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UCSB Expert Examines Santa Barbara's Economy

The economy is good, unemployment is down and inflation unexpectedly posted a decrease in August. What could be better?

Bill Watkins, director of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project, will offer another view of these good economic times in his talk, "Santa Barbara's Economic Outlook: Generally Good, but..." The event is scheduled from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Oct. 10 at Chase Palm Park Recreation Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd. It is part of the UCSB Economics Forum, an ongoing program for people interested in in-depth discussions on the fascinating and complex world of economics. Prior to joining UCSB in January, Watkins was an economist at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. He worked and conducted research in the Banking Analysis Section of the Monetary Affairs Division.

Watkins holds a Ph.D. in economics from UCSB. He has approximately 19 years of lending experience, mostly in Southern California banks.

The forum is sponsored by the UCSB Affiliates, Friends Linking Campus and Community, and the Office of Community Relations in association with the Department of Economics.

Tickets are \$5 for affiliates and Chancellor's Council members and \$8 for non-members. Reservations are required. Call the community relations office at 893-4388 for more information.

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