HPPA Congress 2007

The Health & Public Policy Association (HPPA) Congress 2007, which was held on May 30 and 31 at St. Thomas More College on the U. of S. campus, was coordinated by Morris Altman & Nazmi Sari. HPPA is a newly formed organization, which was established, through the efforts of Morris Altman and Nazmi Sari of the Department of Economics, to promote excellence in health and public policy research.

There were a total of eight sessions with 22 presenters from all over Canada, as well as, one presenter from the National University of Singapore. Presenters from the Department of Economics were Morris Altman, Nazmi Sari, Kit-ling Lam, and Recep Gezer. The organized panel discussed, “Public versus Private Health Insurance”. Panellists were: Anthony Culyer, University of York, UK & the Institute for Work and Health, Toronto; Gregory P. Marchildon, University of Regina; the Honourable Roy Romanow, University of Saskatchewan; Steven Lewis, Simon Fraser University & Access Consulting. The keynote speaker was Anthony Culyer, University of York, UK & the Institute for Work and Health, Toronto. His lecture was entitled, “Why Social Policy Needs Extra-Welfarism (and Extra-Welfarism Needs Welfarism)”. For a complete list of speakers and titles please refer to the following website: http://homepage.usask.ca/~sari/HPPA.htm

Student Academic Awards June 2007

The Lewis C. Gray Prize in Economics is awarded annually to an outstanding student in Economics in his/her graduating year. This award was 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. The value of the award is $500. This year’s winner is Tina Yang.

The Department of Economics Prize in Business Economics is awarded on the recommendation of the Department to the most outstanding student in Business Economics. The value of the award is $200. This year’s winners are Minh Ha and Daniel Sumner.

The Fowke Award 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. The purpose of this award is to encourage, recognize and reward good writing. Essays are judged on the bases of main idea, organization, development and writing of the essay. The value of the award is $250. This year’s winner is Eric Pedersen. Tina Yang was the runner up.

The Popoff Scholarship in Economics is awarded annually to a student in Arts & Science who is majoring in Economics and who will be entering the third or fourth year of the program. The Popoff family donates this scholarship in memory of J.D. Ellory Popoff, a graduate of the University. This year’s winner is Yujing Gu.

The McGraw-Hill Ryerson Award For Excellence in Economic Achievement in Introductory Economics. This year’s winners for ECON 111 are: P. Dust, K. Hamilton, T. Howard, N. Zheng, D. Williams, Y. Wang, S. Woods. This year’s winners for ECON 114 are: A. Best, M. Calver, C. Dyck, K. Hamilton, S. Koo, D. Ritter, M. Serhan.
Undergraduate Degrees Conferred June 2007

**Economics 3-Year Bachelor of Arts**
- Hui Ling Bai
- Ronald H.T. Chan
- Shengjie Cui
- Erin Lee Drammitzki
- Tiankuo Gao
- Qi Jia
- Katy Tszki Law
- Lina Liao
- Jing Liu
- Jincheng Song
- Liang Wang
- Junyi Weng
- Bo Yang
- Zhao Zhao
- Yanfang Zheng

**Economics 4-Year Bachelor of Science**
- Jeremy Adam Sibley*
- Shu Hei Tang
- Natasha Maria Vandenhurk*
- Tina Qi Yang*

**Economics 4-Year Bachelor of Arts**
- Ming Li
- Thomas Mark Locke
- Leila Marie Nashacappo
- Jeremy James Ring
- Derek James Rysavy*
- Chantel Joanna Slowski
- Daniel Lisle Sumner*
- Lucy Sutanto
- Itemobong Bassey Umoh*
- Thomas Desmond Curtis
- Vicars
- Isara Wanachaikat
- Hui Wang*
- Zhifang Wu*
- Lei Xu*
- Sai Xu
- Ming Liang Zhao
- Tianting Zhen
- Ning Zheng*

*Honours or High Honours

**Business Economics**
- Emily N.A. Ackwonu
- Kirk Joseph Brecht*
- Aaron Russell Carroll*
- Tai Ye Derek Chan*
- Ka Yan Claudia Cheng*
- Anastasia Christine
- Colombos*
- David Ronald Dash
- Jen-Kai Fan
- Zhao Gao
- Tyler James Gorrell
- Minh Thi Nguyet Ha*
- Nugraha Indrawan
- Shristi Joshi*
- Ka Man Leung

Graduate Degrees Conferred June 2007

**Master of Arts**
- **GODINEZ, Juan**, Supervisor: Professor C. Echevarria
  Research Project: *Comparing the Financial System Among NAFTA Countries*
- **NG’ANG’A Wanjiru**, Supervisor: Professor J. Bruneau
  Thesis: *The “New” East African Community: Effects on Trade, Welfare and Productive Activities in East Africa*
- **SARKAR, Ayanabha**, Supervisor: Professor E. Howe
  Research Project: *Aboriginal Participation in Self and Wage Employment: The Effects of Education*
- **WANG, Qin**, Supervisor: Professor M. Huq
  Research Project: *Wage Differentials*
- **WANG, Yifei**, Supervisor: Professor M. Huq
  Research Project: *Labour Supply in Saskatchewan*

**Did You Know?**

The Department of Economics is working towards establishing an endowment for bringing in visiting speakers and to establish scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. If you are interested, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Mary Jane Hanson (phone: 306-966-5197 or e-mail: mj.hanson@usask.ca)

“*You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go.*”

Dr. Seuss
Morris Altman was elected by the governing Body of St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge University, as Visiting Fellow, September 2007 to June 2008.

Morris Altman was selected as Erskine Fellow by the Department of Economics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, February 2008 to June 2008.

Morris Altman was invited to be a Visiting Professor, Department of Economics and the Stirling Centre for Economic Methodology, University of Stirling, Scotland.


Alfons Boving took over the administration and academic supervision of the Economics Career Internship Program (CIP) last year, and that, starting this fall, the Department of Economics and Alfons plans to expand the nature and scope of the Program to give our students even more opportunities to apply their theoretical knowledge to real life projects in economic/business analysis and decision making.

Maxym Chaban was awarded a President’s SSHRC grant in the amount of $4,860 in support of the project entitled “Nonlinear Mean-Reversion in Real Exchange Rates and Equity Flows”.


Beryl Li, our MA student, has received an MITACS internship at the Office of the City Assessor in Saskatoon. Beryl develops statistical models for residential property assessment. Congratulations Beryl! Prof. Chaban supervises the project.


Mobinul Huq and Natalya Dygalo, participated in an expert round table to discuss the labour market situation of older workers on May 23, 2007 in Montreal.


Jinga Zhao was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant in the amount of $35,000. in support of his research entitled, “The Performance and Structural Stability of Multiproduct Oligopolies”.

The R.E. Olley Teaching Award was presented by the Economics’ Students Society (E.S.S.) to Maxym Chaban. Each year the Economics Students Society (ESS) chooses a worthy recipient of this award.

Maxym Chaban was nominated for a U.S.S.U. Teaching Excellence Award by the students in his ECON 356 class.

Eric Howe was awarded the College of Arts & Science Teaching Award for Social Sciences.
Altman Presents Commemorative Plaque

Morris Altman, Past President of the Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics, presented recent Nobel Prize Laurette in Economics, Dr. Edmund Phelps of Columbia University, with a plaque commemorating his Herbert Simon Memorial Lecture presented at New York University in May 2007. Morris Altman established the Simon Lecture with the support and collaboration of Herb Simon’s family. Herbert Simon was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics for his pioneering research in Behavioral Economics.