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Featured Policy

Teaching Fellows

Faculty members are responsible for the quality of the students they hire as Teaching Fellows/Grading Fellows, and for overseeing the quality of their work, but please do not offer employment directly to a TF/GF – you must work with your administrative coordinator to do any hiring. Stern pays for eligible TFs, graders, and tutors. Faculty members may use their STARS accounts to supplement the basic wage if the class size does not meet the minimum enrollment, or if the TF is otherwise not eligible. TF/GFs are paid via tuition remission whenever possible, regardless of the source of funds. You may hire non-Stern graduate students as TFs only if you are unable to hire Stern students with the appropriate background. If a student is released from a position or decides to leave that position prior to the end of the term, the compensation is prorated. The full policy is available at: <http://www.stern.nyu.edu/portal-partners/current-students/student-jobs/faculty>

Meet Your Colleague

Thomas Philippon, Professor of Finance



Thomas Philippon figures he saw all the American classic films made between 1930 and 1960, in the movie theaters of Paris before he was 16 years old. Now, with two young children, he hasn't been to a movie theater in years, but does find time at least twice a week to do some rock climbing. During the week he bikes over to Brooklyn Boulders, where he finds that the total focus required, from the tips of his toes to the tips of his fingers, helps clear his mind. Then, biking home over the Manhattan Bridge, he comes up with new ideas and new solutions to old problems. On the weekends he and his family like to climb the Gunks in the Hudson Valley.

Thomas has accomplished a once-in-a-lifetime feat, winning a prize for "under 40" and another for "over 40" in the same year. The former was the Bernacer Prize for Best European Economist in macro and finance, and the latter was for bouldering. He was also named by the IMF as one of the top 25 economists under age 45. Thomas' research asks two questions: 1) Is finance too big? and 2) How can the Eurozone avoid blowing up next time there is a financial crisis?

Funding Opportunity

The Economics program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy and of the world system of which it is a part. This program also strengthens both empirical and theoretical economic analysis as well as the methods for rigorous research on economic behavior. It supports research in almost every area of economics, including econometrics, economic history, environmental economics, finance, industrial organization, international economics, labor economics, macroeconomics, mathematical economics, and public finance.

The Economics program welcomes proposals for individual or multi-investigator research projects, doctoral dissertation improvement awards, conferences, workshops, symposia, experimental research, data collection and dissemination, computer equipment and other instrumentation, and research experience for undergraduates. The anticipated funding amount is up to \$400K for a three year study. The deadline is January 18, 2015. For more information, visit this link:

http://nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5437&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund

If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please contact Karyn Jeannopoulos, x80683 or kjeannop@stern.nyu.edu.

Faculty Staff Website

We've created a new website to ease your access to Stern's faculty-related stuff like policies and forms, listed on SternLinks as "Faculty Website-Stern", in your Faculty Policies, Forms and Resources widget. Or [click here](#).

Line Dance Lesson - December 1

Back by popular demand, Susanna Stein will be teaching a third line dancing class today, December 1, from 2-3pm in Cantor, to warm you up for the holiday party. Wear shoes with smooth soles to make dancing on carpet a breeze.

Stern Holiday Party - December 4

Stern's wonderful holiday open house is coming up on December 4 from 3:30 -5:30, in Cantor and Abbe-Bogen. Lots of great food, fun activities, and dancing.

Upcoming Events

China Initiative Research Luncheon (Dan Rosen) - *Monday, December 1, 2014, 12:00 - 1:20 pm, KMC 2-90*

Line Dancing Class - *Monday, December 1, 2014, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Cantor Boardroom*

Dean's Faculty Lunch - *Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Cantor Boardroom*

Stern Holiday Open House - *Thursday, December 4, 2014, 3:00 - 5:30 pm, Cantor Boardroom and Abbe-Bogen Faculty Lounge*

Paduano Seminar - Risk Pricing and Discrimination (Greta Krippner, Sociology, University of Michigan) - *Friday, December 5, 2014, 3:00 - 4:20 pm, KMC 5-140*

Dean's Faculty Lunch and Faculty Seminar on the Internet and the Newspaper Industry (Rob Seamans) - *Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Cantor Boardroom*

Dean's Faculty Lunch - *Thursday, December 18, 2014, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Cantor Boardroom*

If you have any suggestions or comments for the Faculty Affairs Newsletter, please feel free to send them to Susanna Stein, sstein@stern.nyu.edu.