On March 31, the Department of Economics welcomed Professor Dani Rodrik, Rafiq Hariri Professor of International Political Economy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, who presented the Inaugural Johanna M. Boving Lecture in Economic Development, "The Globalization Paradox".

A capacity crowd gathered at the Georgia Goodspeed Theatre, Edwards School of Business, to hear Professor Rodrik. Following this interesting and informative lecture, Professor Rodrik answered the many questions posed by members of the audience. The group adjourned to attend a reception at the Faculty Club.

The Inaugural J. M. Boving Lecture, 2011 was sponsored by the J.M. Boving Lecture Fund, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan. This lectureship has been established in honour of the late Mrs. Johanna Boving by her son Alfons Boving, a member of the Department of Economics, and her husband Franz Boving.
Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.
Henry David Thoreau
Student Academic Awards May 2011

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 Shawn Erker.

The Mabel F. Timlin 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 Ke Xu.

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 winners are Shawn Erker & Ariel Solose-Keser.

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 Ben Milner.


Lise Gormley Scholarship in Economics

The Department of Economics is pleased to announce that Christopher Plishka is the 2010-2011 recipient of the Lise Gormley Scholarship in Economics.

This scholarship is donated by John Gormley and family in memory of Lise Gormley, a former faculty member in the Department of Economics.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela
Some Recent Research

Maxym Chaban

Anna Klimina
“Constructing a Democratic Market in Authoritarian Transition: the Significance of Institutionalist Economics for Property Reform”, Paper at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Institutionalist Thought/Western Social Science Association Salt Lake City, Utah, April 15
“Institutionalist concept of ownership and its significance for property reform in Russia”, Paper at the Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities & Social Sciences, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, June 1
“Institutionalist alternative to the growth of a neoliberal state in authoritarian transition: the case of Russia”, Paper at the 45th Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, June 5

Saeed Moshiri

Andreas Pollak
"Optimal Unemployment Insurance and the Business Cycle", paper, June 4 at the CEA meeting in Ottawa

Sajjadur Rahman
Teaching Awards

*Saeed Moshiri* 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 24 at the E.S.S. graduation banquet.

Recent Seminars

March 4, *Simon Woodcock*, Simon Fraser University, "Does Open Enrollment Increase Sorting Across Schools?"

March 11, *Soham Baksi*, University of Winnipeg, "Environmental Regulation in the Presence of an Informal Sector"


March 31, *Dani Rodrik*, Harvard University, "Structural Change and Economic Growth"

Visiting Scholar

Members of the Department

ALTMAN, Morris, Ph.D., (McGill) (On Leave)
BECK, R. Glen, Ph.D., (Alberta) (Emeritus)
BISHOPP, William, Ph.D., (Colorado) (Adjunct)
BOVING, Alfons, J.D., (U. of S.), M.A. (Western Ontario)
(B-coordinator of the Economics Internship Program)
BRUNEAU, Joel, Ph.D., (British Columbia)
(Chair of the Graduate Program)
CHABAN, Maxym, Ph.D., (Victoria)
COGGINS, Shelley, M.A., (Queen’s) (STM)
CUSHMAN, David, Ph.D., (Vanderbilt) (Emeritus and Adjunct)
DOELL, Wendy, M.A. (U of S), M.B.A. (U. of S)
DOOLEY, Peter, Ph.D., (Cornell) (Emeritus)
DYGALO, Natalya, Ph.D., (Cornell)
ECHEVARRIA, Cristina, Ph.D., (Minnesota)
GILCHRIST, Donald, Ph.D., (Queen’s) (Department Head)
HOWE, Eric, Ph.D., (Maryland)
HUQ, Mobinul, Ph.D., (Queen’s) (Department Head)
(H-coordinator of the Undergraduate Program)
KLIMINA, Anna, Ph.D., (Manitoba) (STM)
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MOSHIRI, Saaed, Ph.D., (Manitoba) (STM)
POLLAK, Andreas, Ph.D., (Freiburg)
RAHMAN, Sajjadur, Ph.D., (Calgary)
ST. LOUIS, Larry, Ph.D., (Oregon)
SARI, Nazmi, Ph.D., (Boston)
ZHANG, Jingang, Ph.D., (Yale)

Staff Notes

Mary Jane Hanson was awarded the College of Arts & Science, Dean’s Distinguished Staff Award (Spring Convocation 2011). She has been with the College of Arts & Science since 2001 and the Department of Economics since 2003. Congratulations, Mary Jane!

Student Notes

Congratulations to Ke Xu, this year’s winner of the Lewis C. Gray Prize in Economics who also received the Copland Prize (for the most distinguished graduate receiving a Bachelor of Arts Four-year or Honours degree or certificate in the Social Sciences) and the Haslam Medal (for the most distinguished graduate among the recipients of the Copland Prize in the Humanities, Copland Prize in the Social Sciences, Earl of Bessborough Prize or University of Saskatchewan Film Society Prize) at May 2011 Convocation. Ke will be pursuing her M.A. at Queen’s University in September.

On March 24, we gathered at the Faculty Club with our graduating students, to celebrate their upcoming convocation. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and the opportunity to share in this celebration with the students, their parents and guests. Tim Le Clair, President of Saskatoon Regional Development Authority (SREDA) and invited speaker encouraged our graduating students to remain in Saskatchewan. He spoke of the opportunities available for them. Greg Thomarat brought greetings from the U. of S. Alumni Association. Many thanks to the Economics Students Society for sponsoring this event.