

# IWU Economics Department Welcomes Amit Ghosh

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This year the Illinois Wesleyan Economics department welcomes new faculty member Dr. Amit Ghosh.

He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Economics from the University of Calcutta in India before coming to the United States to complete his PhD from Claremont Graduate University in 2006. Before coming to IWU, Dr. Ghosh worked as a research assistant for the Lowe Institute of Political Economy at Claremont McKenna College. Most recently, he taught as a visiting professor in the Economics and Business department at Colorado College. His principle research interests include international economics, open economy macroeconomics, and economic development.

I first met Dr. Ghosh a year ago when he came to campus as a candidate for the department's new tenure line. He came on one of our snow days, and because the campus was closed, the student interviewers took him to lunch in the Commons. When we apologized for not being able to take him for a quieter lunch away from the chaotic activity in Saga, he was quick to say that he very much enjoyed being around the students. During our lunch, I was also impressed by Dr. Ghosh's ability to navigate easily between personal and academic discussion.

Since coming to Illinois Wesleyan, Dr. Ghosh has taught classes in Introductory Economics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, and Money and Banking. It is his stated objective to "make the dismal science fabulous." He is described by his students as an enthusiastic and accessible professor who genuinely cares about his students both inside and outside of the classroom. They cite his reliable presence at campus sporting events as an example of his support for the university and its students. Dr. Ghosh explains that one of his major objectives as a professor here is to have a positive impact on the lives of his students. He feels that in many respects, this is only possible at a liberal arts institution such as IWU, where there is the opportunity for faculty and student collaboration.

Dr. Ghosh, I think that I speak for all the students who have worked with you this year when I say that I am so glad that you decided to come to IWU. It has been a pleasure to know you, and I am certain that you will continue to have a positive impact on students here in the years to come.