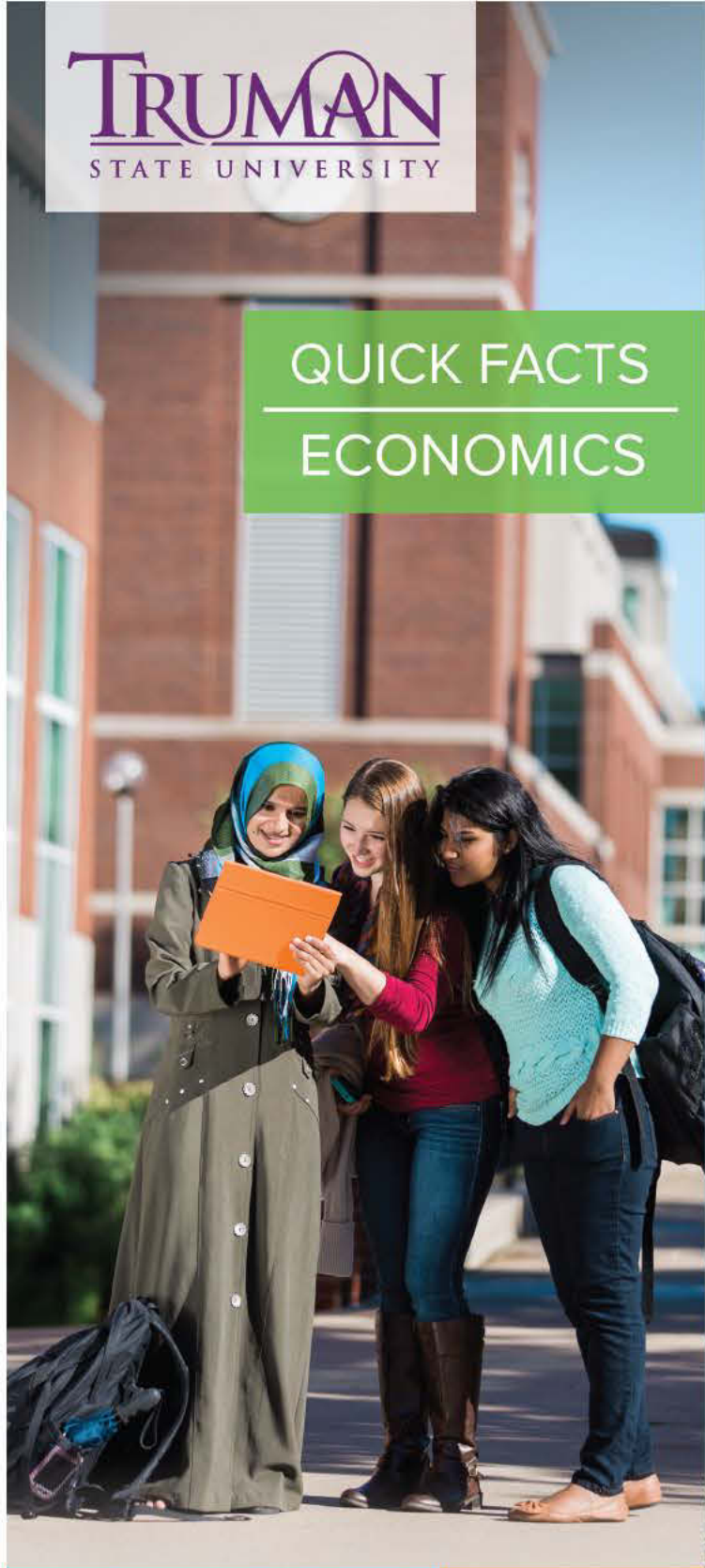


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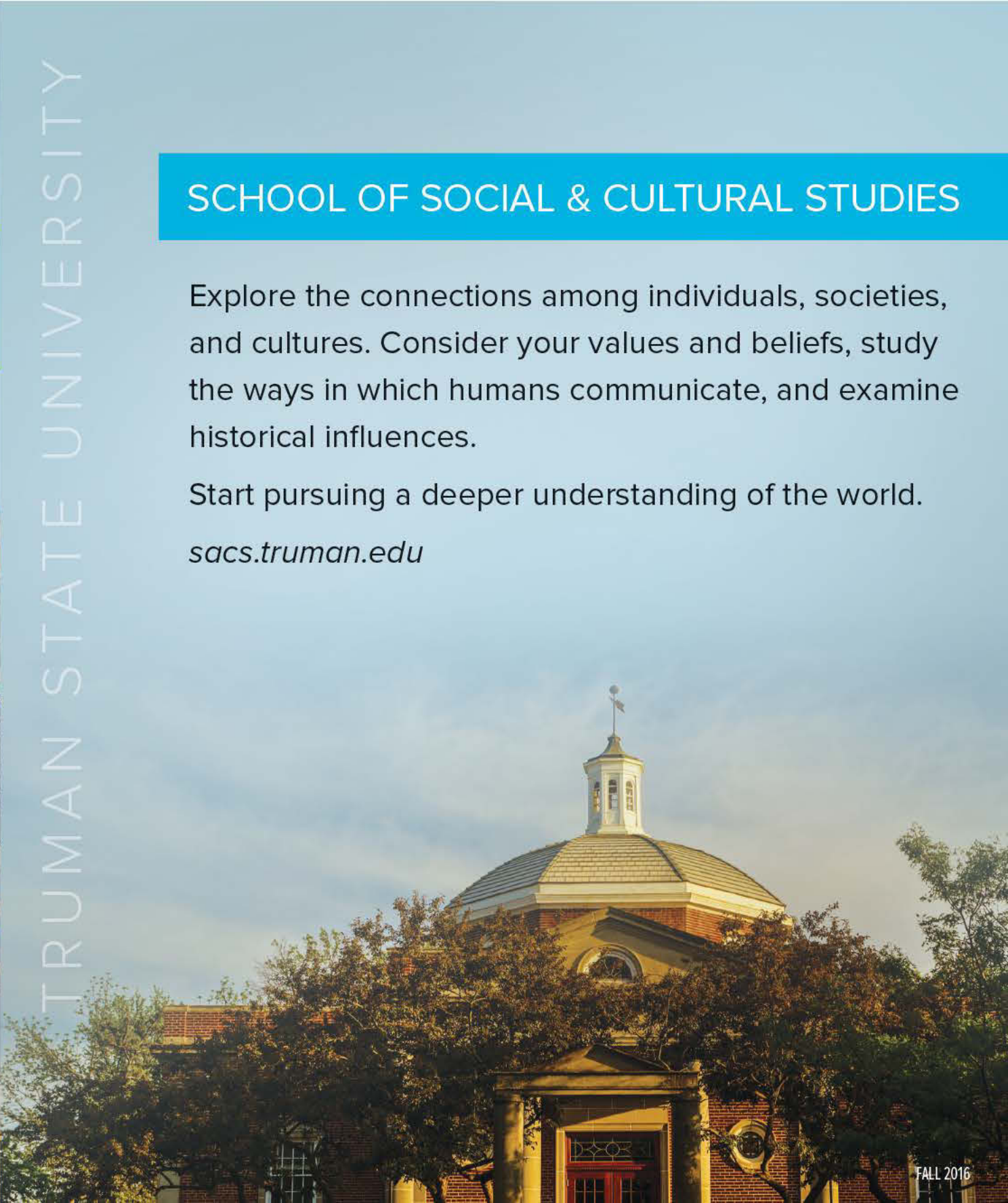
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### PURSUING ECONOMICS

**BA** MAJOR OFFERED  
**BS** **Economics**  
DEGREES OFFERED  
MINORS OFFERED  
**Economics**

**88**

approximate number of students pursuing this major

**54**

approximate number of students pursuing this minor

**100%** of majors engaged in research

**8** full-time faculty members

**1** part-time faculty members

**100%** of full-time faculty members have a terminal degree in the field

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION  
Omicron Delta Epsilon: Economics Honor Society



"I have been consistently impressed by the accessibility of professors in the economics department, as well as the opportunities to learn both in and out of class. The courses are rich and the professors are eager to help students not only understand the concepts, but apply them to their areas of interest."

**Kathryn Bollman, Class of 2016**

**Pursued at Truman: Economics**

**Participated in TruScholars summer research helping an interdisciplinary team (applied mathematics in bone density research)**

**Hometown: Williamston, Michigan**

## Curriculum

- Our largest lectures might have 45 students, but the majority of classes have only 20-35 students.
- All economics majors must complete a Principles of Economics requirement by one of two routes, and take the following economics courses: New Major Seminar, Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Senior Seminar in Economics, and 12 credit hours of electives within Economics.

## International Students

- Learn from different perspectives. The Economics Department has had international students from the following countries:

Bangladesh	Indonesia	Nigeria	Sri Lanka
Bulgaria	Japan	Norway	Taiwan
China	Lithuania	Russia	Ukraine
Ecuador	Malaysia	Singapore	Vietnam
Gambia	Nepal	South Korea	Zimbabwe
Ghana			

## Student Research

- Present the results of your research investigations at the Student Research Conference on campus, and at regional or national conferences for undergraduate research. Even publish your research! Receive a summer research grant to work on research projects mentored by Economics Department faculty members. Examples of recent student presentations and publications include:

Christopher Floyd. "China's Damaged Crops: Economic Loss from Nitrogen Overuse." Presented at the Truman's McNair Research Presentations, September 2014.

Megan Burik. "Sexual Orientation and Income: The Queer Economics of Earning Potential." Presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Weber State University, April 2012.

Jason Whitely. "Measuring the Impact of Banking Regulation in Reducing Vulnerability to Financial Crises." Presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Weber State University, April 2012.

Syed Zaidi. "The Grameen Bank and Political Empowerment: Evaluating the Sociopolitical Impacts of Microcredit Programs." Presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Weber State University, April 2012.



"By investigating the science of choice and exploring the nature of human action you understand the marketplace of life. Studying economics lets you see things in ways you never saw them before."

**Dr. David Gillette**  
**Professor of Economics**

Hiroki Sato. "The Effect of Nuclear Power on Economic Prosperity." Presented at the Student Research Conference, 2012.

Long Nguyen. "Foreign Direct Investment and Productivity Spillovers in Vietnam." Presented at the Student Research Conference, 2012.

Joseph Gebhart. "Does government Financed Debt Increase Interest Rates: A Comparative Study of OECD Countries." Presented at The TruScholar Research Symposium, August 2015.

Kathryn Bollman. "Clashing Worlds: The Incorporation of the Warao Tribe into Non-indigenous Venezuelan Society." Presented at the Student Research Conference, 2015.

Christopher Floyd. "Obesity and Income: A Multiple Linear Regression Analysis of the Relationship of Obesity and One's Income." Presented at the Student Research Conference, 2015.

## Beyond the Classroom

- Get an internship with the United States Department of the Treasury. The Economics Department has placed 15 student interns with the United States Department of the Treasury since fall 2004. One of them received a full-time job there after the internship.
- A wide spectrum of study abroad and internship experiences are also available.

## Careers

- Examples of employers who have hired Truman Economics graduates include: Board of Governors of Federal Reserve, Boeing, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Missouri Public Service Commission, Pinaccl Technical Resources, Wells Fargo, and several universities.

## Graduate Schools

- **Placement in Top Graduate Schools:** In recent years approximately 35% of the department's graduates have entered graduate or professional schools (e.g., PhD, MA, MS, MBA, MPA, MHA, JD), and 65% have entered the work force directly.
- Ph.D. and Master's programs which Truman Economics alumni have enrolled in include: Indiana University, John Hopkins University, Michigan State University, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Washington University.

- Law schools which Truman Economics alumni have enrolled in include: Boalt Hall Law School at the University of California-Berkeley, Duke University Law School, University of Chicago Law School, University of Missouri-Columbia Law School, and Washington University Law School.