

# Department of Economics Newsletter

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## Renmin University Delegation Visits the Department of Economics

On August 21 and 22, the Department of Economics was pleased to welcome three visitors from Renmin University in Beijing, China. **Dr. Xu Guangjian**, Vice Dean of the School of Public Administration, **Dr. Chen Xiushan**, Director of the Institute of Regional Economics, and **Dr. Sun Jiuwen**, faculty member of the School of Public Administration, were in Saskatoon to promote research and training collaborations in regional economics, economic geography and public policy. While they were here, they met with members of the Department of Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics, School of Public Policy, Department of Sociology, Department of Geography, and International Liaison Officer for the College of Arts & Science.

**Ms. Lin Lin Sun** and **Ms. Jiming Gu**, graduate students from the Department of Economics, served as translators. **Dr. Jingang Zhao** served as host.



L. to R: Mobinul Huq (Acting Head, Economics), Bob Stock (International Liaison Officer, Arts & Science), Sun Jiuwen, Harley Dickinson (Associate Dean, Arts & Science), Xu Guangjian, Chen Xiushan, and Laura Zink (Research Co-ordinator, Arts & Science)



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## Economics Faculty Visit Renmin University

Professors **Mobinul Huq** (Acting Head of Economics), **Jingang Zhao**, and **Joel Bruneau** will be visiting Renmin University November 9-14. The purpose of the visit is to explore collaboration between the School of Public Administration at Renmin University and the Department of Economics (College of Arts & Science) at the University of Saskatchewan. Professor Huq will also visit the Inner Mongolia Agricultural University in Hohhot, China.



Mobinul Huq



Joel Bruneau



Jinga Zhao





## Faculty News

**Morris Altman** was invited to meet with HRH, The Prince of Edinburgh (Prince Philip) as part of Altman's election as a Visiting Fellow at St. Edmund's College, Cambridge University. Prince Philip is Chancellor of Cambridge University.

**Morris Altman** was selected as an Erskine Fellow by the Department of Economics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, for the period January—June 2008. Altman will be doing research and speaking on issues of economic growth and economic history.

Michael Katz, **Joel F. Bruneau**, and Andrew Schmitz (2007), "Identifying and Applying a Comparative Advantage Framework in Canadian Supply-Managed Agriculture", *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*. (Accepted for Publication).

**Joel F. Bruneau**, (2007), "Economic Development, Industrial Composition, and Pollution Intensity", Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics (CREE) Research Group Conference.

**Eric Howe** was mentioned in MacGregor, Roy: "Canadians: A Portrait of a Country and Its People." Toronto: Viking, 2007.

**Mobinul Huq** presented "Accounting for the Gender Gap and Convergence in Household Work: Evidence from Canadian Time Use Surveys", at the International Association of Time Use Researchers 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., October 17-19, 2007.

**Nazmi Sari**, "Physical Inactivity and its Impact on Healthcare Utilization", Canadian Public Health Association, Ottawa, Canada, September 2007.

**Nazmi Sari**, "Economic Contributions of Physical Activity Programs to the Publicly Funded Healthcare System", International Health Economics Association, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2007 (poster presentation).

**Nazmi Sari**, "Physician Work Force Projection in Saskatchewan", 3rd International Conference in Business Management and Economics, Izmir, Turkey, June 2007.

## Timlin Lecture 2008



The Department of Economics will be hosting the Timlin Lecture for the 2007-2008 academic year.

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Michael Devereux** from the University of British Columbia will be our guest lecturer. His topic will be,

"The Great Appreciation of the Canadian Dollar, 2002-2008".

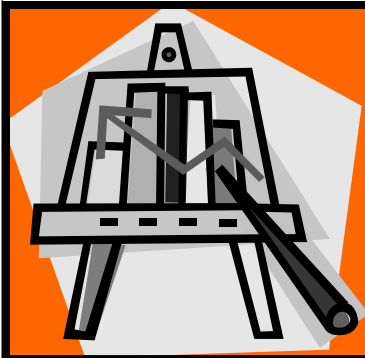
The Timlin Lecture will be held in Convocation Hall on February 13, 2008 at 7:30 pm. Reception to follow at the U. of S. Faculty Club.

Please mark this important event on your calendar.

## 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](mailto:mj.hanson@usask.ca))

## Department of Economics Seminar Series 2007-08



**September 28, 2007**

**Graham Voss**, University of Victoria  
 “Monetary Policy and the Exchange Rate: Evidence from a Two Country Model”  
 Timlin Room, 3:30-5:00

**October 5, 2007**

**Tymofiy Mylovanov**, University of Bonn  
 “Diverging Opinions”  
 Timlin Room, 3:30-5:00

**October 10, 2007**

**Constance Smith**, University of Alberta  
 “Investment and the Exchange Rate: Short Run and Long Run Aggregate and Sector-Level Estimates”  
 AGIE80, 2:30-4:00  
 (This seminar was jointly sponsored in part by the President’s Employment Equity Enhancement Fund and the Role Model Speaker Fund of the College of Arts & Science.)

**October 24, 2007**

**Andrew Leach**, University of Alberta  
 “Strategic Resource Extraction, Learning-by-Doing, and the Incidence of Environmental Taxes”  
 Timlin Room, 3:30-5:00

**November 7, 2007**

**Joel Bruneau**, University of Saskatchewan  
 “Canada’s GHG Emissions: Trends and Implications”  
 Timlin Room, 3:30-5:00

**November 21, 2007**

**Ryan Compton**, University of Manitoba  
 “Macroeconomic Fundamentals and Stock Return Predictability”  
 Timlin Room, 3:30-5:00

**February 6, 2008**

**Murray Fulton**, University of Saskatchewan  
 “Strategic Licensing of Product Innovations”  
 Timlin Room, 3:30-5:00

**February 13, 2008**

**Michael Devereux**, University of British Columbia  
 Timlin Room, 3:00-4:30  
 Timlin Lecture: “The Great Appreciation of the Canadian Dollar, 2002-2008”  
 Convocation Hall, 7:30

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## Visiting Scholars



On October 22, 2007, we welcomed **Mr. Xiaoping Zhao**, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Economics, Renmin University of China. He will be with us for one year.

## Undergraduate Degrees Conferred October 2007

### ECONOMICS 3-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ramakrishna Raju Alluri  
Mankit Chao  
Po-Jen Chiang  
Ejiro Michael Eruero  
Ronald Dale Franklin  
Bing Han  
Ran Li  
Jianbo Liu  
Jing Liu  
Jarred James McCormick  
James Paul Arthur Rosten  
Rokhan Sarwar  
Ajmal Sharafuddin  
Guanzhong Tan  
Chen Wang  
Shun Wei  
Wei Wu  
Gang Yang  
Wenjie Yu  
Yun Long Zeng

Wei Zuo

### ECONOMICS 4-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hanchao Huang  
Xinchun Jiang  
Di Liu  
Patrycja Ewelina  
Romanowska\*  
Yong Yang  
Jiaqi Ying

### BUSINESS ECONOMICS 4-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS

Komal Umesh Keni\*  
Xiaobo Pei\*  
Yan Shan Sun  
Christina Nga Wing Wong

\*Honours or High Honours

## Our Faculty

**ALTMAN, Morris**, Ph.D., 1984 (McGill) (Head)  
**BECK, R. Glen**, Ph.D., 1971 (Alberta) (Emeritus)  
**BISHOPP, William**, Ph.D., 1976 (Colorado) (Adjunct)  
**BRUNEAU, Joel**, Ph.D., 2000 (British Columbia)  
(Chair of the Undergraduate Program)  
**CHABAN, Maxym**, Ph.D., 2006 (Victoria)  
**CUSHMAN, David O.**, Ph.D., 1980 (Vanderbilt)  
(Emeritus & Adjunct)  
**COGGINS, Shelley**, M.A., 1985 (Queen's) (STM)  
**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)  
**HOWE, Eric**, Ph.D., 1982 (Maryland)  
**HUQ, Mobinul**, Ph.D., 1987 (Western Ontario)  
**KLIMINA, Anna**, Ph.D., 2004 (Manitoba) (STM)  
**LUCAS, Robert F.**, Ph.D., 1975 (Brown)  
**POLLAK, Andreas**, Ph.D., 2006 (Freiburg)  
**ST. LOUIS, Larry V.**, Ph.D. 1972 (Oregon)  
(Chair of Graduate Program)  
**SARI, Nazmi**, Ph.D., 2001 (Boston)  
**ZHAO, Jingang**, Ph.D., 1992 (Yale)

## Graduate Degrees Conferred October 2007

### MASTER OF ARTS

**Chih-Jung Chen**, Supervisor:  
Professor M. Huq  
Research Project: Returns to  
Education During Transition  
in Russia  
**Jimmy Cheung**, Supervisor:  
Professor M. Huq  
Research Project: Immigrant  
Segregation in the Canadian  
Labour Market  
**Jiming Gu**, Supervisor:  
Professor M. Chaban  
Research Project: Estimating  
China's Equilibrium Exchange  
Rate  
**Faye Moffatt**, Supervisor:  
Professor N. Sari  
Research Project: Problem

Drinking and Employment in  
Saskatchewan

**Michael Scheltgen**, Supervisor:  
Professor N. Sari  
Research Project: The Price and  
Volume of Physicians' Services in  
Canada

**Hongbin Zhang**, Supervisor:  
Professor M. Huq  
Research Project: Converging  
Gender Gap in Household  
Work in Canada (1992-2005)

**Ting Zhao**, Supervisor: Professor  
M. Huq  
Research Project: The Part-  
time and Full-time Wage  
Differential in Saskatchewan,  
2000

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