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Dr. Craig Broadbent has been conducting economic experiments using IWU students as participants to investigate 'hypothetical bias'. In addition he is part of a team that received a grant to investigate societal thresholds to ecosystem services. He developed a new course entitled Experimental Economics which allows students to conduct economic experiments to test economic theory. He welcomed the birth of his second son into his family this last fall and is quickly getting acclimated to a house full of boys.

Dr. Diego Mendez- Carbajo continues to work on his research on open economy macroeconomics. He is in his second year as Department Chair and enjoying his service. He is also teaching a new course on Time Series Analysis.

Dr. Ilaria Ossella-Durbal was recently selected for a faculty development seminar sponsored by ASIANetwork. This summer she will travel to India to attend lectures, visit cultural and historical sites, and meet with social service organizations and environmental protection agencies. The purpose of this trip is to enrich teaching, and to introduce programs focused on India which will help deepen the understanding of India at IWU.

Dr. Amit Ghosh and his wife recently welcomed their baby daughter, Ashmita into their family. Dr. Ghosh has been kept busy with both his newborn child, and his research paper entitled, "Cross-border production sharing and exchange-rate sensitivity of Mexico's trade balance." This paper was just accepted into the Journal of International Trade and Economic Development and Dr. Ghosh presented at the Economics Association Conference in Atlanta this past November.

Dr. Robert Leekley has published his work as a new textbook titled Applied Statistics for Business and Economics. After 30 years of teaching statistics in economics, he hoped to create a textbook which would offer students a more comprehensive approach to learning statistics. The textbook is now being utilized in coursework at IWU and represents an exceptional achievement in the field of Economics.

Dr. Michael Seeborg has kept himself busy with numerous publications and presentations over the past year with topic areas ranging from performance enhancing drugs to earnings of immigrant women. Dr. Seeborg has also completed three triathlons, two stair climbs, and will be competing in his first ever "Warrior Dash" this summer.