



HOWARD
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College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Economics

ANNUAL Omicron Delta Epsilon

Virtual Lecture



Recognition Ceremony

Thursday

April 10, 2025

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Patrick L. Mason

Professor of Economics, Political Economy Research
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Howard University
Virtual Address

Program

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Omari H. Swinton
Chair, Department of Economics

Greetings from:

Dr. Dana A. Williams
Dean for the Graduate School

Introduction of the Speaker

Darien Kearney, Graduate Student

Speaker

Dr. Patrick L. Mason
Professor of Economics,
Political Economy Research
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Questions for the Speaker

Moderator: Karson Smith

President: Abram Harris
Economics Society

Replies from the Speaker

Presentation to the Speaker

Presenter: Karson Smith

President: Abram Harris
Economics Society

Howard University Economics Department, Alumni Association

Dr. Vincent R. McDonald
Senior Recognition Award
SRA Award: Somotochim Ugoh

Presenter: Dr. Vincent R. McDonald
Chairperson Emeritus

Howard University Economics Department Alumni Association (HUEDAA)

Graduate Student Travel Stipend Award
in honor of Dr. William E. Spriggs
GTA Award: Darien Kearney

Presenter: Dr. Adji Fatou Diagne
Chair, HUEDAA Awards Committee

Induction: New Omicron Delta Epsilon Members

Presenter: Dr. C. Kenrick Hunte, ODE Advisor

Inductees:

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| 1. Ari Kamau | 2. Tatyana Nyambane |
| 3. Whitney Grant | 4. Marcus Spriggs |
| 5. Mya Brown-Lofty | 6. Kathlyn Archibald-Drew |
| 7. Payton Garcia | 8. Sheneil McKnight |
| 9. Haining Adeline Yuan | |
| 10. Grant Fortune | |
| 11. Dr. Gbadebo Odularu, ODE Deputy Advisor | |

ODE Committee, 2025-2026

President: Kathlyn Archibald-Drew

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Howard University Economics Department Alumni Association (HUEDAA)

Greetings: President, Hazel Robinson

Recognition Award: Dr. Linda Jones

Associate Dean, Graduate School

Closing Remarks

Dr. Deniz Baglan
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Department of Economics



Guest Speaker:

Dr. Patrick L. Mason, Chair and Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Dr. Patrick L. Mason is the Chair and Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he brings a wealth of expertise and passion to his research and teaching. With a Ph.D. in Economics from the New School for Social Research, Dr. Mason's academic journey has been marked by a deep commitment to addressing questions related to labor, political economy, development, education, social identity, and crime. His research delves into critical issues such as racial inequality, educational achievement, and income distribution. He investigates the complex intersections of family environments and socioeconomic wellbeing, while also examining the impact of transitions in family structure and public policy on communities. Additionally, he explores pressing contemporary topics, including racial profiling, the effects of computerization on employment, and innovation within Caribbean economies. He is the general editor of the *International Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, 2nd Edition (Macmillan Reference USA, 2013) and the author of the recent book *The Economics of Structural Racism* (Cambridge University Press, 2023). Dr. Mason has authored nearly 100 journal articles, book chapters, and other publications to the field.

Dr. Mason is not only an esteemed academic but also a leader in his field. He served as President of the National Economic Association in 2002. He was the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Partners for Dignity & Rights (formerly known as the National Economic & Social Rights Initiative), and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Fair Foods Standards Council. His service to the profession has focused on enhancing diversity in economics, including serving as the Program director of the AEA Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession Mentoring Program (2009-2013), a mentor for Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) and creating and moderating the NEA and ASHE listservs.

Before his current role, Dr. Mason held academic positions at several prestigious institutions, including Florida State University, the University of Notre Dame, Wayne State University, the University of California - Riverside, the University of Michigan - Flint, Tuskegee University, and an adjunct position at Atlanta University.

Dr. Mason in Tallahassee, but raised in Sebring, Florida, a quaint town with a population of just 6,000 during his youth, Dr. Mason's early experiences shaped his commitment to social justice. He worked in the fields with his family and neighbors, harvesting oranges, watermelons, tomatoes, and cucumbers. His academic journey began with a scholarship to St. Edward's University, a small Catholic institution in Austin, Texas, setting the stage for a remarkable career dedicated to addressing economic disparities and advancing equity.



HUEDAA: The Beginning.....

The inception of HUEDAA began on March 10, 2001 at a retirement luncheon for Drs. Chandler and Huang at Bolling AFB in Washington DC. While at the luncheon with fellow alumni, Ms. Hazel Robinson thought it would be a good idea if the alumni could continue to meet and discuss ways to give back to the Department. With key professors retiring and new professors not yet hired, there was a need for strong alumni to stand in the gap and provide needed support to the Department and its students.

On April 27, 2001, before the ODE Annual Spring Dinner-Lecture, Ms. Hazel Robinson and three alumni, Dr. Sandra Cooke, Dr. Gwendolyn Flowers, and Dr. Charles Thorpe met with then Department Chairman, Dr. Ransford Palmer at the Department of Economics to learn how he thought the alumni could best support the Department. Dr. Palmer provided a list of 9 –10 items in how we could support the Department.

2024-2025 HUEDAA Officers:

President	- LTC Hazel Robinson
Vice President	- Dr. Charles Thorpe
Secretary	- Vacant
Treasurer	- Ms. Patricia Smith

HUEDAA is celebrating 24 years of providing advice and support to the HU Department of Economics.

HUEDAA supports two endowed funds founded in memory of two of our beloved professors. Funds raised from this event will be donated to these two funds:

The Dr. Joseph R. Houchins Endowed Scholarship Fund

For almost 30 years, Dr. Joseph R. Houchins was one of the most affable and influential educators in the Department of Economics at Howard University. Even after his official retirement in 1985, Dr. Houchins remained on campus with “emeritus status” primarily to continue his cherished relationships with students and to participate in intellectual discourses of the Department. He continued in this capacity until his death in 1990, at age 89. His genuine interest in the welfare and success of each and every student he came in contact with was the principal basis for the establishment of a scholarship fund in his honor.

Dr. Jean Louis DuCarmel Bocage Endowed Loan Fund

Dr. Jean Louis DuCarmel Bocage (1923-2003) was a man of strong determination, unbending loyalty, and deep commitment to excellence. For more than 30 years, he dedicated his life to educating the students at Howard University. Among the many courses that he taught, Dr. Bocage is well known for teaching the “History of Economic Analysis” to graduate-level economics students. In gratitude to Howard University, the Bocage family established this fund in honor of their patriarch, Dr. Bocage.

Department Pictures



Figure 1: ODE BETA Chapter Members,
Howard University 1968 - 2025

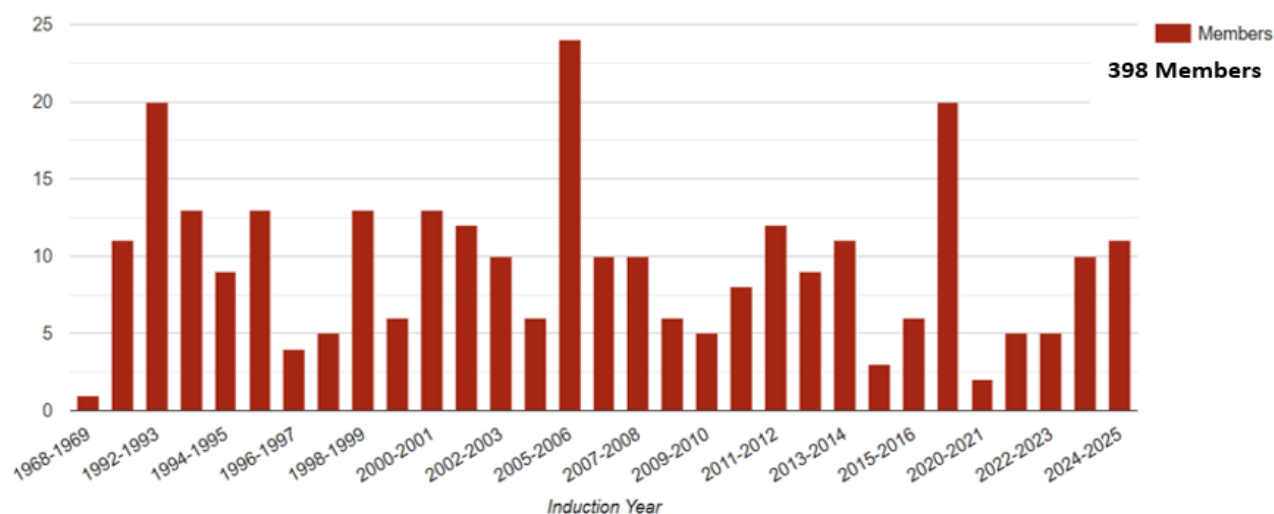
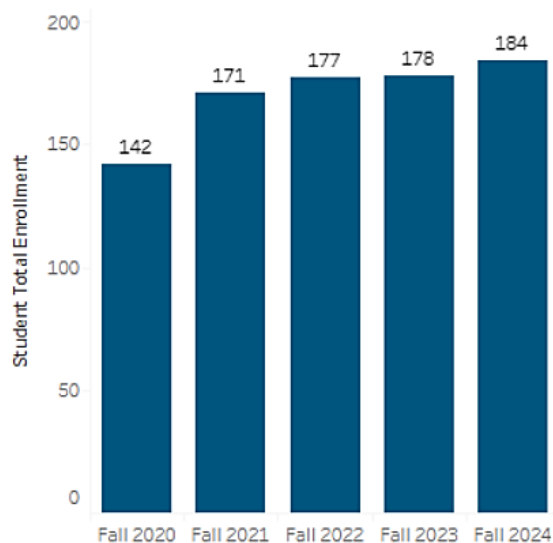
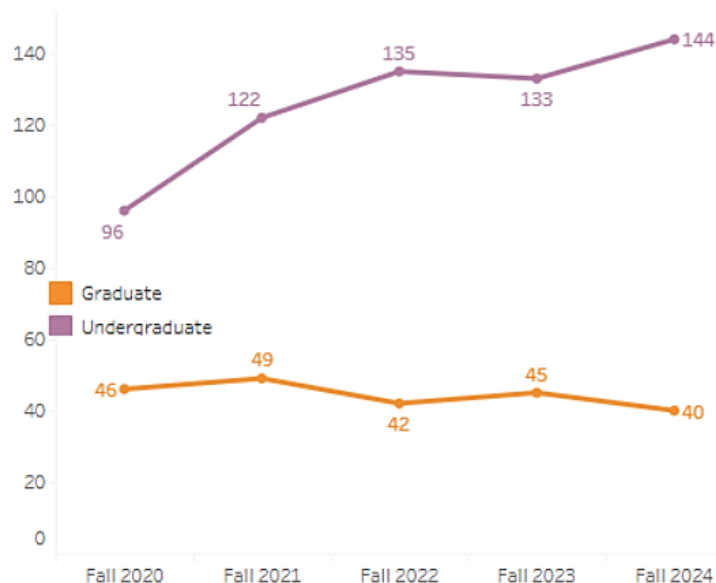


Figure 2: Enrollment, Howard University Department of Economics
Fall 2020 to Fall 2024

Total Enrollment



Enrollment by Level



	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Grand Total
Graduate	46	49	42	45	40	222
Undergraduate	96	122	135	133	144	630
Grand Total	142	171	177	178	184	852