



*Kent Hymel, doctoral alumnus, studies how, in addition to slowing workers' commutes, crowded roads stifle job growth.  
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# ECONOMICS

## INVESTIGATE

What factors influence market booms and busts? Does innovation in the uranium enrichment process for nuclear energy put us at greater risk of nuclear proliferation? In tough economic times, which is best for communities – corporations or small, locally owned businesses?

Economists in the School of Social Sciences investigate issues which impact our day to day quality of life.

## INNOVATE

Innovative research findings on airline regulation, voting procedures, freeway toll lanes, minimum wage policy and the economics of movies and happiness are regularly published in all of the top economics journals and featured prominently in local and national media.

## IMPACT

Economics is one of the largest and most popular majors on campus with more than 2,200 undergrads in business, quantitative or general economics. Graduates are consistently placed in leading corporate careers and top economics and business graduate programs.

The 60+ student doctoral program is among the university's top producers of Ph.D.s. Together with the department's 27 faculty, their research findings in areas including traffic and congestion, labor, travel, market trends, clean air and alternative energy directly impact policy on a global level and define innovative solutions to changing societal needs.

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