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## To: Mary Simoni, Dean, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

- From: Professor and Department Head of Search Committee
- Re: Proposed Appointment of as Assistant Professor of , effective

Date:

## SUMMARY

The Search Committee and the Department of enthusiastically recommend the appointment of enthusiastical as Assistant Professor of Economics, effective

The Department of Tenure/Tenure-Track Faculty vote was in favor of the proposed appointment, against, and abstention.

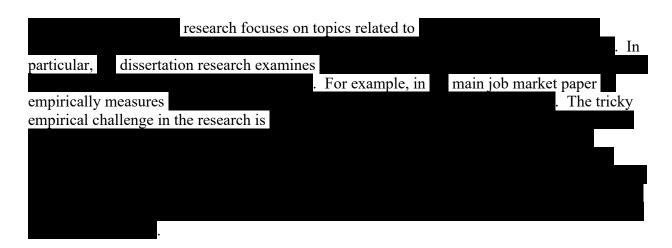
# **BACKGROUND OF THE SEARCH**

In August an advertisement was posted in the website, and on the RPI/HASS website. The committee solicited applications for assistant professors who could contribute to the Department's emerging strength in the tended of the second department. The committee received applications from around the world and from a tremendously diverse group of scholars. Were selected for interviews in the tended of these 30-minute interviews, candidates were invited for on-campus interviews and tended actually visited.

# BACKGROUND OF THE CANDIDATE



RESEARCH



In other work that is either published or in the review process, examine the .

is off to a productive start to research career. has already published one article in the highly prestigious and has a revise-and-resubmit from and has a revise-and-resubmit from has a number of working papers and papers in progress, which bodes well for a productive start to career.

## TEACHING

has extensive experience teaching across a variety of different areas within the served as a teaching assistant for the served as a teaching assistant for the served as an instructor of his own section of the served as a students evaluations from the average are all very strong, always putting the better than the average among the peers. Moreover, the student evaluation in his own the served as a student evaluation in his own the served as a student evaluation. While we do not have comparative data, in absolute terms that performance is remarkable. The served as a served as a served as a student presentation during to sit to Rensselaer was very clear and the handled challenging questions skillfully. Thus, we expect to excel in the classroom at Rensselaer.

At Rensselaer the Dep	partment exp	pects	to teach	and the

### **PROGRAMMATIC FIT**

would be an outstanding appointment for the Department of and RPI more generally. In has established a solid start to a research career, with one paper already accepted at the highly respectable and and will hit the ground running upon appointment. As a advisor , "

fits solidly with our aim to develop strength in the of innovation,
approaches the question from a
perspective, trying to explain how
. Such a question is of critical importance in understanding
. Moreover,
interest in questions more generally will enable the Department of to

become more complete contributors to IDEA and the use of interesting new data being generated at Rensselaer.