

ECON Department Graduation & Reception

Our department graduation will be held next Friday, May 10th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in Carmichael Arena, followed by a reception at Hooker Fields.

If you are a graduating this May and you have not registered yet, please contact me as soon as possible so I can add you to the list.

More information is available [here](#).

Goldman Sachs 2024 Emerging Leaders Series [FLYER]

The UNC Economics Department is excited to announce that starting in Fall 2024 we will offer a new Minor in Economics!

The courses leading to a minor in Economics comprise a large area of inquiry into the problems and structure of the economic segment of society. The intended audience is the wide range of students that consider economics a science complementary to their major and appreciate that the skills acquired will be a valuable addition for future labor market and graduate school outcomes.

Students may declare the Minor beginning in the **Fall 2024 semester**. The earliest graduation date for students to complete the requirements for the minor is December 2024.

Please see [our website](#) for more information, including the list of requirements.

Internship Available with Coldwell Banker [FLYER]

Description: Forward-thinking, partnership brand, Gloria & Matthew “Mouse” Mock aka MouseAndGloria.com is looking to hire an intern with strong knowledge and understanding of the digital media landscape. Intern to help shape and direct marketing initiatives, monitor and manage the partnership’s social media accounts, websites, and newsletters. Intern will utilize SEO and analyze our data to gauge the success of branding campaigns using methodological approaches.

Experience and Requirements: Business, marketing, or science background, an interest in the humanities and psychology, programming experience, perhaps familiarity with AI, all are of particular interest to this organization. In addition to being expected to provide leadership and communication, the candidate will be given access to confidential information through Coldwell Banker platforms and will be trusted with private information about clients, the firm, and our personal brand.

Work Hours & Benefits:

- 20 hours per week; will vary dependent on work flow
- Flexible schedule
- Remote-based work
- Opportunity to network

Contact + Bio: [Matthew “Mouse” & Gloria Mock](#)

Firm Affiliation: [Coldwell Banker Advantage](#) Chapel Hill

Summer Courses in SOCI

If you are still looking for an interesting summer course to take, check out **SOCI 412 (Social Stratification)** and **415 (Economy and Society)** that are offered in **Summer Session 1** (May 15- June 22). Below are messages from the instructors of the both courses, providing more details about the exciting things they have in store for this summer.

SOCI 415 (Economy and Society):

Hello!

I'd like to personally invite you to enroll in SOCI 415: Economy and Society offered during Summer Session 1. We will juxtapose how the disciplines of economics and sociology think about human behavior, ultimately exploring how social forces influence and constrain economic life. A benefit of taking this over the summer is that the relatively small class size allows for more a personal, individualized learning experience. Below is a more detailed description of the course, and please feel free to reach out (cmooney@unc.edu) with any questions!

Course Description:

*Different approaches are used across the social science disciplines to understand economic life. For example, economics relies heavily on rational choice theory — the idea that individuals and groups make choices to optimize their self-interest — to explain economic outcomes. However, several obstacles to rational decision-making cast doubt on this representing the full story of human behavior: a lack of complete information, cognitive biases that distort our ability to accurately evaluate available information, and emotions are just a few examples. This course further complicates the economic paradigm of rational choice theory by layering in the sociological insight that the economy is embedded in society. **Our overarching course goal is to synthesize the emphasis on agency found in economics with sociology's emphasis on social structure by broadly asking: “How do social forces influence economic life?”***

Primarily focusing on the U.S. context, we will investigate this question across all levels of analysis, exploring how social forces shape the economic opportunities and behavior of individuals (micro level), the dynamics of organizations and markets (meso level), and the national and global economy (macro level). We will also focus on how this tension

between structure and agency patterns inequality in key realms related to the economy, such as education and the labor market.

SOCI 412 (Social Stratification):

Welcome to SOCI 412! This course explores the sociological phenomenon of *social stratification*. Social stratification encompasses the unequal distribution of scarce resources and the processes causing those resources to be unevenly distributed to individuals across social groups. Some of the main questions we will address in this course include:

- What roles do race, gender, and other dimensions of social status play in social stratification?
- How has/does inequality present in different societies?
- How do citizenship and rights interact with inequality?
- How do social institutions contribute to, and sometimes reduce, social inequality?
- What are the consequences of social stratification? And where do we go from here?