The Department of Economics would like to acknowledge that the University of Regina is situated on Treaty 4 lands with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšināpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. Today, these lands continue to be the shared Territory of many diverse peoples from near and far.

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WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

The Department of Economics welcomes Mr. Ron Styles, who joined the department as a lecturer in December 2021 on a three-year part-time term. Ron received his MA from the University of Regina, and his research interests are in Public Finance, Behavioural Economics and Public Policy, and Federal/Provincial Fiscal Relationships. Welcome aboard Ron!

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

The department would like to congratulate the following members on their achievements in 2021.

Dr. Harvey King was named an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education in May 2021.

Dr. King also held a 4-week Zoom course for the Lifelong Learning Centre at the University of Regina on "The Economics of Current Social Issues," which covered the current situation and COVID-19; economic inequality and poverty; FAANG+: the tech giants; and the long-run effects of COVID-19.

Dr. Omid Mirzaei was granted the Mitacs Accelerate Award of $30,000 for his project “Mapping Indigenous Business in the Agriculture/Agri-food Sector in Canada.”

Dr. Safoura Moeeni’s paper “The Intergenerational Effects of Economic Sanctions” was awarded the fourth prize in the Canadian Labour Economics Forum’s 2021 Best Young-Researcher Paper Award contest.

Dr. Noha Razek was awarded the Tri-Agency Cohort Program Award in Winter 2021, the President’s Publication Fund Grant and the Faculty of Arts Publication Fund grant in Spring/ Summer 2021.

Dr. Stuart Wilson was elected and appointed Head of the Department of Justice Studies at the University of Regina from June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Dr. Wilson was also granted the Arts Dean’s Research Award of $5,000 for his project “The Economics of Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries and Workers Compensation.”
FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (2021)


**POLICY BRIEFS/ REPORTS/ BOOK CHAPTERS (2021)**


**OPINION EDITORIALS (2021)**


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**UR ECON IN MEDIA**

Dr. Brett Dolter had several media appearances this past year, notably on CBC’s *What on Earth* radio program, where he spoke about the value of building new, continental-scale, electricity transmission grids to encourage sustainability and ensure resilience against extreme weather. He also made several other media appearances (see below) in the past year. Visit the hyperlinks for more details.

- U of R professor examines ways to use carbon tax money *CBC Morning Edition*. April 12, 2021.
- Saskatchewan’s proposed EV fee slammed as ‘regressive’ *LeaderPost*. April 7, 2021.
- Climate change could cripple Canada’s power grids. Here’s what we can learn from Texas/Greening the Grid. *What on Earth – CBC podcast and web article*. March 19, 2021.
Dr. Jason Childs research covers a wide range of topics related to experimental economics, behavioural economics, market structures, and consumer behaviour and the economics of cannabis legalization. Jason has made numerous media appearances throughout the year, including GlobalTV Regina, CBC Radio, and CJME.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

**Presenter: Dr. Monika Çule**  
**Event:** Canada Grain Commission – April 14, 2021 (Invited Seminar)  
**Topic:** Wheat Quality Management in a Post Single-Desk Era: Lessons from Australia

**Presenter:** Dr. Harminder Guliani and Dr. Samuel Gamtessa  
**Event:** Canadian Economics Association – Virtual Congress June 03 – June 05, 2021  
**Topic:** Tobacco Smoking and labour productivity: Evidence from low-income countries

**Presenter:** Dr. Stuart Wilson  
**Event:** Western Economic Association International – Virtual Sessions June 27 – July 1, 2021  
**Topic:** Marginal Cost Estimates for Sentenced and Remanded Inmates in the Canadian Prairie Provinces

**Presenter:** Dr. Monika Çule and Dr. Harminder Guliani  
**Event:** International Health Economics Association – Virtual Congress July 12 – July 15, 2021  
**Topic:** Determinants of Physical Activity in Albania: Evidence from Demographic and Health Surveys

**Presenter:** Dr. Omid Mirzaei  
**Event:** 2021 Symposium on Indigenous Economies  
**Topic:** An Empirical Analysis of Food Expenditures by First Nation Households in Canada: Factors Affecting Household Food Security

**Presenter:** Dr. Noha Razek  
**Event:** Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Conference, March 2021  
**Topic:** Saudi Arabia’s International Competitiveness, Accounting for Geopolitical Risks and the Super-Contango Oil Market (with Brian McQuinn – University of Regina)  
**Event:** International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) Conference, June 2021
Topic: OPEC+'s "Reasonable Oil Price Level" Notion and the External Breakeven in Saudi Arabia, Russia and Canada: Accounting for Economic Cycles and Pipeline Politics” (with Silva, Emilson – University of Alberta, and Michieka, Nyakundi – California State University, Bakersfield)

NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Presenter: Dr. Harvey King
Event: Presentation for the Lifelong Learning Centre at the University of Regina, May 27, 2021
Topic: Bitcoin and Gamestop Explained
Event: Presentation at the Gyro Club, Richmond, B.C.
Topic: The Economic Impacts of COVID: Current and Long-Term

Presenter: Dr. Stuart Wilson

Presenter: Dr. Harminder Guliani
Topic: Cost-effectiveness of Transdiagnostic Internet-delivered Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial

MITACS GLOBALINK SUMMER 2022 STUDENTS

In Summer 2022, the Department of Economics is scheduled to host three international students, matched to successfully funded faculty research proposals by the Mitacs Globalink Research Internship program.

- **Project Title:** The Economics of Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries (PI: Stuart Wilson; CI: Harminder Guliani)
  
  Student: Sarah Mangeolle, Master of Social Science (evaluation and management of social policies), Universite Grenoble-Alpes.

- **Project Title:** Growth in pre-trial custody: an international comparison (PI: Stuart Wilson)
  
  Students: Marilia Baracat Lapenta Janzantti, Bachelor of Laws, State University of Londrina, Londrina, Parana Brazil

  Dariia Melnykova, Bachelor of International Law, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
ECONOMICS SEMINAR SERIES

In 2021, the department hosted the following seminars via Zoom.

- **January 29**: Dr. Mevlüde Akbulut Yüksel, Dalhousie University  
  **Presentation Title**: Expressway to Power: Infrastructure Projects and Political Support

- **February 16**: Dr. Dana Andersen, University of Alberta  
  **Presentation Title**: Do Environmental Regulations Kill Jobs? New Methods and Results

- **March 26**: Alexander Siebert, PhD Candidate at Tulane University (University of Regina Alumni)  
  **Presentation Title**: The Effect of Progressive Taxation on Wage Growth and Unemployment: A Test of the Union Bargaining Model

- **April 9**: Dr. Umut Oguzoglu, University of Manitoba  
  **Presentation Title**: Intergenerational Transfers of Health

- **October 21**: Dr. Chi Man Yip, Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
  **Presentation Title**: The Ins and Outs of Employment: Labour Market Adjustments to Carbon Taxes

- **October 29**: Dr. Elisabet Llorian, University of British Columbia  
  **Presentation Title**: Productivity Loss Among People with Early Multiple Sclerosis: A Canadian Study

- **November 5**: Mr. Alexander Fritsche, Regional Director at the Bank of Canada  
  **Presentation Title**: October Monetary Policy Report

The department was pleased to host four Honours students’ presentations via Zoom in 2021.

  *Faculty Supervisors: Dr. Stuart Wilson and Dr. Samuel Gamtessa*

- **Immanuella Owate**: Infrastructure and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa  
  *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Samuel Gamtessa; Second Reader: Dr. Harminder Guliani*

- **Alfred Adenuga**: The Relationship Between Population Aging and Economic Growth: An Empirical Analysis of Canada, Japan & France  
  *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Stuart Wilson; Second Reader: Dr. Noha Razek*

- **Liam Zwarych**: Does the Yearly Average Concentration of PM2.5 Motivate Canadians to Improve their Air Quality?  
  *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Brett Dolter; Second Reader: Dr. Omid Mirzaei*

Thanks to Dr. Safoura Moeeni for organizing these seminars!
SPECIAL CASE GRADUATE STUDENT

The department is pleased to share that Angèle Lucie Poirier, a special case Master student, is one of the ten finalists for the 2022 cycle of the National Policy Challenge. This competition is sponsored by the Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN), Statistics Canada, and the SAS Institute Canada and is designed to encourage student researchers to share their policy ideas using confidential microdata and develop innovative, evidence-driven policy solutions.

Angèle is working on the economic determinants of demand for illicit and legal recreational cannabis under the supervision of Dr. Jason Childs. She will be presenting her research findings for the final competition at the Government Analytics Leadership Forum on May 4, 2022 (in Ottawa).

Congratulations, Angèle, and good luck!!

Angèle has also written a piece for MjBiz Daily comparing Saskatchewan and Colorado’s Cannabis Markets two years after legalization. https://mjbizdaily.com/saskatchewan-versus-colorado-cannabis-markets-two-years-after-legalization/

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to all ECON students who received academic awards in 2021. We are so proud of your accomplishments!!

- **Economics Honours Entrance Scholarship**: Brayden Mytopher, Anna Lavrentyev, Bradley Beecher, Landon Kosteniuk
- **Schmeiser Family Honours Economics Scholarship**: Bradley Beecher
- **Economics Honours Scholarship**: Alfred Adenuga, Robin Little, Jacob Smith
- **Economic Honours Research Fellowship**: Alfred Adenuga
- **Dr. David L. Beattie Memorial Scholarship**: Anna Lavrentyev
- **Dr. Peter Woroby Memorial Scholarship in Economics**: Gregory Holowka
- **Art and Jane Hillabold Memorial Scholarship**: Jacob Smith
- **Alex Kelly Undergraduate Economics Essay Prize**: Alfred Adenuga
- **Intermediate Economics Award**: Elias Maze (ECON 301), Samuel Rayner (ECON 302)
- **Dr. Jack Boan Medal in Economics**: Elias Maze
UPDATE FROM UR ECONOMICS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

2021 was a unique year for the Economics Students Association, and 2022 is shaping up to be similarly eventful.

In the past year, the Economics Students Association continued to pursue our mission “to cultivate a sense of community for all undergraduate students studying Economics at the University of Regina.” With the restrictions on gathering sizes in place for much of 2021, we were unable to host any in-person events as we would have liked. Instead, we did what everyone did in 2021 and moved online. In place of billiard nights and get-togethers at The Owl, we had online game nights featuring party games such as “Among Us” and “Jackbox.” In place of in-person study groups, students got together on our Discord server to study, chat, listen to music, share videos, articles, or anything else. The Discord server became the focal point of the ECONSA community.

We also produced an economics-themed facemask as a fundraiser early last year, and we have plans to offer a new line of ECONSA bunnyhugs and tuques in the coming semester. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to be the first to see the latest designs when they land!

We have big plans for 2022, and not just in the sartorial department. With the return of in-person instruction, we are very excited to get back to meeting together in the real world once more. As soon as restrictions are lifted, plans are in the works for bowling nights, Beers with the Profs, etc.

We also intend to build on our success with our Discord economics community over the coming year. The historian Thomas Carlyle once called economics “the dismal science”, but we believe nothing could be further from the truth. Economics is the study of how we create prosperity, and there are few things in life more beautiful and ennobling than that. We are using our Discord to bring together a positive community of economics students, faculty and alumni united in enthusiasm for our field of study. People who love economic ideas and who want to explore them more deeply. To that end, we will soon launch an Austrian Economics Book Club, to be followed shortly by additional deep-dives into other hot topics in economics. If any of that sounds appealing to you, we’d love for you to join us at this link: https://discord.gg/cNsETFVK57

2022 is going to be a momentous year in economics, and we in the ECONSA look forward to experiencing it with all of you.

Alex Norleen,
President, Economic Student Association
Marina Sandragaylo
Vice President of Media

Spencer Boyle
Executive Vice President

Ridhi Chugh and Gregory Ly
Members-at-Large