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Thank you for taking the time to read the XIV edition of *The Park Place Economist*. *The Park Place Economist* is one of only a handful of undergraduate economics journals published in the country. Those who are familiar with the Department of Economics at Illinois Wesleyan University recognize it as a valuable showcase for the best economics research conducted by Illinois Wesleyan students.

Please browse our content page for an overview of this year's work; as always, a vast array of topics is published. Perennial favorites such as sports economics, international trade, financial markets, and labor economics are integrated with more distinctive topics such as sustainability, child development, and homeland security.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, especially Adam Gray and Scott Swisher, who have contributed many hours to this edition. Also, much thanks to Dr. Leekley, whose guidance and counsel have supported this process immensely. Thanks to the entire Department of Economics for supporting this journal.

I have been involved with this journal for four years and have learned much about the research and writing process through *The Park Place Economist*. My hope is that students involved with this journal will continue to learn in the same way from working with its publication. I hope you enjoy our edition and continue to support this journal, the Department, and Illinois Wesleyan University. Thank you!



John R. Haugen
Editor-in-Chief

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