**Event Date/Time**: Thursday, April 18 at 12:00 – 12:45pm

**Registration Link**: <https://ufl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lc-6gqjojHtcUqlhUdxO5fUBLr3y5XnQd>

**Dr. Thomas Knight**, Department Chair and Instructional Professor in the Department of Economics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

**Dr. Mark Rush**, Professor, Department of Economics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

**Additional Text/Description**:

Dr. Thomas Knight serves as Department Chair and Instructional Professor in the Department of Economics. In addition to teaching undergraduate, MBA, and doctoral economics courses, he conducts research in the fields of economics of education and experimental economics. More specifically, his current research agenda examines how students and workers respond to evaluative feedback. ([CV](https://people.clas.ufl.edu/thomasknight/files/CV_Knight.pdf))

As Department Chair, Dr. Knight has overseen several developments in the department: large alumni gifts to support student scholarships; 30% growth of the Economics major to 805 students; introduction of a new Economics minor, which enrolls 400 students after five years; introduction of a new M.A. in Econometric and Data Analysis program, which has grown to 30 students per year; and the addition of a Macroeconomics specialization to the doctoral program. As Chair, he presided over the revitalization of the department’s research enterprise with 6 new tenure-track hires, a new junior faculty mentoring program, and a >50% increase in peer-reviewed publications per faculty member.

As Director of the [M.A. in Economics: Econometric and Data Analysis](https://economics.clas.ufl.edu/academics/curriculum/) program, Dr. Knight is responsible for curriculum development and planning, recruiting and admissions, career and professional development programming, and academic advising. He built and launched this accelerated, three-semester program in Spring 2019. Recent graduates have found full-time employment at Citi Bank, Deloitte, EY, the Federal Reserve, Florida Blue, FTI Consulting, KPMG, Protiviti, Spirit Airlines, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and Veeva Systems.

Dr. Knight is a Research Associate in the [Public Policy Research Center](http://economics.clas.ufl.edu/research-centers/pprc/).

[Dr. Mark Rush](https://people.clas.ufl.edu/markrush/files/RUSH-CV-April-2021.pdf), microeconomics professor has been teaching online courses at UF since 1982. His primary teaching and research fields are Monetary (Macro) Theory and Economics of Education. His numerous outstanding faculty and teaching awards include Warrington College of Business Teacher of the Year in 1988, 1997, 2001, 2006, 2010, and Economics Department Teacher of the Year in 1989.