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**Alessandra Casella Elected 2019 Economic Theory Fellow by the
Society for Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET)**

New York, NY - Alessandra Casella, Professor of Economics and Political Science, has been named an Economic Theory Fellow of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET).

Economic Theory Fellows are selected for their scientific excellence, originality, and leadership; high ethical standards; and scholarly and creative achievement. The research contribution of each fellow may exist in many areas of theoretical economics, including pure and applied research, and government service. The objective is to advance knowledge in theoretical economics and to facilitate communication among researchers in economics, mathematics, game theory, or any other field which is potentially useful to economic theory.

Professor Casella's recent work is primarily in political economy and experimental economics. She is the author of numerous journal articles and of "Storable Votes: Protecting the Minority Voice" (Oxford University Press). Casella is a fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (Cambridge), and the Center for Economic Policy Research (London) and has held academic appointments at UC Berkeley, and L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS). She earned her Ph.D. in Economics from The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

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The Department of Economics offers a general economics major, in addition to five interdisciplinary majors structured to suit the interests and professional goals of a heterogeneous student body. All of the undergraduate programs have different specific requirements but share the common structure of core theoretical courses that provide the foundation for higher-level elective courses culminating in a senior seminar. Graduate students receive training within an outstanding research environment, supported by members of faculty who are leading research in their fields.

In 2018, the Department offered 46 undergraduate courses. A total of 4,969 students were enrolled, 777 in the Department's majors. The M.A. program provides a technical and rigorous approach to the study of economics. In addition, the doctoral program receives approximately

1,000 applications each year for an incoming class of roughly 25 students. The Department has played a prominent role in the development of economic thought.