

Department of Economics Newsletter

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Undergraduate and Graduate Chairs Named



Professor Mobinul Huq has been named **Chair of Undergraduate Programs**.

Professor Huq, an associate professor in the department, has been a member of the faculty since 1984, and possesses a wealth of experience in academic and administrative matters.

He has served as Graduate Chair from 2001– 2007 and Acting Head of Economics during the 2007-2008 academic year. His specialization is in Labour Economics.

Professor Huq, a winner of the College of Arts & Science Teaching Excellence Award and the R. E. Olley Teaching Award, will make a great advocate for all our undergraduate students. We look forward to working with him.



Professor Joel Bruneau has been named **Chair of Graduate Programs**.

Professor Bruneau, an assistant professor in the department, has been a member of the faculty since 1999.

He has served as Undergraduate Chair from 2005-2009 and brings with him a great deal of experience in academic and administrative matters. His specialization is in Environmental Economics, International Trade, and Natural Resources.

Professor Bruneau, a winner of the College of Arts & Science Teaching Excellence Award and the R. E. Olley Teaching Award, is dedicated to making our students experience positive. We look forward to working with him.

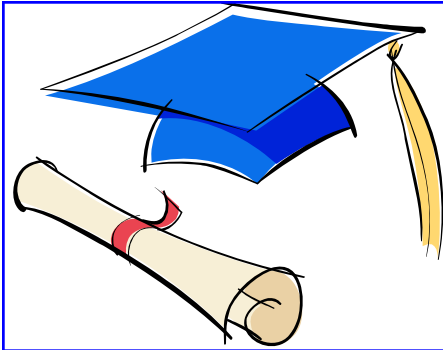


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Undergraduate Degrees Conferred October 2009



Economics **3-Year Bachelor of Arts**

Godswill Osiomaye Adeoye
Si Chen
Wenhao Dai
Shan Gao
Yang Yang
Fan Zhang
Weiyi Zhao
Yijia Zhou
Ming Zhu
Shaoliang Zhu

Economics **4-Year Bachelor of Arts**

Venkat Anup Dasari
Rahatjan Amanovna Judge*
Do Won Kim
Yang Liu *
Hilde Ntongo Nsungu
Fengpeng Teng
Joseph Joben Vilar
Wendong Wang
Long Yang
Sjoert Keegan Zuidhof

Business Economics **4-Year Bachelor of Arts**

Dylan Lee Erickson
Kaili Xu
Yang Xu
Meng Yang
Ming Yang
Joel Michael Wilde

*Honours or High Honours

McGraw Hill Book Prizes

Winners of the McGraw Hill Book Prizes for Spring & Summer Session 2009 are:

ECON 111— Yang Gao
ECON 114—Yan Gi



Visiting Scholars

Dr. Xiaobin Fan, Jinan University, August 2009—August 2010.



Graduate Degrees Conferred October 2009

Master Of Arts

Beliz ACAN

Supervisor: Professor N. Sari

Project: *Does Our Body Weight Indicate Weight of Our Wallet Too?*

Meric OSMAN

Supervisor: Professor N. Sari

Project: *When to Drink? Timing of Alcohol Consumption and Employment*

Ernest HEAPY

Supervisor: Professor M. Altman

Thesis: *Analysis of Self-Employment in Prairie Canada from 1987 – 2006*

Zhifang WU

Supervisor: Professor M. Huq

Project: *Mothers' Time Allocation*



Mitacs Internships

Good news for our M.A. graduate students and the Department. As part of the ongoing expansion of the Economics Internship Program, over the summer and into September, the program's coordinator, Professor Alfons Boving entered into negotiations with the program's network of host organizations and MITACS (which stands for Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems – a federally and provincially funded program) to identify, design, and initiate possible paid graduate internships for the Department's M.A. students.

As a result of this effort, the Department is pleased to announce the launch of such graduate internships; the first one starting in January 2010, at the latest, will be on the economics of decommissioning uranium mines in Northern Saskatchewan. This internship will be in partnership with Cameco Corporation as the host organization and MITACS, each contributing \$7,500 in internship funding for a four month paid graduate internship. M.A. student Matthew Maynes is the recipient of this first graduate internship in economics and is looking forward to the research experience and opportunity this internship will provide. Professor Joel Bruneau has agreed to undertake the academic supervision of the internship. A second potential graduate internship under this program is under consideration. The Department and everyone involved is very pleased to give our brightest graduate students the additional learning experience that such an internship will bring. Congratulations and good luck to Matthew and best wishes for an excellent internship experience.

Seminars



December 2, 2009 - Cristina Echevarria (U of S), "Ethnicity in Canada, Conflict and Inequality Measures"

November 4, 2009 - Saeed Moshiri (STM College), "[Information Technology and Changing Workplace in Canada: Firm Level Evidence](#)"

October 21, 2009 - Sajjadur Rahman, University of Saskatchewan, "[The Asymmetric Effects of Oil Price Shocks](#)"

October 2, 2009 - Haizhen Mou, University of Saskatchewan, "[The Public-Private Mix in Health Care Expenditure in OECD Countries: An Empirical Investigation](#)"

Faculty News

Joel F Bruneau and Steven Renzetti, (forthcoming 2010), "Water Use Intensities and the Composition of Production in Canada", *Journal of Water Resource Management and Planning*.

Saeed Moshiri

Abdou A., **S. Moshiri**, privatization and capital formation in developing countries, *International Review of Applied economics*, Nov. 2009.

Book:

Study Guide for Macroeconomics by Blanchard & Johnson, 4th Canadian edition, with D. Findley, 2009.

Conferences:

Energy efficiency scenarios for Iran, Technical University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany, July 2009.

Privatization and Economic Growth, A Cross Country Analysis, with A. Abdou, Atlantic Canadian Economic Association conference, University of New Brunswick, Saint John, October 2009.

Andreas Pollak The Conference on Macroeconomics: Theory and Applications – Brunel University, West London, July 1, 2009; "Increasing R&D intensity and economic growth."

Jingang Zhao presented his research at:

Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, June 26, 2009

School of Public Administration, Renmin University of China, Beijing, June 22, 2009

Faculty of Economics, Konan University, Japan, Feb. 28, 2009

Faculty of Business Administration, Yokohama National University, Japan, Feb. 20, 2009

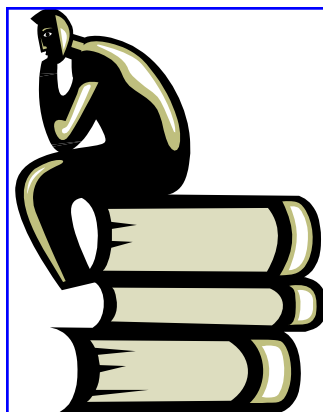
School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, Japan, Feb. 2, 2009

Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University, Japan, Jan. 29, 2009

and he published two articles:

"Estimating Merging Costs by Merger Preconditions", *Theory and Decision* 66 (2009), 373-399.

"On the Efficiency of Indirect Taxes in Differentiated Oligopolies with Asymmetric Costs" (with H. Wang), *Journal of Economics* 96 (2009), 223-239.



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ALTMAN, Morris, Ph.D., 1984 (McGill) (On Leave)
BECK, R. Glen, Ph.D., 1971 (Alberta) (Emeritus)
BISHOPP, William, Ph.D., 1976 (Colorado) (Adjunct)
BOVING, Alfons, M.A., 1992 (University of Western Ontario)(Co-ordinator of the Economics Internship Program)
BRUNEAU, Joel, Ph.D., 2000 (British Columbia) (Chair of the Graduate Program)
CHABAN, Maxym, Ph.D., 2006 (Victoria)
COGGINS, Shelley, M.A., 1985 (Queen's) (STM)
CUSHMAN, David O., Ph.D., 1980 (Vanderbilt) (Emeritus and Adjunct)
DOOLEY, Peter, Ph.D., 1964 (Cornell) (Emeritus)
DYGALO, Natalya, Ph.D., 2004 (Cornell)
ECHEVARRIA, Cristina, Ph.D., 1992 (Minnesota)
GILCHRIST, Donald, Ph.D., 1982 (Queen's) (Head)
HOWE, Eric, Ph.D., 1982 (Maryland)
HUQ, Mobinul, Ph.D., 1987 (Western Ontario) (Chair of the Undergraduate Program)
KLIMINA, Anna, Ph.D., 2004 (Manitoba) (STM)
MOSHIRI, Saaed, Ph.D., (Manitoba) (STM)
LUCAS, Robert F., Ph.D., 1975 (Brown)
POLLAK, Andreas, Ph.D., 2006 (Freiburg)
RAHMAN, Sajjadur, M.A., 2002 (McMaster University) & Ph. D. (Candidate) (Calgary)
ST. LOUIS, Larry V., Ph.D. 1972 (Oregon))
SARI, Nazmi, Ph.D., 2001 (Boston)
ZHAO, Jingang, Ph.D., 1992 (Yale)

For a complete list of publications, please see our department website: <http://artsandscience.usask.ca/economics/sts/faculty.php>

Upcoming in 2010

We are looking forward to the coming year. We will have a number of visiting speakers. Please visit our website for details.

Watch for details about the upcoming Timlin Lecture in the fall semester of 2010, and Boving Lecture (Date To Be Announced).

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