Don Gilchrist Named Head

Professor Don Gilchrist commenced duties as Head of Economics on July 1, 2009, for a period of five years. He began his teaching career at the University of Saskatchewan in 1978 and brings with him a wealth of experience gained while serving on departmental, college, and university committees. Professor Gilchrist has also served as an expert on various national, provincial, and civic task forces and panels. We look forward to his leadership in the coming years.

Student Academic Awards May 2009

The Lewis C. Gray Prize in Economics is awarded annually to an outstanding student in Economics in his/her graduating year. Established to honour Professor Lewis C. Gray, who was appointed in 1913 as Research Professor in Economics, the prize is funded from the estate of the late Professor Mabel Timlin, a distinguished economics professor in the former Department of Economics and Political Science. This year’s winner is Matthew Calver.

The Department of Economics Prize in Business Economics is awarded on the recommendation of the Department to the most outstanding student in Business Economics. This year’s winner is Klaudia Sieminska.

The Fowke Award, which encourages, recognizes, and rewards good writing, is awarded annually to the undergraduate student writing the best essay in economics as part of the requirements for an undergraduate economics course in the College of Arts & Science. This year’s winner is Krista Lee.

The Popoff Scholarship in Economics (donated by the Popoff Family in memory of J. D. Ellory Popoff, a U. of S. graduate), is awarded annually to a student entering third or fourth year of Arts & Science and majoring in Economics. This year’s winner is Addison Thiel.

Undergraduate Degrees Conferred May 2009

**Economics 3-Year**
Eduardo Dimande  
Ya Dong Ding  
Bo Gao  
Han Jie Guo  
Melissa Hart  
Zhi Qi He  
Lisa Hendrawan  
Mark Hinz  
Xin Huang  
Jordan Kaufmann  
Zhuo Wen Ling  
David Naccarato  
Kyle Olver  
Joel Wabugwe  
Ti Di Wang  
Xiaoxi Xiong  
Ze Yuan Xue  
Guang Yue

**Economics 4-Year**
Qian Yun  
Hao Zhou

**Business Economics**
Ronke Adeyemi*  
Shari Borstmayer  
Qingling Chen*

*Honours or High Honours

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Graduate Degrees Conferred May 2009

**Master of Arts**

**Beibei Fan**  
Supervisor: Professor M. Huq  
Research Project: An Analysis of Time Use Pattern by Immigration Status

**Michael Kotschorek**  
Supervisor: Professor M. Chaban  
Research Project: Migration, Specialization and the Synchronization of Canadian Provincial Business Cycles

**Kit-Ling Lam**  
Supervisor: Professor N. Sari  
Research Project: Family Physician Work Force Projections in Saskatchewan

**Liang Ma**  
Supervisor: Professor M. Huq  
Research Project: Effects of Labour Market Status on Stress Level

**Slavica Micic**  
Supervisor: Professor C. Echevarria  
Research Project: Failing Institutions: Governance, Corruption and Growth in Transition Economics (Case of Eastern Europe)

**Xuan Qin**  
Supervisor: Professor J. Bruneau  
Thesis: Trade and Exchange Rate Volatility: Differentiated Versus Homogenous Goods
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Faculty News


Andreas Pollak was awarded a $15,000 research grant under the New Faculty Graduate Student program form the College of Graduate Studies to support an M.A. thesis.

Recent Seminars

- June 17, 2009 - Andreas Pollak, University of Saskatchewan, “Increasing R&D Intensity and Economic Growth”
- June 17, 2009 - Joel Bruneau, University of Saskatchewan, “Intensity Standards and the Race to the Bottom”
- March 25, 2009 - Chau Zhou, Boston University, “The Impact of Hospital Integration on Black-White in Morality: A Case Study of Motor Vehicle Accident Death Rates”
- March 19, 2009 - Jean-Francois Wen, University of Calgary, “Do Taxes Effect Economic Growth?”
- March 18, 2009 - Jean-Francois Wen, University of Calgary, “A Structural Estimation Model of Tax Progressivity and Self-Employment”
- February 25, 2009 - Richard Gray, University of Saskatchewan, “Firm Entry and Research Spillovers”
- January 30, 2009 - Salam Abdus, Cornell University, “Simulating the Impact of a ‘Fat Tax’ on Body Weight”
- January 21, 2009 - Simo Goshev, McMaster University, “Stress as a Pathway in the SES-Health Relationship: Evidence From the Canadian Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics”
- December 15, 2008 - Courtney Ward, University of Toronto, “Flu Shots, Work Absences, and Hospitalizations: Is an Ounce of Prevention Worth a Pound of Cure?”

Teaching Awards

Alfons Boving was presented with the R.E. Olley Teaching Award by the Economics' Students Society (E.S.S.). Each year, the E.S.S. chooses a worthy recipient of this award. This year’s award was presented on March 20 at the E.S.S. graduation banquet, which was held in the Faculty Club on the U. of S. campus.

Alumni Notes

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the appointment of Wayne Wouters as the new Clerk of the Privy Council, effective July 1, 2009. Mr. Wouters joined the Canadian Public Service in 1982 and is presently Secretary of the Treasury Board. He has served with distinction in a broad range of ministries including the Privy Council Office. Mr. Wouters was Deputy Minister, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and Chairperson, Canada Employment Insurance Commission and before that Deputy Minister, Human Resources Development Canada and Deputy Minister of Labour. Other positions include Director General Department of Energy, Mines and Resources; General Director Department of Finance; and Deputy Minister Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Wouters received his B. Comm. (Economics) from the U. of S.
Economics Internship Program

In April of this year, the Economics Internship Program again completed a very successful year. The year was remarkable, for a number of reasons, such as, the expansion of the program, in terms of the number of participating students, up to a total of 20 students from just four students two years ago, and in terms of participating host organizations, a total of 12 private and public sector companies and organizations have now participated, including some for the first time, like the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan and Affinity Credit Union. Even more importantly, the scope of the program expanded, by seeing the launch of a new two term, more research oriented internship course - ECON 385 - which allows fourth year honours students and participating host organizations to better and with a greater in-depth approach, research more complex projects in economics and business. The first four research projects that were done in ECON 385 over the past year ranged from a forecasting model for global uranium pricing for the next 40 years, and the economics of the South Saskatchewan River project and Saskatchewan's Freshwater Resources, to an intercity analysis of property taxes and housing affordability in Canada, to an economic and social policy analysis of the 2009 Housing Business Plan of the City of Saskatoon.

For the upcoming year, the academic coordinator and administrator of the program, Professor Alfons Boving, and the participating students and host organizations will continue to build on last year's great success to make the program an even greater learning experience and benefit for everyone involved. For more information on participating, especially as a host organization, please contact Professor Boving at: alfons.boving@usask.ca

Lise Gormley Scholarship in Economics

Ms. Rahatjan Judge is the first recipient of the Lise Gormley Scholarship in Economics. She will be continuing her studies at the U. of S. where she has been accepted into the M.A. (Economics) program for September 2009.

On March 4, Mr. John Gormley, honoured guest, attended the reception hosted by the Department of Economics to celebrate the establishment of the Lise Gormley Scholarship in Economics. Ms. Judge and her family, along with many others, had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Gormley.

Faculty Transitions

Morris Altman has resigned as Head of Economics, and is taking a leave of absence from teaching duties. Many thanks to Professor Altman for fifteen years as Head of Economics & best wishes to him and his family as they set off for New Zealand.

Alfons Boving, Economics Internship Co-ordinator, has been re-appointed as instructor until June 30, 2011.

Joel Bruneau is our new Chair of the Graduate Program. Thank you to the former Chair, Larry St. Louis.

Sajjadur Rahman, (U. of Calgary), has been appointed as Assistant Professor (Limited Term) September 1, 2009.
Visiting Scholars

Dr. Juan Song, Yunan National University, China, March 2009-March 2010.

Dr. Yu-Bao Wang, Xi’an Jiaotong University, China, February 2009-February 2010.