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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, Anihšînāpêk, 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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CELEBRATING RETIREMENT



The Department of Economics would like to congratulate its long-standing member Dr. Harvey King on his retirement. During his 35 years at the University, Dr. King has contributed substantially to the Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts, the Centre for Continuing Education and the University of Regina through his interwoven teaching, scholarship, administration and public service. He has for 13 years directed the Centre for Continuing Education and has worked tirelessly to ensure its success. In 2021, Dr. King was named an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education.

Thank you, Dr. King, for all your contributions. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement!



Dr. King 's retirement reception was held on June 27, 2022

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Omid Mirzaei received the SSHRC Insight Development Grant for his project "Investigating First Nations Education Funding Gaps in Saskatchewan" in June 2022. (Funding amount: \$41,107)

Congratulations, Omid!



FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (2022)

1. **Monika Çule**, Gray, R., & **Viktoriya Galushko**, Wheat Quality Management in a Post Single-Desk Era: What Canada Could Learn from the Australian Case? *Australasian Agribusiness Review*, Volume 30, Paper 3, 66-96. ISSN: 1883-5675. <https://blog.une.edu.au/australasian-agribusiness-review/2022/04/05/wqm-in-a-post-single-desk-era/>
2. **Monika Çule & Harminder Guliani**. Are there gender based differences in participation and time spent in physical activity in Albania? Evidence from 2017-18 demographic and health survey. *Archives of Public Health*. DOI: 10.1186/s13690-022-00930-2.
3. **Brett Dolter** G. Kent Fellows, & Nicholas Rivers. The Cost Effectiveness of New Reservoir Hydroelectricity: British Columbia's Site C Project. *Energy Policy*. DOI: [10.1016/j.enpol.2022.113161](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2022.113161).
4. **Samuel Gamtessa**. (2022). Capacity utilization, factor substitution, and productivity growth in Canadian food processing sector. in *Agriculture and Food economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40100-022-00229-4>
5. **Viktoriya Galushko & Samuel Gamtessa**. Impact of climate change on productivity and technical efficiency in Canadian crop production. *Sustainability*, 14(7), 4241. <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/14/7/4241>
6. Ruddell, R., O'Connor, C., & **Stuart Wilson**. Oil and Disorder: Youth Crime in North Dakota Boom Communities. Forthcoming at *Criminal Justice Review*; DOI 10.1177/07340168221121310.
7. **Harminder Guliani**, J. Witt, V. Peynenburg, A. Wilhelms, M. Nugent, B.F. Dear, N. Titov, & H.D. Hadjistavropoulos. Cost-effectiveness of varying degrees and models of therapist-assisted transdiagnostic internet-delivered cognitive behaviour therapy: Evidence from a randomized controlled trial. *Internet Interventions*. DOI: 10.1016/j.invent.2022.100567.

POLICY BRIEFS/ REPORTS/ BOOK CHAPTERS (2022)

1. **Jason Childs and George Hartner**. Displacing the Illicit Cannabis Market: Challenges and Trade-Offs. In Andrew D. Hathaway and Clayton James Smith McCann (Ed.). *The High North: Cannabis in Canada* (pp. 73-96). UBC Press.
2. **Noha Razek**. Egypt's Natural Gas Sector at the Crossroads of COVID-19 and Energy Transition: Opportunities and Challenges. In Ikram, K. and Nassar, H. (Ed.). *The Egyptian Economy in the Twenty-first Century - The Hard Road to Inclusive Prosperity*. Cairo, Egypt: The American University in Cairo Press.

BOOK REVIEWS (2022)

1. **Brett Dolter**. A full life exploring our full world – Herman Daly's Economics for a Full World: His Life and Ideas, Peter Victor. *Ecological Economics*. DOI: [10.1016/j.ecolecon.2022.107508](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolecon.2022.107508).

OPINION EDITORIALS (2022)

1. **Omid Mirzaei & Natcher, D.** Indigenous food sovereignty requires better and more accurate data collection. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/indigenous-food-sovereignty-requires-better-and-more-accurate-data-collection-189296>
 2. **Brett Dolter.** Moe's White Paper on Climate Costs Missing Some Numbers. *Regina Leader Post*. <https://leaderpost.com/opinion/columnists/brett-dolter-moes-white-paper-on-climate-costs-missing-some-numbers>
 3. **Noha Razek & McQuinn, B.** *Sanctions on Russia are increasing, not decreasing, its revenue, The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/sanctions-on-russia-are-increasing-not-decreasing-its-revenue-191248#comment2876550>
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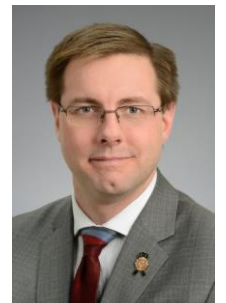
UR ECON IN MEDIA

Dr. Brett Dolter had several media appearances in 2022. He gave multiple talks on his report for the Canadian Climate Change Institute: "Electricity and Affordability in Canada's Energy Transition: Options for rate design and electricity system funding," which looks at how electricity usage and rates might change as we decarbonize our power system and electrify vehicles and heat; as well as what actions government can take to ensure electricity remains affordable.



- [Economists scorch Moe's climate cost analysis in autonomy paper](#), *Regina Leader Post*. October 13, 2022.
- [Moe's White Paper on Climate Costs Missing Some Numbers](#). *Regina Leader Post*. October 16, 2022.
- Globe & Mail Editorial Board "[Scott Moe tries to stand up to Ottawa but fails a basic math test.](#)" *Globe & Mail*. October 22, 2022.
- Report for the Canadian Climate Change Institute (with Jennifer Winter): [Electricity and Affordability in Canada's Energy Transition: Options for rate design and electricity system funding](#).

Dr. Jason Childs' has made numerous media appearances throughout the year, including GlobalTV Regina, CBC Radio, and CJME, on various topics, including cannabis, inflation, and interest rates. A few of his many media appearances are linked below.



- [Weed was a boon to Sask. cannabis consumers](#) *CBC News*. May 26, 2022.
- [Sask. economics professor says inflation problems are largely a result of government spending](#), *CTV News Saskatoon*. June 23, 2022.

- [Saskatchewan provincial sales tax expansion comes into effect this Saturday](#), *Global News*. September 28, 2022.
 - [Bank of Canada rate jumps taking toll on Sask. households](#), *Global News*. October 26, 2022.
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ECONOMICS SEMINAR SERIES

In 2022, the department hosted the following seminars both in-person and via Zoom:

- **January 21:** Angèle Poirier, MA Special Case Student, University of Regina
Presentation Title: Recreational Cannabis in Canada: A Hurdle Model
- **February 11:** Dr. Maggie Jones, University of Victoria
Presentation Title: The Determinants and Impacts of Historical Treaty-Making in Canada
- **March 4:** Dr. Tammy Schirle, Wilfrid Laurier University
Presentation Title: Added Worker Effects in Canada, 1980-2019
- **October 21:** Dr. John P. Palmer, Professor Emeritus, University of Western Ontario; Adjunct Professor, University of Regina
Presentation Title: Economic Analysis of Law
- **November 25:** Dr. Miana Plesca, University of Guelph
Presentation Title: The Productivity Benefits of Overeducation

The department was pleased to host five honours students' presentations in 2022

- **April 19:** Jacob Stephen
Presentation Title: Investigating Factors Influencing On-Reserve Housing Conditions in Saskatchewan First Nations Communities
- **April 22:** Alfred Adenuga
Presentation Title: The Relationship Between Population Aging and Economic Growth: An Empirical Analysis of Canada, Japan, and France
- **May 16:** Kale Clewis
Presentation Title: An Empirical Analysis of the Economic Consequences of Population Growth in Developing Countries
- **October 7:** Jacob Smith
Presentation Title: Analyzing the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Canadian Consumer Impulsive and Compulsive Buying Behaviours
- **October 7:** Samuel Rayner
Presentation Title: The Impact of Remittances on OOP Health and Education Expenditure in Developing Countries

Thanks to Dr. Omid Mirzaei and Dr. Safoura Moeeni for organizing these seminars!

SPECIAL CASE GRADUATE STUDENT

Our special case graduate student Ms. Angèle Poirier successfully defended and completed her thesis titled "Motivators of recreational cannabis consumption in Canada" in June 2022 under the supervision of Dr. Jason Childs. As part of her research at the Statistics Canada Remote Data Center, Angèle had the opportunity to participate in the National Policy Challenge sponsored by both Statistics Canada and SAS. She won first place in both the brief policy pitch and the full presentation of her work.

Angèle is currently employed as a research associate with the Canadian Agri-Food Policy institute.

Congratulations Angèle!! We are so proud of your accomplishments!



MITACS GLOBALINK SUMMER 2022 STUDENTS

In Spring/Summer 2022, three international students visited the University of Regina through the Mitacs Globalink Research Internship program and worked with Econ Faculty on different projects.

Ms. Sarah Mangeolle, a graduate student from Universite Grenoble-Alpes, France, worked under the supervision of Dr. Stuart Wilson and Dr. Harminster Guliani on the project "The Economics of Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries."

Ms. Marilia Baracat Lapenta Janzantti, an undergraduate student from the State University of Londrina, Brazil and Ms. Dariia Melnykova, an undergraduate student from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine- worked under the supervision of Dr. Stuart Wilson on the project "Growth in pre-trial custody: an international comparison."



From left – Sarah M., Marila J., Stuart W., Bradley B., Harminster G.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to all ECON students who received academic awards in 2022. We are so proud of your accomplishments!!

- **Economics Honours Entrance Scholarship:** Milto Mekonen, Calum Donaldson, Matthew Hilsentegner, Rachel Roemer
 - **Schmeiser Family Honours Economics Scholarship:** Calum Donaldson
 - **Economics Honours Scholarship:** Samuel Rayner, Jacob Smith, Lisa Okudi
 - **Economic Honours Research Fellowship:** Samuel Rayner, Jacob Smith
 - **Dr. David L. Beattie Memorial Scholarship:** Deborah Uwagboi
 - **Dr. Peter Woroby Memorial Scholarship in Economics:** Samuel Rayner
 - **Art and Jane Hillabold Memorial Scholarship:** Samuel Rayner
 - **Alex Kelly Undergraduate Economics Essay Prize:** Jacob Smith
 - **Intermediate Economics Award:** Bradley Beecher (ECON 301), Joshua Wilcox (ECON 302)
 - **Dr. Jack Boan Medal in Economics:** Mikayla Koronkiewicz
 - **Dr. Gary Tompkins Award for Distinguished Public Service and Academic Excellence:** Keegan Christ
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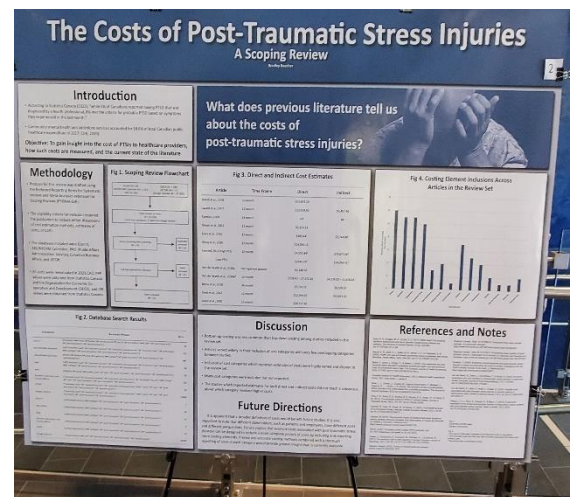
FGSR Undergraduate Research Award

Three students received the FGSR Undergraduate Research Award.

1. Bradley Beecher (Economics Honours Student)
Project Title: The economic cost of PTSD and PTSI
Supervisors: Dr. Stuart Wilson and Dr. Harminder Guliani
2. Calum Donaldson (Economics Honours Student)
Project Title: How managers & owners (of cannabis retail firms) view competition in the retail cannabis market?
Supervisor: Dr. Jason Childs
3. Milto Mekenon (Economics Honours Student)
Project Title: Regina Residents' Willingness to pay for weekly garbage collection in winter months.
Supervisors: Dr. Samuel Gamtessa and Dr. Harminder Guliani

FGSR Undergraduate Research day

Our Honours student, Bradley Beecher, participated in the FGSR undergraduate research day organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research in August 2022. He presented a poster titled “The Costs of Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries.” In this project, Bradley conducted a scoping review of the literature to understand the current cost estimates of post-traumatic stress injuries and the methods used to measure such costs. He worked under the supervision of Dr. Stuart Wilson and Dr. Harminder Guliani.



UPDATE FROM UR ECONOMICS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

2022 was yet another unprecedented year for the Economics Students Association as we navigated the transition back to in-person schooling along with everyone else. It's easy to forget now, with the campus full of people and the pandemic apparently over, but only twelve months ago, we were still doing zoom lectures.

Accordingly, our first event last year had to be an outdoor one, skating in Mosaic Stadium at the Frost Festival. When the university eventually lifted restrictions on indoor gatherings, there was so much pent-up demand that our first Drinks with the Profs event was the best attended in the history of the club.

In addition to hosting events, the ECONSA produced a new line of merch in the last year (see the picture on the right), including tuques and hoodies in various colour schemes. If you haven't gotten yours yet, get in touch with us, and you'll be covered in ECON swag in no time!



Newly Launched Econ Merch.

This semester we are launching a new ECON Social Hour every Friday at 1 PM in the Lazy Owl. Everyone is welcome to drop by, grab a drink or an appy, and hang out with other economics enthusiasts. Later in the semester, we plan to have another Drinks with the Profs event with complimentary food and drinks paid for by the Association, date TBD.

You can connect with us online at our Instagram page, [uofrecon](#), and on Discord at this link: <https://discord.gg/cNsETFVK57>.

On behalf of all the executives of the Economics Students Association, we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

Alex Norleen, President
Spencer Boyle, Executive VP
Matthew Tress, VP of Finance
Marina Sandragaylo, VP of Media
Ridhi Chugh, VP of Events