



2016-2017

NEXT STEPS

The Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences congratulates our students in the class of 2017 and our postdoctoral fellows as they move on to new adventures. Each made important contributions to the division, and we look forward to watching them flourish as they take their next steps.



AHRASH DIANAT

Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Essex

Dianat has been a postdoctoral scholar in HSS's Social Science Experimental Laboratory (SSEL). His research uses experimental

economics to investigate strategic behavior and equilibrium selection in games and market settings. He will join the department of economics at the University of Essex this summer.



TAISUKE IMAI

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich

After graduating from Caltech with his PhD in 2016, Imai spent one year in the Camerer Lab as

a postdoctoral scholar in behavioral and experimental economics. He will join the University of Munich as an assistant professor in the department of economics this fall.



DUK GYOO KIM

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Mannheim

As a postdoctoral scholar in economics, Kim sought to understand how individuals'

economic decisions are affected by other-regarding preferences such as altruism, trust, fairness concern, reciprocity, retaliation, status seeking, and ostentation. He has accepted a position as an assistant professor in the department of economics at the University of Mannheim in Germany.



TATIANA MAYSKAYA

Assistant Professor in Economics, National Research University Higher School of Economics

During her final year in HSS's Social Sciences PhD program, Mayskaya was named a 2016-2017

Linde Institute Graduate Fellow and successfully defended her thesis, *Essays on Information Collection*, with Federico Echenique as her advisor. She looks forward to becoming an assistant professor in economics at the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow this fall.



EVA POOL

Senior Researcher and Lecturer, University of Geneva

Pool has been a postdoctoral scholar in neuroscience with the O'Doherty Lab. During her time at Caltech, she studied the

psychological and neural mechanisms that contribute to irrational reward-seeking behavior. After Caltech, she will continue her research at the University of Geneva as a senior researcher and lecturer.



ALETA QUINN

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Idaho

While at Caltech as the Ahmanson Postdoctoral Instructor in Philosophy of Science, Quinn taught the courses Philosophy and Biology,

Environmental Ethics, and Bioethics. She next joins the University of Idaho as an assistant professor of philosophy to pursue her research on the role of social values in science and the relationship between evolutionary theory and systematics.



WELMAR ROSADO-BUENFIL

After completing his dissertation, *Essays on the Political Economy of Subnational Public Finances*, with Rod Kiewiet as his advisor, Rosado-Buenfil is considering his

options, including a job offer from the Bank of Mexico. He was a 2016–2017 HSS Chair’s Council Graduate Fellow, and his research interests include political economy, public finance, and applied econometrics.



BENJAMIN SALTZMAN

Assistant Professor of English, University of Chicago

Saltzman researches the literature and culture of Anglo-Saxon England and is broadly interested in the relationship between textuality

and practice in medieval law and monastic life. During his time at Caltech as the Weisman Postdoctoral Instructor in Medieval British Literature, he received teaching awards from both HSS and the Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology (ASCIT). This fall, Saltzman will become an assistant professor of English at the University of Chicago.



MYUNGKOO SONG

Associate Research Fellow, Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade

Economics graduate student Song receives his PhD after successfully defending his thesis,

Essays on the Impact of Information Asymmetry, with Jaksa Cvitanic as his advisor. Last year, he received an HSS Chair’s Council Fellowship to support his research. Song has accepted a position as an associate research fellow at the Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade.



ROBERT SPUNT

Spunt was a postdoctoral scholar in the Adolphs Emotion and Social Cognition Lab. His research uses fMRI and experimental social psychology to understand variability in human social expertise and

emotional experience. He is moving to Seattle to continue his career in social neuroscience research.



JUN ZHANG

Assistant Professor, Nanjing Audit University

Zhang graduates this month after completing his dissertation, *Essays on Matching Theory*, with Federico Echenique as his advisor. He was named one of The Linde Institute fellows for the 2016–2017 academic year. Starting this fall, he will be an assistant professor at the Nanjing Audit University in China.

CLASS OF 2017

Among the seniors graduating in June, 16 percent (42 out of 260) completed an option or minor in the humanities or social sciences. Five students chose to pursue their first and only option in HSS: four in Business, Economics, and Management (BEM) and one in English. Twenty-two students selected one of our tracks for their second option (double major): 15 in BEM, three in Economics, three in English, and one in History and Philosophy of Science. And 14 students completed a humanities minor: 10 in English, two in History, and two in Philosophy.

These students, too, are taking impressive next steps, such as:

- Pursuing advanced degrees, including a PhD in operations research and financial engineering at Princeton University, a medical degree from UC San Diego, and an MD/PhD from the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology.
- Joining technology companies, from startups to multinational corporations, including Luminar Technologies (which develops Lidar systems for self-driving cars), AirPR (which provides analytics, insights, and measurement solutions for the PR industry), and Oracle.
- Going into finance and consulting, including placements at Mars & Co., Two Sigma, Dimensional Fund Advisors, and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.