

## **Service statement for Florian Kuhn**

I have provided service to Department of Economics as well as to the University in various ways. President Stenger and the University administration in recent years have led the path in implementing the University's vision to become the premier public university of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. My view is that to reach these goals, all members of the university should participate by providing premier service at the department level and above.

In the department, I have been part of the graduate committee (2015/16), the undergraduate committee (2016/17) and the executive committee (2016/17), providing input on various department issues. In addition, I have served on the Harpur College Curriculum Committee. This committee reviews any changes to undergraduate courses and curricula proposed by Harpur's departments. Outside the University I have provided service to the profession by refereeing grant proposals for the European Research Council (ERC).

I have also been involved in advising graduate students. In Fall 2015 I ran the graduate student writing seminar. In the first part of the seminar I suggested general guidelines and advice on identifying research questions and on presenting research; in the second part I provided specific feedback to students in preparation of their prospectus presentations. I have also given advice to a number of students (both in and outside the field of macroeconomics) individually, either informally or as a member of their dissertation committee. This includes all students working in the field of macroeconomics, but also students in neighboring fields. This ranges from discussing the general thrust of their research, to helping to resolve specific technical problems that a student and their primary advisor were unable to solve, to preparing them for the job market by discussing strategies for the applications process, interviews, and flyouts/job talks.

Since Fall 2016 I have organized the research seminar by inviting external speakers and organizing their visits to Binghamton University. The administrative portion of this role consists in writing a proposal to the Dean's office to apply for supplementary funding, and, at the end of the academic year, in summarizing the speaker series in a report. During the semester, I act as the main contact for the speaker and plan their visit by usually scheduling meetings with members of the department. In the organization of the seminar series, consistent with the university's mission of premier scholarship and in coordination with my department colleagues, I have started to shift emphasis towards the invitation of excellent researchers who have a track record of publishing their work in the top 5 economics journals. I believe that the interaction with scholars at the top of the field can generate strong positive effects if met with the ambition necessary to meet Binghamton University's stated goals. The research seminar is attended both by economists as well as by interested faculty and graduate students from other departments.