

Hello everyone, my name is Laurie Barile.

I'm an associate professor of economics

and I'm currently the director of

Postgraduate Studies to degree.

So within the economics department

I have overall responsibility for

postgraduate students and programs.

It is a great pleasure for me to

welcome you all to Warwick and to

the Economics department and a big

congratulations on getting a place

in one of our master programs.

Starting this new experience,

I hope you will find work and inspiring

learning environment where you

will be able to thrive and succeed.

This is going to be an experience

unlike any other you've ever had

in your life before,

and you might find it challenging at times,

but I just want to reassure you that

the economics department is like a

big family and we are all here to

support you in your learning journey

and to adjust to the new environment.

I'm looking forward to meeting

you all virtually in September,

and in the meantime I wish you a very

productive and rewarding year at Warwick.

Thank you.