

Department of Economics Newsletter



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Department Hires Enchuan Shao



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position of Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) effective July 1, 2015. He was one of 235 applicants for the position.

Prior to joining the department, **Enchuan Shao** was a Senior Analyst in the Bank of Canada's Currency Department. His field of research is macroeconomics with primary research focus on the application of search and matching models. He has also conducted research on monetary economics and labor markets. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Iowa.

The Department of Economics is pleased to announce the appointment of **Enchuan Shao**, to the

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Undergraduate Programs

Undergraduate Degrees —June 2015

Economics

3-Year Bachelor of Arts

S. Chen, K. Liu, G. Shawile, L. Tan, J. Xie

4-Year Bachelor of Arts

J. Bouvet, S Elliott*, X. Guo, Q. Lan, C. Li, Y. Li, R. Muszkie, V. Nnoka, J. Olumide, R. Ordu, J. Ortynsky, J. Rederburg, W. Sampson, D. Twiddy, J. Wang, J. Xiao*

Business Economics

4-Year Bachelor of Arts

I. Adegbiji, J. Albers, A. Bhangoo, T. Cleghorn, D. Kemp, F. Oyedeji*, C. Power*, K. Schwartzenger, T. Smith, A. Trenten, R. Yang,

*Honours or High Honours

Student Awards—2014-2015

Lewis C. Gray Prize in Economics—Jia Qi Xiao

Mabel F. Timlin Prize in Business Economics—Fadkemi Oyedeji

Ellory Popoff Scholarship in Economics— Bhaswati Famtima

Fowke Award—Jia Qi Xiao

Peter Dooley Memorial Award—Nolan Mastel

“Just remember, you can’t climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets.” — Arnold Schwarzenegger



Graduate Programs

Graduate Degrees—June 2015

Master Of Arts

Kamil Aliyev. Supervisor: Professor S. Moshiri (M. Huq/J. Bruneau)
Research Project: Gasoline Demand and Rebound Effect in Canada

Miguel Martinez-Santillan. Supervisor: Professor S. Moshiri (M. Huq/J. Bruneau)
Research Project: The Effects of Energy Market Reform on Household Consumption and Welfare in Mexico

Greg Thomarat. Supervisor: Professor M. Huq (J. Bruneau/M. Chaban)
Research Project: Incentive Structure in the NHL Under the New CBA

Xinlei Xu. Supervisor: Professor J. Bruneau (S. Moshiri/J. Zhao)
Research Project: Re-evaluation of the Environmental Kuznets Curve in China

Graduation Reception —June 2, 2015

We gathered at the University Club (U. of S. Campus) from 7– 9 pm to honour the class of 2015 (undergraduate and graduate students). The graduation reception was hosted by the Department of Economics. Graduates invited family members and friends to celebrate with them.

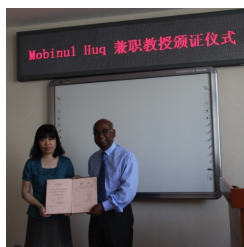
Emmanuel Ojukwu and **Nathanial Robbins** from the Economics Students Society (EcSS) proposed toasts to the parents and faculty. **Professor Bruneau** proposed a toast to the graduates.

We sampled a buffet of various hors d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by the University Club staff.

It was a truly joyous occasion. Congratulations, Graduates and Best Wishes from the Department of Economics.

“You will find the key to success under the alarm clock.” — Benjamin Franklin

Faculty News



As a part of ongoing collaboration with the Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT), **Mobinul Huq** visited the BIT in May and June 2015. During this visit he worked on extending our collaboration in the area of research, graduate and undergraduate programs. The BIT appointed Mobinul as an Adjunct Professor in Economics in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, BIT.



Don Gilchrist has been reappointed as Department Head for a three year term, July 1, 2015—June 30, 2018.

Some Recent Research

Harry Chartrand

Harry Chartrand is currently compiling Volume 1 - Copyright & Related of the *Compleat Multilateral Intellectual & Cultural Property Rights Series 1874-2015* (2nd edition). CMICPRS documents the 141 year history of intellectual & cultural property relations between Nation-States. Volumes 2 (Patents), 3 (Trademarks & Industrial Designs) & 4 (Cultural Property) are to follow by year's end. Detailed information on the first 2008 edition is available at this link: <http://www.compilerpress.ca/CMIPRS/CMICRS.htm>

Maxym Chaban

Chaban, M. and Voss, G., "Is Canada an Optimal Currency Area? An Inflation Targeting Perspective", *Canadian Journal of Economics*, forthcoming.

Cristina Echevarria

According to RePEc---Research Papers in Economics, Cristina Echevarria is in the 6th percentile of global economists (both male and female) by number of citations, in the top 9th percentile of global female economists, and in the 22nd percentile of Canadian economists (both men and women).

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Some Recent Research (continued from Page 4)

Anna Klimina

Publications

Anna Klimina (2015) The Role of Economic Class in Understanding Social Provisioning Processes in the Post-Soviet Transition: The Case of Ukraine *Journal of Economic Issues*, Vol. XLIX, No.2, pp. 541-550

Anna Klimina (2014) Review of the book ["The Oxford Handbook of the Russian Economy", edited by Michael Alexeev and Shlomo Weber, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, xiv + 849 pp] *Journal of Economic Issues*, Vol. XLVIII, No.4, pp. 1153-1155

Conference Presentations

(2015) "Assessing Alternatives to Oligarchic Control in Post-Soviet Transition through a Social Economics Lens: the tale of Russia and Ukraine" Paper at the 15th World Congress of Social Economics, St. Catharines, ON, June 24

(2015) "Use and abuse of Traditional Institutionalism in contemporary Russian nationalist economics" Paper at the Annual Meeting of the History of Economics Society, East Lansing, MI, June 28.

(2016)(2015) "On particularities of Social Provisioning Processes in the Post-Soviet Transition: The Case of Ukraine" Paper at the Annual Meeting of Association for Evolutionary Economics/ Allied Social Science Association, Boston, January 3

Nazmi Sari

Papers:

Lechner M., and N. Sari. 2015. Labor market effects of sports and exercise: Evidence from Canadian panel data. *Labor Economics* (accepted)

Fisher K., E. Harrison, B. Reeder, N. Sari and KE. Chad. 2015. Is self-reported physical activity participation associated lower health services utilization among older adults? Cross-sectional evidence from the Canadian Community Health Survey. *Journal of Aging Research*. (accepted)

Sari, N., 2015. Contingent Valuation. In: M. Altman (Eds) *Real World Decision Making: An Encyclopedia of Behavioral Economics*. Santa Barbara: Praeger Publisher

Lawal AK, T. Rotter, L. Kinsman, N. Sari, L. Harrison, C. Jeffery, M. Kutz, MF Khan, R. Flynn. 2014. Lean management in health care: definition, concepts, methodology and effects reported (systematic review protocol). *Systematic Reviews* 3: Article 103

Grants:

International Development Research Center, (Principle Investigator: Ron Siemens). "Alert Community to Prepared Hospital Care Continuum in Marrere, Mozambique". \$499,765 CND, 2015-2020



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Recent Seminars

- November 26, **Kim Lehrer**, Universite de Sherbrooke, "Charitable Dictators? Determinants of Giving to NGOs in Uganda"
- March 6, **Andrew Hill**, Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina, "The Effect of Affirmative Action Bans on STEM Freshman Enrollment and Degree Completions"
- March 11, **Cornelius Christian**, PhD Candidate, University of Oxford, "Lynchings, Labour, and Cotton in the US South"
- March 18, **Baris Kaymak**, University of Montreal, "Macroeconomic Implications of Top Income Tax Cuts: 1960-2010"
- April 8, **Kyle Herkenhoff**, University of Minnesota, "How Credit Constraints Impact Job Finding Rates, Sorting & Aggregate Output"
- May 14, **Enchuan Shao**, Bank of Canada, "Match Quality, Labor Market Protection, and Temporary Employment"

Sabbatical and Other Leaves

Mobinul Huq is on Sabbatical Leave for 2015-2016.

Visiting Scholars

Lianfen Wang, Hunan University, July 30, 2015– July 30, 2016. She will be working with Joel Bruneau. Her area of interest is environmental economics.

Faculty News

Emeriti



Dear friends and former colleagues,

I want to let you all know that I have now achieved emeritus status from a second institution. After 10 years at Westminster College (near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 8 of them as Chair of the Department of Economics and Business, I am retiring. So is Beverly. For those of you who have arrived at the U. of S. relatively recently: Bob Lucas lured me to the U. of S. from Florida in 1992 (the Sask. climate is much better, as far as I am concerned), and I then spent 13 wonderful years there, the best of my academic career. Then, after two years of leave, I officially took early retirement from the U. of S. in 2007.

Actually, our departure from Westminster was not totally our idea. The college has been having enrollment problems, and is restructuring itself, doing away with the two majors that Beverly and I were involved with, economics and Christian education. But we were made very attractive buyout offers, and suddenly moving on to new things became irresistible.

Although Westminster is a teaching-oriented college, and I was a department chair, I have managed to stay active in research. Over the last 10 years, I published 8 articles (one of which, in *Econ Journal Watch*, has been downloaded over 8000 times) and gave a number of presentations, the most recent to the Scottish Government Economist Group. I also served a three-year term as (non resident) visiting professor at Oxford Brookes University. Beverly and I have been spending much of each summer in Oxford since 2008. I maintain a top 5% ranking in citations (weighted by number of authors) and the Wu index at IDEAS.

What lies ahead? I will focus more on economics research and my oboe playing, which I resurrected about six years ago (I played professionally many years ago). Beverly plans to return to the parish ministry with the Presbyterian Church, maybe in Scotland. Sometime soon, we hope to make it back to Saskatoon for a visit.

Best wishes,

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**For a more complete list of publications, please see
our department website: [http://artsandscience.usask.ca/
economics/research/facultyresearch.php](http://artsandscience.usask.ca/economics/research/facultyresearch.php)**

**“Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor
to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.” - Francis Bacon,
English essayist “Of Studies,” 1625.**

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