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### Abstract

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to export goods that require more social capability." As a country increases its social capability, the kinds of goods it exports grow in sophistication. Products that are high in social capability give workers a greater return on their labor, making each worker more productive and the country economically stronger. Economically developed countries can then reinvest in more infrastructure, eventually developing their system to a degree where innovation can take place near the point of manufacturing, at research universities.

"Silicon Valley exists," Lowry said, "because Stanford is right there." As countries move up the "product ladder," they export more sophisticated goods and eventually reach the point where manufacturing springs up near innovation sites. Lowry's study "is the closest thing we have to a nice quantification" of that movement.

Lowry's current research tries to further explain external economies, but rather than finding how they affect what a country is able to trade, she is finding how they affect the location of firms.

The next stage of her research will be aided by an Illinois Wesleyan Artistic/Scholarly Development Grant. Dr. Lowry will travel to the University of California at Berkeley this summer, where she will participate in a workshop in order to learn an econometric technique that she will use in studying foreign direct investment in China.

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1. **Tara Adige** - Tara is from Calcutta, India. She is also majoring in International Business, and is planning on exploring job opportunities in investment banking. She plans to go to graduate school in Business in future.

2. **Junaid Ahmed** - Junaid is looking forward to work at a non-governmental organization dealing with development and population issues in Bangladesh. After one year, he plans to go to graduate school in International Relations. Junaid has another major, in Political Science. He is from Dhaka, Bangladesh.

3. **Jay Ahrendt** - Jay is expecting to be drafted for professional baseball. Otherwise, he plans to work at Hydro Tek Environmental Systems as a sales representative. He is from Homewood, Illinois.

4. **Gwendolyn Alexander** - Gwen is planning on enrolling in a PhD program in Economics. She wants to concentrate in International Development, and will be studying at the University of Maryland. She is from Joliet, Illinois, and has a second major in International Studies.

5. **Jesse Boyle** - Jesse is from Oak Lawn, Illinois. He plans to work for two years before going to graduate school for an MBA. He has an additional major in Business Administration.

6. **Susan Brown** - Susan is enrolling as a part-time student at the Washington University MBA program. At the same time she wants to work at a management consulting firm. She has a second major in Business Administration. She is from Smithton, Illinois.

7. **Jeffrey Burke** - Jeff is also majoring in Physics. He is from Westville, Illinois. He is exploring the job market, and plans to go to graduate school in Finance in future.

8. **Faizal Chaudhury** - Faizal will be working as a staff accountant for Pandolfi, Topolski, Weiss and Co. He will also sit for the CPA examination this May. He is a double major in Economics and Accounting. Faizal is from Dhaka, Bangladesh. He also plans to go to graduate school in Business in near future.

9. **Gregory Gallagher** - Greg will be working for Ace Hardware in Oakbrook, Illinois. He is a double major in Economics and Business Administration. Greg is from Richton Park, Illinois.

10. **Diana Imaka** - Diana is from Jurmala, Latvia. She plans to go back home and work in the banking industry for a few years. Later, she plans to go to graduate school, either in the United States or in Europe.

11. **Greg Jansen** - Greg is from Mendota, Illinois. Also majoring in Accounting, his immediate plan is to go to Law school.

12. **Jason King** - Jason is from Decatur, Illinois. He is currently exploring opportunities in the banking industry. He plans to go to graduate school in the future.

13. **Michael Kona** - A double major in Economics and Risk Management, Mike is from Berwyn, Illinois. Currently, he is exploring work opportunities in the finance industry.

14. **Amit Kothari** - Amit is planning on working at KPMG-England, an accounting and management consulting firm. He plans to begin his MBA after two years in the work place. He has a second major in Political Science and is from Delhi, India.

15. **Pallavi Kuriyedath** - Pallavi is from Bombay, India, and is planning on going home after graduation. She has an additional major in Business Administration.

16. **Michael Liang** - Mike is from Homewood, Illinois. He has earned a second degree in Business Administration. He is currently exploring work opportunities in financial investment in the Chicagoland area. He plans to get an MBA in the future.

17. **Laurel Martin** - Laurel is a double major in Political Science and Economics. She is from Oak Park, Illinois, and is currently exploring work opportunities in the Chicagoland area.

18. **Kimberly Nelson** - Kimberly has a second major in Spanish. She was studying abroad in Spain during the writing of this report. She hails from Arlington Heights, Illinois.

19. **Anne Peterson** - Also having earned a degree in Political Science, Anne will attend Washington University this fall to get her PhD in Political Economy. She is receiving an Olin Fellowship for her studies. She is from Roseville, Minnesota.

20. **Benjamin Reb** - Ben is from Oak Park, Illinois. He is a double major in Economics and Business Administration. He is looking for opportunities in the trade options market. In the meantime he will work as the assistant to the manager at Heinz Lumber.

21. **Frederick Scott Rosenberg** - Scott has not made up his mind yet between a finance or consulting position. In the meantime he plans to get his MBA part-time. He is from Kingwood, Texas, and has a minor in Business.

22. **David Rudd** - Also a major in International Business, David is planning on attending Georgetown University to get a Master's degree in International Affairs. He wants to become a diplomat in the future. He

*From the Economics Department*

is from Decatur, Illinois, and also has a minor in Spanish.

23. **Stefani Saño** - Stef is planning on going to engineering school either at Washington University or at Dartmouth College. He has a minor in Physics. Stef is from Quezon City, Philippines. He plans to keep playing lacrosse at different clubs.

24. **Anurag Sanyal** - Anurag is from Calcutta, India, and has combined his Economics learning with a major in Mathematics. His plan is to attend a Law school in England. Anurag is also looking at different work opportunities.

25. **Angela Smith** - Angela, from Springfield, plans to get her Ph.D. in Industrial Labor Relations from Cornell University, where she has earned a full fellowship. She has a minor in Business Administration.

26. **William Takahashi** - Bill plans to attend the Emory University Law School. He

has also earned a degree in Political Science. He is from Naperville, Illinois, and is getting married this June.

27. **Sridhar Veerapaneni** - Sridhar will work as a trader on the floor for A. G. Edwards, and hopes to go to graduate school in the future. He has a minor in Business. Sridhar is from Flossmoor, Illinois.

28. **Ming Sun Wan** - Ming Sun is from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is exploring opportunities as a commodity trader in the New York area.

29. **Ashley Wickrema** - Ashley is from Colombo, Sri Lanka, and has also earned a degree in Mathematics. He is exploring opportunities in the banking and finance industries.

30. **Yiping Zhu** - Yiping plans to work at a computer consulting firm in the Chicagoland area. He has a second major in Physics, and is from Shanghai, China.