathematical Modelling of the Dynamical Properties of Investment Functions."

Fleiss, Katherine A., "A Study of the 1994 Mexican Currency Crisis: A Theoretical and Empirical Explanation for its Causes and Consequences."

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

Karp, Leah A. "An Analysis of the Decline in the NAIRU in the United States Economy."

Martyniuk, Vladimir, "Productivity of Information Technology and Economics of Ideas in Two-Digit SIC Code Manufacturing Industries."

Wersten, Paul T., "An Assessment of Supply-Side Economic Policy."

1996-97

Christian, Kara M., "An Economic Analysis of the Effects of Public Policy on Saving."

Kaufman, Jonathan B., "Can Governments Create Comparative Advantage? A Case Study of Some Sectors of the U.S. Manufacturing."

Khromaev, Timur, "The Pattern of Direct Investment in Transition Economies of Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union."

Patel, Manish, "The Aggregate Effects of Changing U.S. Income Tax Progressivity: A General Equilibrium Analysis."

Shwartz, Louis M., "The Misunderstood Relationship Between Deficit Spending and Economic Performance."

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

Zarrelli, Nicola, "Asymmetric Information and the Relationship Between Working Capital and Investment Smoothing in U.S., U.K., Japanese, and German Firms."

1996

Benson, Eli, "A Comparative Study of Financial Market Integration in Japan, Korea, The UK, and the USA."

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

Ben-Ezra, Gary, "Liquidity Constraint: The Connection Between Financial Markets and Investment."

Cestone, Michael, "Concluding Computer Productivity."

Cruickshanks, Susan K., "The Effects of Demographic Variation on Savings Behavior: Capital Markets and the Social Security System."

Emblidge, Warren, "The Factors Affecting the Direct Foreign Investment Decisions of Small and Medium Size Corporations."

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."

Serpas, Patricia L., "Mexico's 1982 Economic Crisis: A Study on the Origins and the Impact of Structural Adjustment Programs."

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?"

Flowers, Jayson B., "The Plausibility of Implementing a Gold Standard Under Present Day Economic Conditions."

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."

Meier, Keith R., "A Credit Crunch? An analysis of the Business Loan Retrenchment."

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."

Meyers, Karen "The Bank Credit Card Market: A Study of Persistent High Interest Rates."

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."

Melzer, Meredith G. "An Economic Analysis of the Development of An Environmental Policy for the European Economic Community."

Sklavos, Alexander "The Role of Expectations in Financial Markets."

Zabka, Sven P. "The Effects of Defense Cuts on U.S. Productivity: A Short- and Long-Run Analysis."

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."

Boyle, Susan A., "An Empirical Analysis of the Demand for Owner-Occupied Housing and An Evaluation of Alternative Models."

Haas, David L. "An Economic Analysis of the Effect of the Increase in the Incidence of LBO's in the 1980's: Does the Debt Buildup Lead to Macroeconomic Instability?"

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."

Richter, Mark G. "Assessing State Business Climates: A Comprehensive Pooled Cross-Section Time Series Approach."

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

Turdo, Diane P. "Crowding Out: An Empirical Analysis of Alternative Models."

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?"

Iacoviello, Laura, "The Underground Economy: An Analysis of Its Effect on the Demand for Currency."

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."

Phillips, Mary M., "The Impact of Deregulation on the Incidence of Bank Failure Risk in the United States Banking System, A Case Study of the Penn Square Bank."

Stackpole, Paul, "Energy Shocks and U.S. Productivity: The 1978 Shock Compared to 1973."

Stephan, Paul, "The Direct and Indirect Effect of Fuel Price Increases on the United States Automobile Industry, 1970-1983."

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

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