

Howard University ODE Beta Chapter Report 2025¹

The ODE Beta Chapter at Howard University admitted to ODE Membership ten students and a Professor in 2025. These new members are Ari Kamau, Tatyana Nyambane, Whitney Grant, Marcus Spriggs, Mya Brown-Lofty, Kathlyn Archibald-Drew, Payton Garcia, Sheneil McKnight, Haining Adeline Yuan, and Dr. Gbadebo Odularu, ODE Deputy Advisor.

Our main ODE event this academic year was our Virtual Lecture and Recognition Ceremony, held on Thursday April 10, 2025. This event was co-hosted by the Department of Economics, and the Howard University Economics Department Alumni Association (HUEDAA).

More than 300 people logged on to this event; and listened to a Virtual Lecture by Dr. Dr. Patrick L. Mason, Chair and Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Dr. Mason's research covers important issues such as racial inequality, educational achievement, and income distribution. He investigates the complex intersections of family environments and socioeconomic wellbeing, public policy, the effects of computerization on employment, and innovation within Caribbean economies. For his presentation at our ODE event, Dr. Mason's lecture was entitled, "Black intergenerational mobility, libertarian capitalism, and authoritarian government, 1877 – 1941: a case study."

The program also included the presentation of the Dr. Vincent R. McDonald Senior Recognition Award; the Travel Stipend Award which was offered in honor of the late Professor, Dr. William E. Spriggs; and presentations by Dr. Omari Swinton, Chair of the Department of Economics; Dr. Dana A. Williams, Dean of the Graduate School and Ms. Hazel Robinson, President of the HUEDAA. A copy of the 2025 program is attached.

Along with two other associations in the Economics Department, The Abram Harris Economics Society, and the Graduate Economics Student Association, we encourage all economics students to attend presentations on economic matters by visiting scholars and Economics Professors, who make presentations on a wide range of economic issues. At one of our Meetings, Kathlyn Archibald-Drew was elected as President of the ODE Beta Chapter at Howard University, while we had discussions on current events in the economy, with presentations by students, Payton Garcia, and Marcus Spriggs, and Dr. Gbadebo Odularu, our ODE Deputy Advisor. Elections in the Fall, will be held for the positions of Vice President and Secretary of the BETA, ODE Chapter at Howard University.

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