Greetings!

This is the first time, and hopefully not the last, that you receive news about the goings-on in the Department of Economics back at IU-Bloomington. We are trying to modernize how we communicate with you.

What an exciting time this fall semester has been, with many exciting, new developments. I want to share just a few of these with you.

The number of our majors is still growing. By some counts we are pushing 500 majors and our classes this fall have been extraordinarily large. We are doing our best to give as much individual attention to this large number of our majors.

As you receive this newsletter, we are approaching the holiday season, the year 2009 is coming to a close, and we are on the threshold of a new year. I hope you all the best for the New Year. I hope that it will bring you abundant joy and I wish you strength to face whatever challenges may lie ahead.

If in the year 2010 your travels bring you close to Bloomington, please let me know at gglomm@indiana.edu. I would love to meet with you and find out how you are doing.

Yours Truly,
Gerhard Glomm
Professor and Chair, Department of Economics

Elinor (Lin) Ostrom, Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science was awarded the 2009 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences "for her analysis of economic governance, especially the commons". Full Story »

Professor Rubiana Chamarbagwala was awarded a Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute Of Child Health & Human Development (NICHID) Grant for 2009-2011 to study "Sub-Caste Identity, Inter-Generational Transmission, and Offspring Sex-Selection in India". Full Story »

Themester is a new and exciting initiative in the college of Arts and Sciences for the undergraduate students. The theme for fall 2009 was "Evolution, Diversity, and Change" Full Story »
The department organized its first Alumni Reunion in November. The department hosted a brunch and Dr. Dale Henderson delivered a policy lecture on The Financial Crisis: The Ins and the Outs. While the size of the first alumni reunion was modest, we are already working on preparations for the second reunion on October 16, 2010, so please mark your calendars. Full Story »

The last few years have seen a tremendous increase in the number of economics majors. Full Story »