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Matching Conference Bridges Fields, Theory and Application

The “**Matching Problems: Economics Meets Mathematics**” conference held June 4-6, 2012 broke new ground, bringing together for the first time experts in mathematical and economic theory, econometrics, and empirical study of matching to share approaches and insights. It aired new work that used matching models to explore marriage trends, labor markets, school choice assignments and other topics. It was a perfect example of how the Institute draws top

2011-2012 Institute Activities at a Glance

Research conferences:	7
Visiting fellows:	22
Distinguished fellows:	2
Research scholars:	1
Total weeks visitor residency:	109
Student lectures:	7
Student research programs:	4
Outreach events:	7
(Chicago, Mexico, Korea, New York, and London)	
Total Event Attendance:	3,624

researchers from around the globe, bridges disciplinary boundaries, shares knowledge, and applies theory to data and real-world applications.

Our seven conferences this year varied in subject and style, but they all successfully met our aims of bringing scholars together across fields to exchange new knowledge, share insights, and advance research.

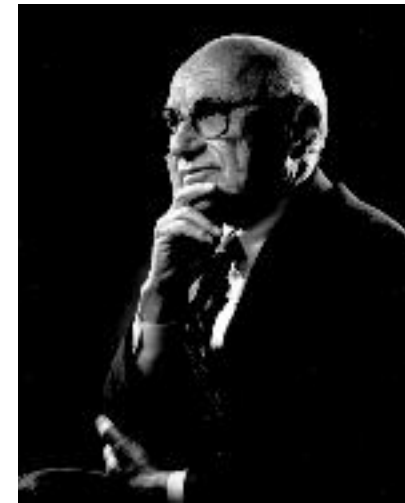
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Preparing Tomorrow's Economists

One priority of the Becker Friedman Institute is to cultivate the next generation of innovative economic researchers. This year we piloted the **Economics Research Experience for Undergraduates**, an exciting new summer program to engage promising young students in dynamic economic research. In informal talks, leading researchers discussed their methods, interests, and current work. Graduate students led hands-on tutorials with research software, demonstrating practical techniques to turn statistical data into publications.

The experience helped expand the knowledge and research skills of promising students who may be the economic innovators of tomorrow.

[Learn more about student programs »](#)



Save the Date:

Celebrating the Milton Friedman Centennial

The Institute will commemorate the centennial of Milton Friedman's birth with a special event Nov. 9, 2012. Colleagues and distinguished scholars will explore his immense and enduring contributions to economic science. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Details will be posted in early fall.

Scholar Spotlight: Scott Kominers Becker Friedman Research Scholar

Scott Kominers' research interests are legion: they include market design, matching theory, eminent domain, mathematical economics, game theory, law and economics, and the economics of market entry. As the first Becker Friedman Research Scholar, he is enjoying the rare gift of time to delve into them all. The Research Scholars program is designed to give researchers just out of their doctoral program the time and resources to broaden and deepen their research interests and skills. Kominers is taking full advantage of that, with a dozen papers in process. He credits interactions with Chicago faculty for sharpening his ability to link theory to applications in his research.

More on Kominers »

The Growing Institute

We have ambitious plans for the near and long-term future. We are expanding our major **research initiatives** on fiscal imbalance, economics of the family, experimental economics, human capital and economic opportunity, law and economics, and macroeconomic modeling and systemic risk. And we're finalizing renovations plans for our future home we'll share with the Economics Department at 5757 South University.

To help advance those plans, we're pleased to welcome

our first executive director, **Thomas Coleman, AM'81, PhD'84**. An experienced financial industry executive, Tom will coordinate programming and outreach activities. Another welcome addition is our new chief advancement officer, **Deborah Ryan**, an accomplished fundraiser who brings 10 years of experience at Princeton University and the New Jersey Health Foundation.

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