

Alumni Newsletter

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Welcome to the 4th edition of the Economics Alumni Newsletter! I am very pleased to share with you some of the achievements of our students, alumni, and faculty.

As we begin the 2021-2022 academic year still in the midst of the pandemic, I want to start by expressing a very sincere gratitude to the economics faculty for going above and beyond in keeping our student's well-being and learning at the forefront. The resilience, hard work and dedication of the entire GVSU community (students, faculty, staff and administrators) in keeping our campus safe as we continue to build our "new normal" upon what we have learned gives me great pride. I am happy to report that we hired a new Visiting Professor who joined our economics family in Fall 2021.



Our commitment to excellence, student success and relevance remains strong. Our alumni engage with the Department and students in a wide variety of ways by serving on the Advisory Board, speaking to classes or student organizations, teaching in the program, attending the Alumni-Student Event, participating in the Careers in Economics Night and hiring interns. The alumni mentioned on the following pages exemplify engagement with the students, Department, College and University.

For those who graduated in 2021 from GVSU Economics, congratulations!!!! We regret that you had to complete your academic career under the circumstances caused by the pandemic and are especially proud of the way you have stepped up to complete your degree despite the challenges you faced.

We value our alumni and appreciate their importance in the continued success of our students and program. The annual alumni newsletter is our way of helping you stay connected with the department. Please reach out to our social media coordinator, Laudo M. Ogura (ogural@gvsu.edu) or me (dalmias@gvsu.edu) at any time if you have a question or suggestion for the newsletter or would like to share what you have been up to since graduation or to keep us informed on industry trends and employer needs. We would love to hear from you.

Sonia Dalmia, Ph.D.
Economics Department Chair

Get involved!

We thank our alumni for their continued involvement in our programs and for generously devoting their time to help us by serving as

- members of the Economics Department Advisory Board;
- employer representatives for the 2021 Careers in Economics Night;
- speakers in classes, club meetings, and other events.

Students very much appreciate learning about our alumni's careers, professional knowledge, and college and work experiences. With online meetings becoming a norm, we can arrange remote talks with students in a class or club meeting. Please contact our department chair, Sonia Dalmia, at dalmias@gvsu.edu, for more information on how to get involved in our activities.

Careers in Economics Night

On March 9th, 2021, we hosted our 4th annual **Careers in Economics** event. This year the format was adjusted to give representatives from firms and students ample time to get acquainted and provide valuable feedback and networking opportunities in a virtual meeting setting. Over two hours, students asked questions on career opportunities available to them. About 55 students attended this event.

We could not have done it without the help of the GVSU Career Center and representatives of local employers:

- Jenny Beach '16 (*Plante Moran*)
- Joel Isanhart (*Meijer*)
- Bryson Jacques, MBA '14 (*Steelcase*)
- Kelsey Marshall '19 (*Mercantile Bank*)

Our economics faculty members also attended the event to advise students considering graduate studies.

We thank our alumni again for being actively present at the event. We hope to have other alumni joining us at future events. Our 2022, Meet the Employers Night (formerly, Careers in Economics Night) is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th from 5 to 7 p.m., at the L. William Seidman Center, 50 Front Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI (downtown campus). Please contact Dr. Daniel Giedeman (giedemad@gvsu.edu) if you would like to participate.

Alumni News

We are excited to include alumni news on our website, social media webpages, and future newsletters. If you have something interesting to share (achievements, community involvement, professional advice to current students, etc.), let us know! Email our department Chair, Sonia Dalmia, at dalmias@gvsu.edu.

The Economics Club hosted two virtual Alumni Nights on March 3 and 17, 2021. We are very grateful to the following Alumni who attended the events and interacted with our students.

Phil Baciak: BBA Business Economics (honors) and Finance 2015

Brian Bakker: BBA Business Economics and Finance 2010

Nathan Biller: BBA Business Economics, Finance and Mathematics, 2009

Chelsea Childs: BBA Business Eco and Finance 2007

Shaun Carter: BS Economics 2013

Kelsey Marshall: BS Economics 2013

Matt Robinet: BBA Business Economics and Finance 2018

Ryan Meyer: BA Economics and Political Science 2013

Timothy Schaaf: BBA Finance and BS Economics 2006

Alex Schelhaas: BBA Economics and Finance, 2010

Andrea Van Hoven: BA Economics, International Business and Spanish 2010

Alumni Spotlight!

Andrea Van Hoven '10



Why did you choose to attend GVSU?

For a few different reasons. First, it was really important to me that I attend a school close to my home and family. GVSU was only about two hours away from where I grew up. Second, when I was considering GVSU, it was growing in popularity and program offerings. No matter who I spoke to about the school, I heard only wonderful things about it. I was excited about being a part of a university that had such a positive reputation and diverse set of programs to choose from. Finally, I was very intrigued by the campus – it was and continues to be gorgeous!

Who influenced you most during your time at GVSU? Dr. Sonia Dalmia. She influenced me so much in fact that we remain friends to this day. Dr. Dalmia is one of the most intelligent and driven individuals that I have the honor of knowing. From day one in her class, I knew that I was going to be a better student and professional because of her rigorous teaching style. I owe a lot of my personal success and confidence to Dr. Dalmia. She taught me more than anyone could ever learn in a book. She instilled upon me determination, perseverance, and resilience in a world that consistently tries to tell you, “no” or “you can’t.” Dr. Dalmia’s sincere care for the professional growth and development of her students, including her deep commitment to her field of study is refreshing and inspiring. She does not approach teaching as a job, rather, teaching is an integral part of who she is as a person. The fact that I was able to be one of her students (in more than one class!) is a privilege that I will forever be grateful for. I have the utmost respect for Dr. Dalmia – she has influenced me the most during my time at GVSU.

Share your best college memory. Meeting my husband, David Van Hoven ☺

What is the most important thing you learned while you were at GVSU? To select the path that will result in the greatest return on my educational investment.

What advice do have for current students who want to make the most out of their experience at GVSU? You are your greatest advocate. To make the most out of your experience at GVSU, **you** must put in the effort. Take the hardest classes with the most demanding professors – this will equip you for success in a challenging world. Work hard, stay humble, and be kind to everyone. Do not burn bridges because you never know when you’ll meet that person again in life. Always chase excellence and don’t be afraid of failure. Remember what

Thomas Edison once said, “I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.” Arrive at class early and stay after. Ask questions, lots of questions because knowledge is everything. Talk to your professors because they care about your future and are your greatest cheerleaders.

Describe GVSU in three words. My launching pad!

Describe your career path. Ever since I was a child, I knew that one day I was going to be a lawyer. After graduating from GVSU in 2010 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, I went to Michigan State University College of Law and obtained my Juris Doctor in 2014. My first legal job after graduating was as an associate attorney at an insurance defense firm. I obtained lots of litigation experience in this position. My years in insurance defense are what gave me such a strong litigation foundation. I was in the court room almost daily and facilitated tons of depositions. I drafted a wide range of motions and legal pleadings and engaged in a substantial amount of trial prep. I was also responsible for handling my own docket of cases, which at times spanned anywhere from 50-70+ files. I eventually made the decision to switch to the plaintiff side and practice a different area of the law. So, I transitioned to employment and civil rights litigation. All the while I practiced law, I knew that one day I wanted to teach at a top law school in the clinical teaching environment. When I was a law student, I worked as a Summer Fellow at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau at Harvard Law School. That experience birthed within me a desire to do clinical teaching, but I figured that a clinical teaching experience wouldn’t become a reality for several years. While I was working as an employment/civil rights lawyer, I came across a job posting for a Clinical Teaching Fellow at the University of Michigan Law School in the Workers’ Rights Clinic. Although I considered it a longshot, I applied, was interviewed, and later accepted! Working as a Clinical Teaching Fellow was the highlight of my legal career because I was able to combine three of my most fulfilling passions: 1. Teaching, 2. Practicing law, and 3. Helping people. At the end of my fellowship, I became pregnant and after giving birth to my son, I instantly knew that I wanted to spend as much time as possible being a mom. It seemed like the perfect time to take a step back from the practice of law to be a mom and to start working on another dream of mine – develop my own business! On July 1, 2021, I launched *Table for One* – a business aimed at helping people achieve success in their careers. The skills required of a lawyer to advocate on behalf of people in legal cases are some of the same skills needed to effectively guide people in their careers. I am now a professional career consultant assisting people with everything from resumes, professional biographies, and cover letters to job interviewing skills and advice on how best to develop a professional portfolio. My background as a lawyer and educator paved the path to *Table for One* and I enjoy the work immensely.

How did your education at GVSU prepare you for what you are doing today? At GVSU, I further developed my teamwork and collaboration skills. Working on a number of student teams and taking several classes with so many professors taught me how to appreciate different perspectives and approaches to problem-solving.

What is your greatest professional accomplishment? My greatest professional achievement is developing and launching my own business, *Table for One*.

What advice would you give current students or recent graduates interested in pursuing a career in your professional field? Keep moving forward! The practice of law, like most other professions, has its ups and downs. There are tough days and then there are really tough days! No matter what, continue to give it your all and work your absolute best, even if your best on some days is moving forward only an inch – that’s much more progress than moving backwards or remaining stagnant. If at the end of the day, you look in the mirror and say, “I could be doing better,” then do it, while remembering to always move forward!

What is something people may not know about you? In elementary school, I was on the unicycle team and rode unicycles for years, even the really tall ones!

Jordan Pattison ('21)



What is the most important thing you learned while you were at GVSU? I learned a lot at GVSU, but one of the most important things I learned is the value of time. You have roughly four years to spend at Grand Valley, and you can allocate that scarce resource in endless ways. Take some time to think about where and what you direct your time and energy towards, even on a daily basis. Are you learning and growing, or simply going through the motions to get a good grade? Are you trying new things and meeting new people, or putting free time into entertainment? Of course, life isn't about working or grinding 24/7. But understanding how precious your time is, and taking advantage of the time you do have is one of the best mindset and lifestyle changes you can make at GVSU and for the rest of your life.

What advice do you have for current students who want to make the most out of their experience at GVSU? Take advantage of the resources available to you while you are a student, because you will never have them again. The Career Center can help you build a resume and find a job. Alumni have knowledge and contacts that can help you start a career. Student organizations such as the Economics Club can connect you with employers that can lead to internships and jobs. Talk to your professors! These are just a few of the free resources that can make a profound difference in the quality of your life after you graduate.

Describe your career path and/or future plans. I am using my economics, political science, and statistics background to pursue a Master's degree in Public Policy at the University of Michigan, which will prepare me for a PhD program. My long-term goal is to become a professor, but I am open to whatever pathways and opportunities might materialize along the way.

What advice would you give current students or recent graduates interested in pursuing a career in your professional field? If you want to pursue a graduate degree in economics, statistics, or another related field, you should start planning your academic path early. Talk to the professors about your ambitions. Figure out what skills and undergraduate courses will best prepare you for graduate school and help you build a competitive application. Seek out opportunities to conduct faculty led or mentored research opportunities, such as Student Scholar's Day or the various student summer research programs.

What is something people may not know about you? My love for economics is born out of a fierce desire to make sense of the world around me. This same drive has also made me a student of history, political science, and philosophy.

Economics Department Advisory Board

Our Advisory Board members help us in a variety of ways through strategy meetings, student mentoring, and/or participation in our events. The current members are listed below. GVSU Economics Alumni are indicated with a * in the list below. To become a member of the alumni board, contact our department Chair, Sonia Dalmia, at dalmias@gvsu.edu.

- Nathan Biller* ('09) – Managing Partner, Americana Seniors
- Jeff DenBraber* ('08) - Attorney at Wheeler Upham, P.C.
- Joel Isanhart - Director of Merchandise Services, Meijer
- Bryson Jacques (Secretary) - Sales & Operations Planning (S&OP) Process Manager at Steelcase.
- Carrie Kincaid - Vice President, Individual Markets, Priority Health
- John J. Kuiper - Industrial Real Estate Advisor, Advantage CRE
- Phillip Lear* ('09) (President) - Principal Data Scientist at the Kellogg Company.
- Meg Lehigh (Vice-President) - HR Project Professional
- Chuck Lippstreu - President of the Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA).
- John Luterback - Senior Network Performance Specialist, Priority Health

- Kelsey Marshall* ('19) - Real Estate Valuation Specialist, Mercantile Bank
- Tim Mroz - Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at The Right Place, Inc.
- Dennis Schichtel* ('83) - Vice President at Fifth Third Bank
- Lorna Schultz - President Emerita, The Economics Club of Grand Rapids
- Mary Anne Wisinski-Rosely - Partner and Office Specialist at NAI Wisinski of West Michigan.
- Jason Smith – President, GVSU Economics Club
- Sonia Dalmia - Professor of Economics, Interim Assistant Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Chair of the Economics Department, and Director of Assessments at the Seidman College of Business at GVSU.
- Daniel Giedeman - Professor of Economics at GVSU.
- Leslie Muller – Associate Professor of Economics at GVSU.

GVSU Economics Club

The GVSU **Economics Club** members meet regularly to talk with external speakers, including alumni and local employers' representatives. They also meet to discuss economic issues and to learn about career opportunities and the current work and projects of our faculty.

Students especially enjoy hearing about the professional and academic experiences of alumni, so we would appreciate your participation in future Club's activities in person or virtually through online meeting appearances. Please contact our department chair, Sonia Dalmia (dalmias@gvsu.edu), if you would like to participate in the Club's future meetings and events.

Econ Datathon:

The Economics Department and the Economics Club hosted our first ever Data Analysis Competition (Datathon) in Winter 2021. COVID-19 related health care and economic data were used to analyze policy implications. Faculty, alumni, and industry professionals served as judges. We had five student groups competing. The winner was **Jordan Pattison** (who was also our 2021 awardee for the BA/BS Economics student award – see his profile on a following page). The 2nd Place was awarded to the Team of **Jack Ten Harnsel** and **Kelly Medendorp**. Congratulations!

Friday lunch-and-learn meetings:

In Winter 2021, the Economics Department, together with the Economics Club, started hosting a virtual lunch and learn professional development series to help develop soft-skills of our students. We would like to thank our alumni, Advisory Board Members and HR Collaborative for leading many of the sessions.

2021-2022 Economics Club board:



Jason Smith (President, Senior, Economics and Statistics major)

I like to play games with my friends, watching tv, and reading. Someday I want to take a train across the country.



Mary Harpst (Vice President, Senior, Finance and Business Economics major)

This summer I started an internship at SpartanNash and I am continuing to work into the fall part-time. I have enjoyed going to concerts, the beach, and hanging out with friends this summer!



Nicholas Minelli (Financial Officer, Senior, Business Economics major)



Dane McAllister (Membership Officer, Senior, Economics and Anthropology major)

I'm an avid golfer and a halfway decent cook. I'm a big-time hockey fan and love cheering on the Detroit Red Wings and Las Vegas Golden Knights.



Mason Cairns (General Officer, Sophomore, Business major)

I love listening to music, spending time with friends, and traveling.

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Awards

Every year GVSU recognizes the efforts of outstanding students. This year's awardees are:

Jordan Pattison is our 2021 outstanding **BA/BS in Economics** student:

Jordan is an Economics and Political Science major with a minor in Applied Statistics. He



was the President of the GVSU Economics Club along with participating in the athletic activities of the GVSU Men's Cross Country and GVSU Men's Track and Field teams. Following graduation, Jordan is pursuing a Master of Public Policy degree at the University of Michigan, in preparation for a Ph.D. program. See his detailed profile in the *Alumni spotlight* on a previous page.



Stephen Arnold is our 2021 outstanding **BBA in Business Economics** student:

Stephen is a Business Economics, Finance, and Sports Management major. Within these disciplines, Dr. Gerry Simons, Dr. Sally Ross, and Prof. Jason Balgavy have had an immense impact and kept his passion for pursuing and finding the intersection of these fields. Post-graduation, he plans to enroll in law school in order to pursue a career within one of these areas and looks forward to where this pursuit takes him.

Economics Scholarship Awards

The university offers few scholarships that are exclusive to our economics majors. The following students were awarded scholarships in the last academic year.

Economics Department Faculty Scholarship:

This scholarship was started by our faculty members and funded with contributions over many years. It later received (and continues to receive) contributions from community partners.

2021 Scholarship Awardee:

- **Riley Derwich**

John W. and Virginia M. Reifel Economics Scholarship:



This scholarship was initially funded by Dr. John Reifel, a GVSU Professor of Economics who enjoyed sharing with students how an understanding of economic principles can provide insight into a wide variety of economic phenomenon. He developed and introduced new courses in current economic issues, urban economics, public economics, and economic development. His research focused on housing related topics including housing demand, determinants of housing value, and discrimination

in housing markets. He retired in 2014 after more than 40 years of service to GVSU and the Seidman College of Business, serving at various times as Economics Department Chairperson, Associate Dean, and Interim Dean of the Seidman College of Business.

2021 Scholarship Awardees:

- **Riley Derwich**
- **Tia Nielson**
- **Jason Smith**
- **Lynsey Amthor**

Our students' welcome donations to add to these and other scholarship funds! Gifts can be submitted at www.gvsu.edu/giving. You may even start your own alumni scholarship fund! For details, contact us or the *University Development* office at 616-331-6000 or universitydevelopment@gvsu.edu.

Faculty News!

Dr. Michael Hensley joined the Economics Department in Fall 2021 as a Visiting Professor. Michael's research interests include labor economics and health economics. His dissertation examines the impact of transportation on various employment related outcomes and the transportation burdens for healthcare visits for low-income households in the Southwest. Michael received his B.A. in Political Science from the Eastern Illinois University, his M.S. in Economics from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, and his Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics from the University of New Mexico. Michael enjoys running, and weight lifting. He looks forward to exploring the outdoors of Michigan in the coming months.



Dr. Leslie Muller was awarded a position as a **visiting economist with the Social Security Administration** in Washington, D.C., for her fall 2019 sabbatical. She has continued in this position for the past two years and her contract was just renewed until August 2022. She is researching the financial stability of the elderly, specifically the difference in resources between aged black and white households.



Faculty Spotlight!

Erik Nordman

Dr. Erik Nordman has been with the Biology Department at GVSU since 2006, with teaching and research interests in Natural Resources Management. He has been teaching our ECO345 Natural Resources Economics for many years.



Nobel-laureate Elinor Ostrom featured in new book by GVSU professor Erik Nordman *By Erik Nordman*

Elinor Ostrom was known among economists and political scientists for her work on collaborative governance of common pool resources, for which she won the [Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences](#) in 2009. For years, I've been introducing students to her groundbreaking approaches in ECO 345 Environmental & Resource Economics and NRM 451 Natural Resource Policy. Ostrom herself was a prolific writer, but she wrote primarily for a scholarly audience. I noticed that no books introduced her and her ideas to a less technical lay audience, including undergraduates. Therefore, I decided to use my sabbatical to write an accessible introduction to Ostrom's inspiring life and ideas. I was a Visiting Scholar at Indiana University's [Ostrom Workshop](#) in 2019-2020 where I was immersed in the academic community founded by Elinor and her husband Vincent. The result is [The Uncommon Knowledge of Elinor Ostrom: Essential Lessons for Collective Action](#), published in July 2021 by Island Press.

The book traces the arc of Ostrom's intellectual life from her days as a graduate student at UCLA studying collaborative groundwater management to her work on global commons like climate change. It also shows how a new generation of scholars are applying her ideas to emerging topics like outer space and knowledge commons. It concludes with an assessment of Ostrom's contribution to institutional economics – the intersection of economics and political science.

I interviewed many people who knew and worked with Ostrom who shared their personal memories of her. I also talked to regular folks who manage commons in their daily lives, including lobster harvesters in Maine, farmers in València, Spain, and diplomats negotiating climate agreements. Ostrom's research on institutions can sound abstract to non-experts, but these stories illustrate how communities can develop and enforce rules, both formal and informal, to sustain a commons.

The book has been getting some positive attention. It was featured in [Science](#) magazine's summer reading list. It was also favorably reviewed by [Kirkus Reviews](#) and selections have been published in [YES! Magazine](#) and [Resilience.org](#). I have been interviewed for several programs, including [BeProvided](#) Conservation Radio, the [Jive Talking](#) podcast with economist David Zetland, and The Morning Show with Shelley Irwin. My short essay on the management of [space commons](#) was featured on the Urban Resilience Project's website.

I collaborated on the book with Jason Reblando, a photography professor at Illinois State University. Many of his photos are featured in the book. Jason put together a photo exhibit called [Canal by Canal](#) which illustrates the collaborative governance of irrigation water in València, Spain. The GVSU Art Department invited Jason to exhibit *Canal by Canal* in the Lake Ontario wall gallery in the summer and fall of 2021.

GIEDEMAN'S TRAVELS



Dr. Dan Giedeman joined the Economics Department twenty years ago after completing his PhD at Washington University in St. Louis. He also studied economics and history as an undergrad at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He has been a Full Professor at GVSU since 2014. In recent years, Dr. Giedeman has been one of the most-traveled professors in the business college and we recently asked him to describe some of his trips, explain how traveling has affected him, and to offer advice to students (and alumni) concerning international travel. Here is some of what he shared with us.

Describe your travel experiences from when you were younger: I am from a relatively small city in southern Illinois and, with the exception of a brief trip to Canada when I was 19, I didn't have the opportunity to travel outside of the U.S until I was 27 when one of my graduate school professors arranged funding for me to attend a conference in Paris. The fact that I have the opportunity to travel internationally as much as I do still surprises me given my background growing up. Although I have been able to travel quite a bit over the last two decades, I still feel a sense of wonder whenever I arrive in a foreign country.

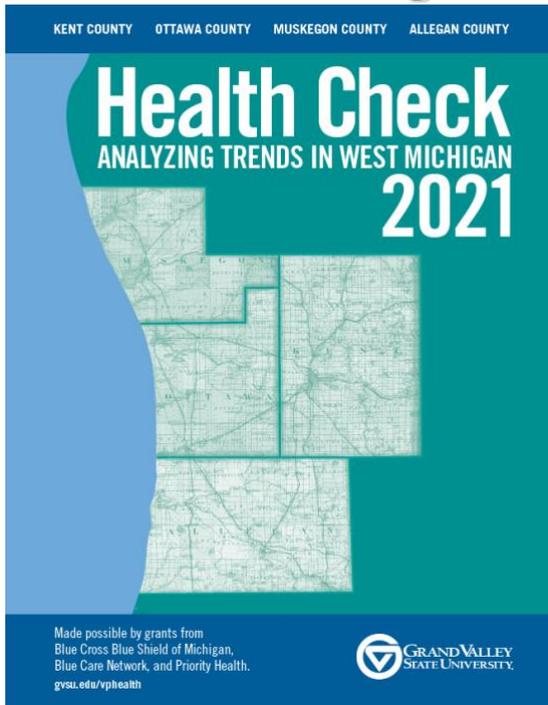
How often do you travel internationally and where do you normally go? In recent (non-Covid) years, I typically travel to Europe three times per year. In May and December, I teach week-long courses on Economic Policy in Bad Mergentheim, Germany for our partner school Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg. In the summer, my family and I typically spend about a month visiting my wife's family in Switzerland (often with side-trips to France and Italy to visit friends and relatives in those countries). This past summer, even with Covid-19, we were able to go back to Switzerland and also make a trip to visit friends of ours who live in Trieste, Italy (but whom we originally met several years ago when they lived in Grand Rapids).

What advice do you have for people who are considering traveling abroad? I think the first thing I will say is that it is probably easier (and potentially less-expensive) than you might expect. Even if you don't speak the local language, you will find that many, if not most, people you encounter will be able (and willing) to speak English. Even if they don't speak English and you don't speak the local language, you will often still be able to accomplish what are trying to do via pantomime and patience. For example. I once exchanged currency at a bank in Sanming, China (which due to government regulations was somewhat complicated) even though no one in the bank spoke English and basically the only Chinese words I knew were "thank you". (I do think it is important to at least know how to say "please," "thank you," and "I'm sorry" in the local language.) I have also learned is many potential problems in a foreign country can be solved or even completely avoided simply by being observant of what other people are doing. If it is possible, try to meet up, even briefly, with someone who lives where you are visiting. Even if you don't have family or friends in the places where you hope to visit, you likely have indirect connections to people there. And very often these people will gladly meet up with you for coffee or lunch or even to give you a bit of a tour of the area.

Any final thoughts: Many of the students I teach are similar to my younger me in that they have not yet traveled internationally and many of them seem to consider such travel to be beyond their reach. I hope that my own story to inspires and encourages them to seek out opportunities to travel and experience different cultures and societies.

Dr. Giedeman is currently making plans to spend the Winter 2023 semester on sabbatical at GVSU's partner school Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg in Germany to teach and research their cooperative model of higher education.

West Michigan Healthcare Economic Forecast



Every year, our faculty work in conjunction with the GVSU Office of the Vice Provost for Health to study West Michigan health economy.

Health Check: Analyzing Trends in West Michigan 2021

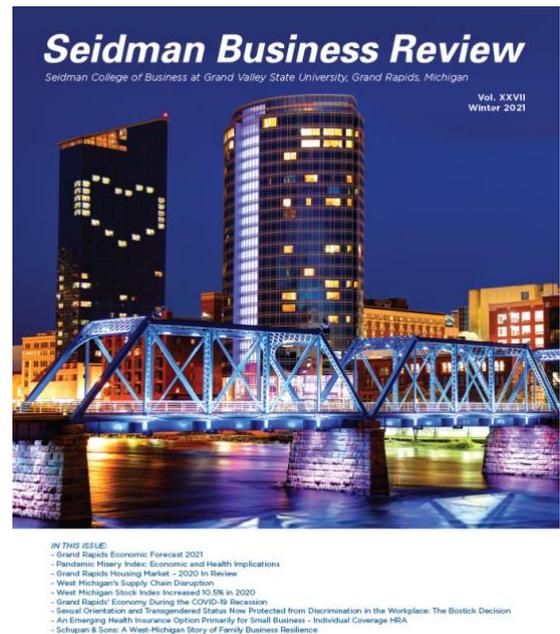
By *Erkmen Aslim, Ph.D., Daniel Montanera, Ph.D., and Gerry Simons, Ph.D.*

A copy is available at www.gvsu.edu/vphealth.

Seidman Business Review

In the **2021 Seidman Business Review**, our faculty made the following contributions:

- **Grand Rapids Economic Forecast 2021;** Paul Isely, Ph.D.
- **Pandemic Misery Index: Economic and Health Implications of COVID-19 in West Michigan;** Erkmen G. Aslim, Ph.D., and Carlos I. Navarro
- **Grand Rapids Housing Market – 2020 In Review;** Laudo M. Ogura, Ph.D., and Paul Isely, Ph.D.
- **Grand Rapids' Economy During the COVID-19 Recession;** Gerry Simons, Ph.D.



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A copy is available at www.gvsu.edu/seidman/seidman-business-review-59.htm.

Faculty Publication and Community Work

In addition to academic research studies, our faculty members have continued to work on economic studies that help local community partners to better understand the value of their activities.

Below are some of the studies that our faculty members published in 2020/2021:

Economic impact analysis:

- [Economic Impact Study: Grand Rapids Public Museum Proposed Redesign and Expansion](#), Christian Glupker, Dr. Paul Isely, and Julie Cowie, 2020.
- [Economic Impact Study: United Methodist Community House Expansion](#), Christian Glupker, Dr. Leslie Muller, and Julie Cowie, 2020.
- **Michigan No-Fault Insurance Reform: An Economic Analysis**, Christian Glupker, Dr. Gregg Dimkoff, 2021.
- **Economic Assessment of Michigan State University Research Campus**, Christian Glupker, Dr. Paul Isely, and Julie Cowie, 2021.
- **The Economic Impact of Affordable Housing Stock in Kent and Ottawa County-Michigan**, Dr. Laudo M. Ogura, and Christian Glupker, 2021.

Publication featured in news or research outlets:

- Prof. Dr. Erkmen Aslim's work on the effects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on crime recidivism was featured in [The Conversation](#).
- Prof. Dr. Erik Norman's new book on the "tragedy of commons" (The Uncommon Knowledge of Elinor Ostrom) was featured in [Science](#); and in [Yes Magazine](#) (see the Faculty Profile on his work on a previous page in this newsletter). Erik has been teaching our ECO345 Natural Resources Economics for many years.

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