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Dr. Dawit Senbet is a professor of economics at the University of Northern Colorado, where he is also serving as the chair of the Department of Economics, the chair of Faculty Welfare and vice chair of Faculty Senate.

Senbet was born and raised in Ethiopia, where he earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Addis Ababa University. After graduating, he was admitted to the graduate program in the Department of Economics at Western Michigan University. He graduated from WMU with a master's degree in applied economics in 2004, and a Ph.D. in monetary and macroeconomics in 2007, under the supervision of Professor Mark Wheeler. During his graduate training, he also received WMU's Departmental Outstanding Graduate Teacher award. His research interests include monetary and macroeconomics, development economics, and applied econometrics. He has authored and co-authored several articles in peer-reviewed economics journals.

Senbet has taught numerous courses, provided key leadership roles at the department, college, and university levels, and received many recognitions including the Dean's Salute to Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship and Service; Most Influential Faculty on Scholar-Athletes; First Year Scholars Outstanding Faculty; and the Award for Excellence in Advising & Service.

Senbet is very passionate about his students. He is engaged in numerous activities and workshops to enhance student learning and help the university increase retention and graduation rates. Senbet has also successfully developed a faculty-led study abroad course, accompanying his students to Ethiopia to further enrich their college experience. Senbet resides in Greeley, Colorado with his wife Hiwot, and their two dogs.