

A close-up photograph of a man's face wearing glasses, framed by a hand holding a camera lens. The man has a slight smile and is looking directly at the camera. The background is a plain, light color.

the big picture

Overviews, Portals, and Blogs

AmosWEB

<http://www.amosweb.com>

If AmosWEB is any indication, Orley M. Amos, isn't one to take himself too seriously. The Oklahoma State University economics professor has created a site that's effective, engaging, and ... fun.

Be sure to check out:

- A PEDESTrian's Guide to the Economy promises "hours of reading pleasure" while providing "answers to many of the most asked, a few of the least asked, and some of the never asked questions about the economy."
- GLOSS*arama is a searchable database of 2000 economic terms and concepts.
- QUIZ*tastic gives users an opportunity to test their knowledge in 36 topic areas.

Buck Institute for Education Problem Based Economics

<http://www.bie.org>

Eight problem-based units designed for high school students provide a "highly participatory way to teach abstract economics principles." Online resources complement the units.

CEOExpress®

<http://www.ceoexpress.com>

This site bills itself as "The Executive's Internet," but it's not just for people who ride the 8:15 into the city. There are dozens of links under the headings of Daily News & Info, Office Tools & Travel, Business Research, and Breaktime (a.k.a. "non-business research").

Be sure to check out:

Too much to list. Be sure to check it out for yourself.

College Board

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_maceco.html?macro

From the people who bring you the SAT, here's a 52-page PDF that describes the Advanced Program in micro and macroeconomics. It also includes sample exam questions.

EcEdWeb: Resources for Teachers K-12

<http://ecedweb.unomaha.edu/home.cfm>

EcEdWeb's stated mission is to be "your portal to economic education resources in all forms and at all levels," and the site delivers on its promise.

Be sure to check out:

- Regardless of what grade level you teach – in fact, even if you're not a teacher – be sure to click on the "College Teach" tab. You'll find everything from online texts to rationales for studying economics.

DismalScientist

<http://www.economy.com/dismal>

Links to the latest economic news and indicators.

Be sure to check out:

- The "Data & Tools" tab

blogging



EconSources

<http://www.EconSources.com>

Professor Gary Clayton developed EconSources as “a portal to the best economic information on the web,” and in the process he succeeded in creating a site that embodies all the “old-time” internet virtues. EconSources is informative, easy to navigate, and non-commercial. (Clayton maintains the site out of his own pocket and has steadfastly resisted the temptation to accept advertising.) EconSources may not be the glitziest site on the web, but it’s among of the most useful. Its homepage directs you to 13 main categories: economic indicators, global economic data, federal agencies, and much more. The links under each category then take you to a specific piece of information or resource. It’s a very useful site. Don’t miss it!

Freakonomics/The New York Times

<http://freakonomics.blogs.nytimes.com>

Greg Mankiw’s Blog:

Random Observations for Students of Economics

<http://www.gregmankiw.blogspot.com>

MV=PQ/The Powell Center for Economic Literacy

<http://www.valuingeconomics.blogspot.com>

Real Time Economics/The Wall Street Journal

<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics>

You won’t go wrong with any of these blogs. They are all topnotch: clear, concise, and well-written.

Be sure to check out:

- **MV=PQ** blogger Tim Schilling often highlights resources that teachers can easily adapt for classroom use. And, no, we’re not a bit biased by the fact that Tim is a former colleague and a great guy.

howstuffworks

<http://money.howstuffworks.com/money-economics-basics-channel.htm>

<http://money.howstuffworks.com/grocery-store-prices-for-14-items-in-1957.htm>

By now, most internet users are familiar with the how-stuff works format: clear answers to things you’ve often wondered about. In this case, it’s economics.

Be sure to check out:

- “Grocery Store Prices for 14 Items in 1957” would be more enlightening if the prices were adjusted for inflation, but it’s still fun.

National Bureau of Economic Research

<http://www.nber.org>

The National Bureau of Economic Research? Don’t they have the official say on when the U.S. economy is in recession? Yes, but that’s certainly not their sole function, and their web site is loaded with content for those with a serious interest in economics.

Be sure to check out:

- The archive of NBER Working Papers covers a broad range of topics. Many of the papers are available in an electronic format.

National Council on Economic Education

<http://www.ncee.net>

<http://www.econedlink.org>

The National Council on Economic Education is a nonprofit partnership of leaders in education, business, and labor that has been working since 1949 to foster economic education. Its teacher training affiliate, EconomicsAmerica, provides training and support to more than 120,000 teachers a year through a nationwide network of university-based education centers and state councils. And its web site is an essential resource for anyone interested in economic education.

Be sure to check out:

- EconEdLink is an online archive of economics and personal finance lessons, geared to grades K-12.

Reffonomics/Economics University

<http://www.reffonomics.com>

A useful resource that features an online microeconomics textbook, another on macroeconomics, and lesson plans.

Resources for Economics

<http://www.rfe.org>

Sponsored by the American Economic Association, this site delivers exactly what its title promises... but you don’t have to be an economist to find value in it.

Be sure to check out:

- Links to “Teaching Resources,” “Blogs,” and “Neat Stuff.”

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