

WELCOME TO
BU ECONOMICS MASTERS PROGRAMS
VIRTUAL VISITING DAY, 2026
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Master's Virtual Visiting Day
Friday, April 10, 2026
9:30 am – 10:30 am

Please introduce the person who will be speaking after you.

Professor Daniele Paserman, Chair	Welcome
Professor Kevin Lang	Opening Presentation
Professor Hsueh-Ling Huynh	Welcome
Bhimraj Bhuller	Master's GEA Representative BA to MSQE, May 2026 Incoming Predoctoral Fellow at MIT
Anjali Agrawal	MAGDE, May 2022 Research Manager Finance and Economics Department Indian Institute of Management
Anusha Jaipuria	MAGDE, January 2027
Edith Joachimpillai	MA, August 2024 Antitrust Research with Analysis Group
Franco Maldonado	MA, May 2018; PhD, May 2025 Assistant Professor/Researcher El Colegio de México
Ryuto Nishimura	MSEPP, May 2027
Naehal Talwar	MAGDE, January 2027
Boyang Tian	MSQE, January 2026 PhD Program in Quantitative Marketing at the University of California, Los Angeles
Professor Hsueh-Ling Huynh and Karen Rodi	Q & A
Two Breakout Rooms	Interested in Jobs after Master's Interested in PhD after Master's

GROUND RULES

- MUTE yourself. Up to you: Video on (or off)
- If you have a question, use the chat box. This will be monitored, and questions answered during the Q & A.
- I'll end by introducing our next speaker.

TOPICS

- 1. The department you'd be joining
- 2. Your BU classmates
- 3. Coursework at BU
- 4. Our Alumni: Involved and Accomplished
- 5. Boston: Hub of the Univers
- 6. After you graduate

1. OUR DEPARTMENT



TOP US ECONOMICS DEPARTMENTS: REPEC, FEB 2026

Rank	Institution	Score	Authors
1	Department of Economics, Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA)	1.23	72
2	Economics Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA)	2.14	62
3	Department of Economics, University of California-Berkeley Berkeley, California (USA)	2.96	63
4	Department of Economics, University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois (USA)	4.18	84
5	Department of Economics, Stanford University Stanford, California (USA)	6.39	66
6	Department of Economics, Princeton University Princeton, New Jersey (USA)	6.39	48
7	Economics Department, Yale University New Haven, Connecticut (USA)	6.93	69
8	Department of Economics, School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University New York City, New York (USA)	8.7	56
9	Department of Economics, New York University (NYU) New York City, New York (USA)	10.61	58
10	Economics Department, Brown University Providence, Rhode Island (USA)	11.43	61
11	Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (USA)	12.13	52
12	Department of Economics, Boston University Boston, Massachusetts (USA)	13.3	71
13	Department of Economics, Northwestern University Evanston, Illinois (USA)	14.86	51
14	Economics Department, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan (USA)	15.58	64
15	Economics Department, Dartmouth College Hanover, New Hampshire (USA)	16.41	44
16	Department of Economics, University of California-San Diego (UCSD) La Jolla, California (USA)	16.58	51
17	Department of Economics, University of Southern California Los Angeles, California (USA)	17.59	74
18	Department of Economics, University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) Los Angeles, California (USA)	20.24	56
19	Department of Economics, Duke University Durham, North Carolina (USA)	21.64	53
20	Economics Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, Wisconsin (USA)	21.82	37

INFLUENTIAL RESEARCH

- TWENTY-THREE FACULTY ARE AMONG REPEC'S TOP 6 PERCENT OF ECONOMISTS (OUT OF ROUGHLY 73,000 REGISTERED)
- ANOTHER SEVEN MAKE THE LIST OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE ECONOMISTS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS
- LARRY KOTLIKOFF ELECTED TO AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
- ROBERT MARGO WAS JUST ELECTED A DISTINGUISHED FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
- 6 FELLOWS OF THE ECONOMETRIC SOCIETY
- 19 NBER RESEARCH ASSOCIATES & FELLOWS
- WE HAVE A LONG LIST OF CURRENT AND PAST JOURNAL EDITORS

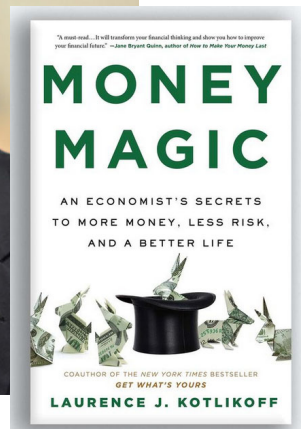
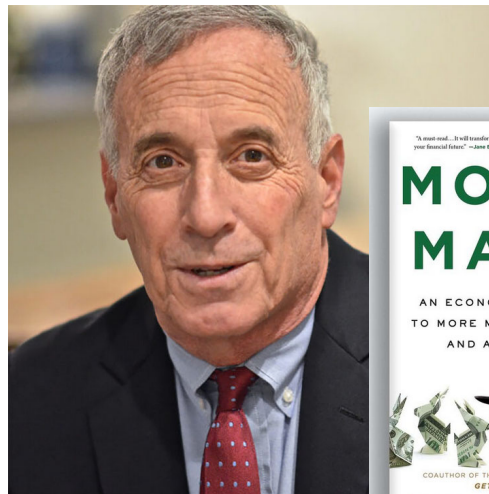


HIGHLY RANKED MA PROGRAM

Rank	University
1	New York University
2	University of Michigan
3	University of Wisconsin
4	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
5	Johns Hopkins University
6	University of Texas
7	University of Maryland
8	Duke University
9	Boston University
10	Tufts University
11	Georgia State University
12	University of California, San Diego

TEACHING RESEARCHERS ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN MS PROGRAM

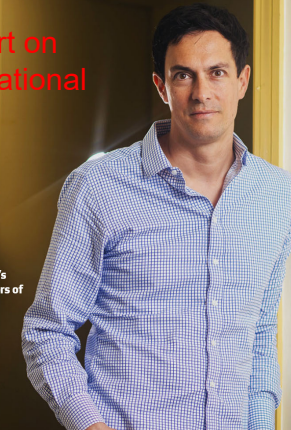
Ray Fisman



Tarek Hassan, expert on immigration and international finance

IMMIGRATION Do Immigrants and Immigration Help the Economy?

With immigration dominating politics and voter concerns, BU economist's research shows immigration boosts local wages and that having neighbors of foreign descent can reduce prejudice



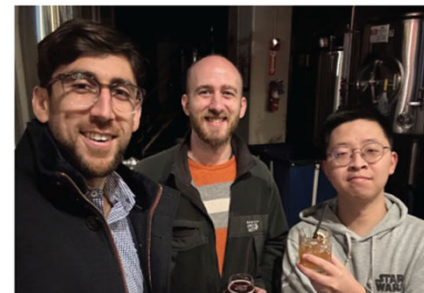
David Lagakos, Co-Editor
JPE



2. YOUR CLASSMATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- BU's MA program started with an international focus in the 1970s, an outgrowth of the department's strength in development economics. Now, it is incredibly diverse
 - Cream of BU's bright undergrads
 - Superb young economists from many countries
 - Some working toward PhD, others toward jobs
 - Government and international organizations
 - Financial and consulting firms

COMMUNITY AND LEARNING



EXAMPLE: ONE S2022 GROUP



S2022 GROUP LATER

- Predoctoral research in economic history at NW
- Repo trading at SMBC in NYC
- Consulting at Quadrant Economics in Washington DC
- Inter-American Development Bank PLUS
- Global bond research at Dodge & Cox
- PhD Program at BU

3. COURSES



CORE COURSES

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Statistics
- Econometrics

ELECTIVE OPTIONS

- Game theory
- Development economics
- Labor economics
- Financial economics
- Health economics
- Economic history
- Globalization
- Environmental economics
- etc., etc.

WHAT GRADUATING STUDENTS SAY

- "The faculty, staff, teaching assistants/fellows, PhD students, undergraduates and my fellow MA Economics peers are, without a doubt, my favorite part of the program. **It is an absolute privilege to interact with such wonderful and bright people.** "
- "**I have had an amazing experience with the BU Econ department.** The professors are friendly and try to make the classes enjoyable. The courses can be comparatively more complex, but there are great resources to help. I love that the Econ department has excellent advisors who motivate and direct you toward all the resources."
- "My experience with BU's Economics department has been **phenomenal.** The program directors genuinely want the best for you."

4. MA ALUMNI: INVOLVED, ACCOMPLISHED



COMING BACK FOR A PANEL



CHATTING WITH PROGRAM DIRECTOR



GREG DACO (MA 2008)

EY PARTHENON
CHIEF
ECONOMIST

NABE
PRESIDENT



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



**Lisa Emsbo-
Mattingly,**
Director of
Research,
Fidelity
Investments



accenture

Tejash Shah
Chief Medical
Officer and
Managing
Director,
Accenture Global
Health



**Kristrún Mjöll
Frostadóttir**
Prime Minister of Iceland

5. BOSTON

EDUCATION, SPORTS, ARTS, MUSIC, FOOD







Coca-Cola



John Hancock

MAPFRE

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Advil
RELIEF IN ACTION

Bank of America
OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM



new balance
DUNKIN' DONUTS
Ford



2013
WORLD SERIES

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS







6. AFTER GRADUATION

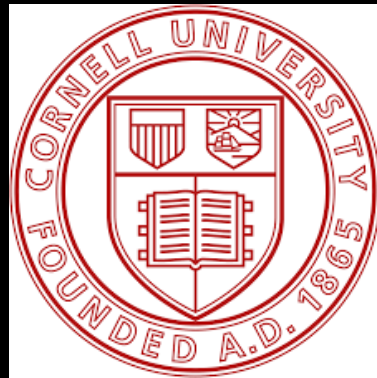


GRADUATE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS



Ucla

Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



PENNSTATE.



AND, OF COURSE,

The logo for Boston University, featuring the words "BOSTON UNIVERSITY" in white, serif, all-caps font. The text is centered within a red rectangular field, which is enclosed by a white double-line border.

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Certain F-1 students who receive science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees may apply for a 24-month extension of their post-completion optional practical training (OPT).

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Eligibility for the STEM OPT Extension

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GOVERNMENTS, CENTRAL BANKS, ETC.



THE UNEXPECTED

