



## **CROWE names Kim Ruhl and Ananth Seshadri as new co-directors**

**MADISON, Wisconsin, November 17, 2022** – The Department of Economics has named Kim Ruhl and Ananth Seshadri as co-directors of the Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy. Ruhl has served as Associate Director of the Center since 2018. Seshadri has been an affiliated faculty member at the Center since its inception.

The Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy (CROWE) was established in 2017 within the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. CROWE's mission is to support and disseminate economic policy research from a market perspective, with a particular focus on the Wisconsin economy and state-level economic policy issues. In a short time, CROWE has become an integral part of both the campus and the broader business and policy community in the state. The work at CROWE spans three main areas: research, student engagement, and public outreach.

Kim Ruhl, a native of Wisconsin, is the Curt and Sue Culver Professor of Economics. His research focuses on policy issues broadly related to international economics. Professor Ruhl has written extensively on the issues facing firms in foreign markets and on the barriers that keep firms from exporting. He has published widely in leading academic journals and edits several top journals. Ruhl heads the CROWE data initiative, which aims to centralize state-level data resources and produce relevant state-focused analysis. He teaches international economics to undergraduate and PhD students, and the new data analytics course that he developed for master's students generated so much demand that it is now also offered at the undergraduate level as well.

Ananth Seshadri is a Professor of Economics at UW-Madison and former longstanding Chair of the Economics Department where he holds the Mary Sue and Mike Shannon Distinguished Chair. He specializes in macroeconomics and public finance. He has written on the causes and consequences of demographic change, human capital differences across individuals and countries and the adequacy of retirement saving. He has received several competitive research grants from the National Science Foundation and from the National Institute of Aging. He won the 2007 Paul A. Samuelson Award for Outstanding Scholarly Writing on Lifelong Financial Security from the TIAA-CREF Institute for his paper "Are Americans Saving 'Optimally' for Retirement". He currently teaches Intermediate Macroeconomics, a required course for economics majors.



“I am thrilled to lead CROWE with Ananth,” said Ruhl. “The Center will continue to provide research on issues that are important to Wisconsin families and businesses. Our goal is to grow the Center so that we can provide more support for evidence-based economic policy making.”

CROWE has several research initiatives planned for the near future including analyzing fundamental tax reform as well as economic opportunity in Wisconsin.

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