CROWE WELCOMES KIM RUHL AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy (CROWE), in the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, is pleased to announce that Kim Ruhl, Associate Professor of Economics at UW-Madison, will join the center as associate director.

Professor Ruhl's research focuses on policy issues broadly related to international economics. His recent work studies the effects of corporate tax policy on the incentives for multinational companies to hold profit abroad and was cited during the debate over the 2017 tax reform. In addition to his work on multinational companies, 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 serves as an associate editor for several top journals. In addition to his position at UW, Professor Ruhl is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a special sworn employee of the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

CROWE, which was established in 2017, supports and disseminates economic policy research, with a particular focus on the Wisconsin economy and state-level economic policy issues. With his expertise in trade and economic geography, Ruhl will add to the center's ability to address wide-ranging issues at the state and local level. As associate director, Ruhl will also head the CROWE data initiative, which aims to centralize state-level data resources and produce relevant state-focused analysis.

Ruhl will be the inaugural holder of the Mary Sue and Mike Shannon Chair in Economics, which is jointly funded by generous gifts from the Shannons and the Charles Koch Foundation.

"Kim Ruhl is a terrific addition to the Department of Economics as well as to CROWE," said Department of Economics Chair Ananth Seshadri. “We are indebted to Mary Sue and Mike Shannon for funding a Chair in Economics as well as to the Charles Koch Foundation for their continued support of CROWE by funding a senior faculty position. Kim is not just a great scholar who bolsters the Department of Economics and CROWE by helping us expand and study important trade related issues – he is also a gifted educator who teaches a very popular data analytics course. He will positively impact generations of students."

Professor Ruhl is a native of Wisconsin and graduated from Madison East High School. Later he earned a B.S. in Economics from Bowling Green State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining the UW in 2018, he held faculty positions at the University of Texas-Austin, New York University’s Stern School of Business, and Penn State.