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I would like to welcome you to the fourth edition of The Park Place Economist. Most readers are already familiar with the vision of the journal which is now a regular feature at Illinois Wesleyan University. The only difference this year is the increase in alumni editors due to the survey conducted by the Economics Department which showcases the accomplishments and recommendations of the alumni network.

The core of the journal, however, continues to be the articles and essays submitted by Wesleyan students on a broad range of topics. This year an unprecedented number of papers were submitted: after a careful selection process, the editorial board chose nine papers which they considered appealed to a general audience and dealt with contemporary issues. Our aim was to achieve a diversity of ideas within the journal that encompassed nearly all areas of economic thinking at Wesleyan: from environmental economics to development economics to research honors projects.

I would like to thank all those who made the publication of this journal possible. First, thanks to all who were on the Editorial and Advisory Boards. I also appreciate Gary Schwartz for designing the cover page, as well as the generous assistance of Bob Aaron throughout the process of the journal. In addition, I would like to thank David Rudd for his invaluable advice during the crucial stages of the journal. On a personal level, I would like to thank Brett Roush for his diligence as the Technical Editor, and extend to him my best wishes as he assumes the role of Editor-in-Chief next year.

Ashley Wickrema, Editor-in-Chief

Submission Information

Inquiries and submissions to The Park Place Economist are encouraged and welcomed by our editorial staff. We reserve the right to accept or reject all submissions to the Journal. Those interested should call (309) 556-3184 for more information. Letters and responses should be addressed to:

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