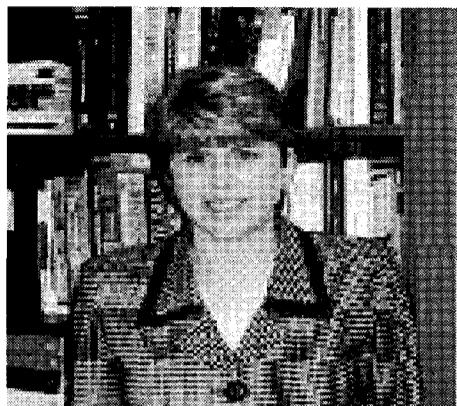


## Professor Profile: Anne York

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Professor York

Department of Business professor Anne York is also a student. That is, York says, in order to teach a course she has to do research to learn it in order to teach it. York has been a member of Meredith's faculty since 1999 where she teaches courses in Economics. York also recently received tenure. A native of Charlotte, North Carolina York is a 1988 graduate of Elon College where she majored in Business Administration and minored in Economics, Computer Science, and Mathematics. She also has a Master's degree in Economics from UNC-Charlotte and a Ph.D. in Economics from North Carolina State University.

York's fields of concentration within economics are the labor market—where she has researched why women are paid less than men—and health economics, which analyzes the tradeoff versus the cost benefit of healthcare and government involvement. York also teaches a course entitled 'Gender and the Economy' which she says is her favorite course. The class explores women's roles in society and societal expectations. York uses as an example certain careers. The field of economics is under-represented by women and the fields of engineering, math, computer science, physics and chemistry continue to be dominated by men. York also conducted a study of high school valedictorians, based on data obtained from the News and Observer, where she tracked information on college choices. York's study concluded that valedictorians were 2/3 female to 1/3 male

but females were less selective in the colleges that they chose to attend.

Economics is a social science wherein the production, distribution, trade and consumption of goods and services is studied. York says that people sometimes only think of the business side of economics—that is—the stock market, but economics affects every moment of one's life. "It is the study of choices and balance, of scarce resources and unlimited wants," York says. York also says that the study of economics makes politics make more sense and presents a better picture of the full story. "It makes you a better voter," York says.

York says that what she finds most rewarding about her job is that she is still a student. She says that she gets to do research that interest her, gains knowledge through research, and "I get paid to learn and it's fun to me," York says. That research includes a course entitled 'Global Capitalism and Ethical Values' that York will teach this fall with Dr. Stephen Benko who is an adjunct professor in the department of Religion. The honors course will explore the methods by which any given society will fulfill the need of what to produce, how to produce it, and how goods

and services will be distributed, as well as the moral and ethical issues of capitalism. Particular emphasis will be given to the impact of capitalism on women and women's rights in a globalized economy.

York says that the Business department is excited to be working with new Dean, Dr. Denise Rotondo, and that the department is working to strengthen the Accounting and Business majors for the fall.

York says that in her spare time, she usually reads newspapers (News and Observer, Wall Street Journal) and that she is an avid fan of the television show Lost. She also enjoys spending time with her four-year-old son, Logan, who is just learning how to write and read certain words. York's husband has a background in finance and she says that Logan "will be well trained in economics and finance."

York says that Meredith turns out outstanding students; she wants for Meredith students to be bold and confident in their abilities, not to limit their opportunities and not sell themselves short. "Professors as students have a love of learning that we hope we convey to students," York says.

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