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FEATURED

Does electing politicians accused of crimes affect economic outcomes?

That's the question **Yogesh Uppal**, professor of Economics, asks in a new study slated for publication this Fall in the *Journal of Development Economics*.

The answer: a resounding "Yes!"

The **article** specifically focuses on criminally-accused politicians in India and concludes that electing such candidates lowers GDP growth by 2.4 percentage points per year.

"Although our study focuses on India, it contributes to the broader understanding of the costs of electing lower quality politicians," the study says.

The article says India is electing an increasing number of politicians facing criminal charges. and concludes: "There are substantial economic costs."

Uppal earned a PhD in Economics from the University of California, Irvine, and joined the YSU faculty in 2006.



GRANTS

Cory Brozina, assistant

HONORS

James Umble,



professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and director of the First-Year Engineering Program, has received a

\$65,930 grant from the National Science Foundation for a project titled “Novel Ethnographic Investigations of Engineering Workplaces to Advance Theory and Research Methods for Preparing the Future Workforce.” The project will undertake innovative approaches to collecting, analyzing and archiving empirical data related to engineering practice and will involve research at multiple field sites representing multiple industry sectors. Brozina joined the YSU faculty in 2016 after earning bachelor’s, master’s and a PhD from Virginia Tech.

PRESENTATIONS



Gitimu

Three YSU faculty members made presentations at the annual conference of the **Kenya Scholars and Studies Association** in Atlanta: **Abel**



Waithaka

Waithaka, associate professor of Human Ecology; **Peter Kimosop**, assistant professor of Geography and Urban-Regional Studies; and **Priscilla Gitimu**, professor of Human Ecology.

Waithaka chaired a session on “Perspectives on Family, Financial Services and

professor of Saxophone, has been selected as a featured guest clinician at the **42nd International Saxophone Symposium** in January at the George Mason University

Center for the Performing Arts in Fairfax, Va. The event, which draws an audience of more than 1,500, features recitals, lectures, masterclasses and Navy Band concerts. Umble will teach a masterclass and perform. He has performed as a soloist with the Navy Band in Washington D.C., the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and at national conferences of the North American Saxophone Alliance. He also frequently plays with members of the Cleveland Orchestra in the chamber music group, “The Cleveland Duo and James Umble.”



Crystal Bannon, a part-time faculty member in the Department of Communication, is the recipient of the



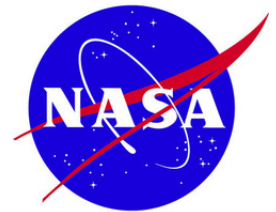
Kimosop

Reproductive Healthcare” that included a presentation on “Does Quality Multigenerational Interconnectedness Impact Family Quality of Life Among college students?” by Waithaka and Gitimu (the presentation was related to undergraduate capstone research work by Rebecca Rupert, Waithaka's former student). Kimosop made a presentation on the “Likely Causes and Impacts of the 2019 Drought in Kenya.” Waithaka presented the “Challenges and Possibilities of African Diaspora Children, Youth and Families in America,” and Gitimu and Waithaka presented “Perspectives on Appearance Apprehensions and Disordered Eating Among the Minority: Implications for Kenyans in the Diaspora.”

Rebecca Badawy, associate professor of Management, presented two research papers in Europe: “The role of psychological safety in the integration of creative and organizational identities” at the **European Academy of Management** in Lisbon, Portugal; and “The effect of Impostor Phenomenon on self-handicapping and performance” at the **International Association of Conflict Management** annual meeting in Dublin, Ireland. The research examined how male and female students react differently to poor test scores, particularly those who experience the impostor syndrome.

2019 Ohio Distinguished Adjunct Teacher Award from the Ohio Communication Association. Bannon has taught as an adjunct faculty member at YSU for 11 years, specializing in Public Speaking. She works full time as the senior career and academic advisor in the YSU Office of Career and Academic Advising. Previously, she worked at Kent State University, Ashtabula, in Academic Advising and Career Development. She holds a master’s degree in College Student Personnel and bachelor’s degree in Communications and Emerging Technology, both from Slippery Rock University, and also earned a graduate certificate in Instructional Communication from YSU.

Kevin Disotell, assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering, was selected for the



National Aeronautics and Space Administration 2019 Summer Faculty Fellowship Program at the **Glenn Research Center** in Cleveland. The summer residency program is designed for faculty to contribute directly to NASA mission areas, stimulate exchange of ideas with NASA researchers, and infuse NASA research and technology into classroom teaching. Disotell contributed to modeling of dust separation/filtration devices in support of missions to the Moon and Mars. Prior to his arrival at YSU in 2017, Disotell was a postdoctoral researcher in aerodynamics at the NASA Langley

Carol Lamb, director of the School of Technology, was a featured panelist on a webinar hosted by the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The webinar focused on technology and engineering skills as part of students' everyday lives and how those skills will be important as they enter the workforce.

Deepa Iyer, assistant professor of Management, presented a research paper at the 2019 **European Conference on Information Systems** in Stockholm, Sweden. The paper was titled, "Requirements Engineering Effectiveness in Open Source Software: The Role of Social Network Configurations and Requirements Properties." Iyer joined YSU's faculty in 2018.

Research Center in Virginia.

Janet E. Del Bene, professor emerita of Chemistry, received the **Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who**, the world's premier publisher of biographical profiles. Del Bene, who holds two bachelor's degrees from YSU and a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati, was a faculty member at YSU for 29 years, retiring in 1999 after a distinguished career. She has published 300 scholarly papers, earned numerous national research grants, served as a visiting fellow/professor at universities around the world, and has received a variety of awards and honors, including the YSU Heritage Award.

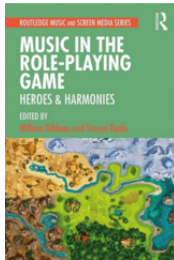


FEATURED

Kivie Cahn-Lipman, assistant professor of Cello in the Dana School of Music, pictured fifth from the left, is the director of ACRONYM, a baroque ensemble founded in 2012 that made its European debut this past summer in the Netherlands at the Utrecht Early Music Festival. The group will record its 10th album after performing at the "Music Before 1800" series in New York in October.

Watch and Listen.

PUBLICATIONS



"The Calculus of Finite (Metric) Dissonances" by **Steven Reale**, associate professor of Music Theory, was published in *Music Theory Spectrum*, the journal of the Society for Music Theory. The **work** focuses on applying discrete calculus to complicated musical metric structures. Reale also co-edited a **volume of essays** titled *Music in the Role-Playing Game: Heroes and Harmonies*, which includes a chapter by Reale on music in the video game World of Warcraft.

William Binning, professor emeritus Political Science, co-authored an essay: "A Senate Trifecta: Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia," published in *The Roads to Congress 2018*, by Palgrave Macmillan.

Maria Fenty Denison, program coordinator of Musical Theater, published the article "Uncovering Meaning and Identity Through Voice Change" in the *Choral Journal*, a peer-reviewed journal with international readership.



Dave Morgan, professor of Jazz Studies and Double Bass, released "**Blue Is More Than a Color**" from Being Time Records. The recording features seven tracks performed by 30 musicians, including several faculty, alumni and current students from YSU. The recording was made possible by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, as part of its Knight Arts Challenge. One reviewer said it's "one of the few recordings I hear that makes me want to listen again

and again!"

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Weiqing Ge, professor of Physical Therapy, chaired the Sino-American Symposium on the Culture of Disability in Xi'an, China, this past summer.

Ge, membership chair of the Academy of Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management of the American Physical Therapy Association, received a grant from the State Department to host the event. The symposium included speakers from both China and the United States, including Ge and Drew Snyder, who graduated from YSU in 2017 with a doctorate of Physical Therapy.

After the symposium, Ge and Snyder toured Kunming LIH Skycity Rehabilitation Hospital, where they presented a seminar to a group of 45 clinicians.

The Symposium logo was designed by YSU Graphic Design student Mallory Goldner. The logo integrates the Chinese characters of culture (文化) into the English word.



IN THE MEDIA



WKBN TV

"Overseas oil facilities bombings"

Sarah Jenyk, senior lecturer, Economics

Boston Herald

"Boycott culture goes after large and small targets"

Tom Maraffa, professor emeritus, Geography

The Business Journal

"Impact Ohio"

Mike Hripko, External Affairs, Gov't Relations, Economic Development

Fortune

"Mayfield and Beckham worth more than LeBron?"

Adam Earnhardt, professor/chair, Communication.

NY Post

"Death of a local newspaper rocks America"

Paul Sracic, professor/chair, Politics and International Relations

WKBN TV

"3D printing piquing NFL interest"

Eric MacDonald, professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Friedman Chair



WKBN TV

"More dragonflies, fewer mosquitoes"

Tom Diggins, professor, Biology (pictured being interviewed by WKBN's Stan Boney)

The Business Journal

"UCFC merger"

AJ Sumell, professor, Economics.

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