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ROCK HILL, S.C. - The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Mass., has chosen Assistant Professor of Economics Laura Ullrich as one of America’s promising state and local tax economists to participate in its new Junior Scholar Program.

Ullrich joins six other top economists from the University of Michigan, University of Georgia, the University of Southern California, the Federal Reserve Board, Georgia State University and Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., in this Lincoln Institute program. As a Junior Scholar, she will travel to Cambridge in early May to meet with top senior economists in the field to discuss current issues, receive feedback on her research and build important mentoring relationships.

The Athens, Ga., native, who joined the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics in 2007, said she’s excited to be part of this new program that honors the work of promising economists in an expansive, highly competitive field.

“When you’re young and working very hard and people in your field recognize that you’re doing good work, that’s rewarding,” said Ullrich. “I am thrilled to have been chosen by such a prestigious institution.”

Ullrich said that she’s eager to collaborate with senior economists in her field – tax and public policy economics – and to take advantage of public speaking opportunities that may accompany the Lincoln Institute Junior Scholar designation. She credits Winthrop’s College of Business Administration for allowing her to do the two things she enjoys most: furthering her research career and teaching.

“It’s nice to work at an institution where teaching is the most important focus but where research aspirations are still supported,” said Ullrich.

A native of Athens, Ga., she came to Winthrop in 2007. She earned her undergraduate degree in economics at the University of Georgia and her M.A. and Ph.D. in economics at the University of Tennessee. Ullrich’s research interests and specialties include school finance reform, local and state level tax and expenditure analyses, welfare policy and environmental economics.

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy is a leading resource for policy makers and practitioners. The institute addresses issues involving the use, regulation and taxation of land. For more information, visit the institute’s website.