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DURHAM, N.H. - The University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business and Economics will hold a second economic and financial forum focused on the continuing crisis of the national and world economies, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008. The forum will look at the crisis from several perspectives.

The two-hour forum, "The Worsening Economic and Financial Crisis: The First Global Recession," begins at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building, Theater II. It is free and open to the public. Seating is limited so please arrive early. An online video of the forum will be available after the event at http:www.wsbe.unh.edu.

The forum builds on an Oct. 1 event focused on the domestic economic and financial crisis.

Speakers are James Wible, professor of economics; Jeffrey Sohl, professor of entrepreneurship and decision sciences, and director of the UNH Center for Venture Research; and Steve Ciccone, associate professor of finance.

Wible is an expert in macroeconomics and monetary theory. Sohl researches early stage equity financing of high growth ventures, trends in the angel market, and entrepreneurship. Ciccone's expertise is in financial management, stock return anomalies, international corporate governance, and analyst forecast issues.

The speakers will make brief presentations to provide background for understanding the crisis and possible future implications. Wible will focus on the overall economy, Ciccone will discuss the financial sector, and Sohl will direct attention to business start-ups and access to capital. Following the presentations, the speakers will take questions and discuss the specific concerns of attendees.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a New England liberal arts college and a major research university with a strong focus on undergraduate-oriented research. A land, sea and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.

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