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**AWARDS/PRIX**

***Harry Johnson Prize and Robert Mundell Prize***

The Canadian Economics Association awards two annual prizes in connection with papers published in the *Canadian Journal of Economics*. The Harry Johnson Prize, worth \$5,000, is awarded in memory of our colleague and former president, Harry G. Johnson, to the best article in the previous year's volume of the CJE. The Robert Mundell Prize, worth \$3,000, named in honour of Nobel Laureate Robert Mundell, is awarded to the author of the best paper in the CJE written by a "young" author. To be considered "young" for the 2006 prize, the author(s) of a paper had to have received their PhD in 1997 or more recently.

Both prizes are selected by a committee. This year, the papers in volume 39 (2006) were reviewed by a committee consisting of Rose Anne Devlin (University of Ottawa), Allen Head (Queen's University), and Barbara Spencer (University of British Columbia). The prizes were awarded at the Canadian Economics Association meetings in June 2007.

The Harry Johnson Prize was awarded to Professors Benjamin H. Liebman of St. Joseph's University, and Kara M. Reynolds of American University, for their

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paper, “The returns from rent-seeking: campaign contributions, firm subsidies, and the Byrd Amendment,” which was published in the November issue. Professor Liebman received his PhD from the University of Oregon in 2003, while Professor Reynolds received her PhD from the University of Virginia in 2004. Their paper focuses on the “before” and “after” impact of the “Byrd Amendment,” a U.S. anti-dumping policy implemented in 2000. The unique aspect of the Byrd Amendment was the remittance of duties directly to firms who established that they were damaged by dumped imports. In their paper, Professors Liebman and Reynolds trace through the lobbying and campaign contributions by industry groups before the passage of the act, linking this political behaviour to the *ex post* damages awarded to the industry. Their paper provides convincing evidence concerning the incentives for political action, contributing in equal measure to the trade and political economy literatures.

The Robert Mundell Prize was awarded to Professor Philip Oreopoulos of the University of Toronto, for his paper, “The compelling effects of compulsory schooling: evidence from Canada,” which was published in the February issue. Professor Oreopoulos received his PhD from the University of California-Berkeley in 2002. Professor Oreopoulos’ paper exploits historical variation in compulsory schooling laws across Canadian provinces to identify the impact of additional education on future labor market outcomes. He shows that the schooling laws had a significant impact on the level of schooling obtained, and that those who stayed in school longer had generally higher incomes and better employment outcomes. His paper is an important contribution to the economics of education, especially the literature addressing the causal impact of schooling. Like the Liebman and Reynolds paper, his paper is also rich in historical and institutional detail, which itself will be a contribution for future researchers in the area.

*Dwayne Benjamin*  
*Editor, CJE/RCE*  
*University of Toronto*

### ***Vanderkamp Prize***

The Vanderkamp Prize is awarded each year for the best paper published in *Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de politiques*. The runners-up for the 2007 prize were Bryan Campbell (Concordia) and Steve Murphy (University of Toronto) for their article on “The Recent Performance of the Canadian Forecasting Industry” published in the March issue of *CPP/ADP*.

The 2007 prize winners were Stuart Landon, Melville L. McMillan and Vijay Muralidharan from University of Alberta, and Mark Parsons from the Department of Finance. Their article, “Does Health-Care Spending Crowd Out Other Provincial Government Expenditures?” published in the June, 2006, issue of the journal, challenges conventional wisdom that health care spending is “the pacman eating up

the rest of provincial budgets” (as Don Drummond put it in 2003). In fact, in a regression analysis, the impact of health expenditures on social service and education expenditures is found to be insignificantly different from zero, while the impact of health expenditure on other spending categories is positive and significant. Overall, levels of spending – for health care and other expenditure categories – are determined by provincial income, transfers, debt-payment commitments, demographics and tastes. The Vanderkamp Prize was chosen by a committee made up of the Editor and Associate Editors of *CPP/ADP* – Jim Davies, Kathy Brock, Scott Davies, Jane Friesen, and Nicolas Marceau.

### *Purvis Prize*

The Doug Purvis Prize is awarded annually to the authors of a highly significant, written contribution to Canadian economic policy published in the previous year. The award was established in 1994 in honour and memory of noted Canadian economist Doug Purvis, who took a special interest in the policy side of economics and disseminating it beyond the profession.

This year’s prize was awarded to David Green of UBC and Jon Kesselman of SFU for *Dimensions of Inequality in Canada*, published by UBC Press. This edited collection includes contributions from many of Canada’s most distinguished researchers on income inequality. As one would expect from this group of authors, the volume is one of technical excellence with sound moral underpinnings; careful quantitative analysis comparing alternative measures of inequality combined with careful philosophical analysis of “justness” of the income distribution. Its scope is broad: inequality in earnings, income, political participation, health, and consumption; the unequal outcomes experienced by adults and children, men and women, and members of different ethnic groups. Overall, it gives a comprehensive and detailed portrait of (growing) inequality in Canada.

This is the first time that the Purvis prize has been awarded for an edited volume. The prize selection committee felt this was justified because this is a particularly highly integrated volume. The winners this year have committed to donating their prize moneys to the support of graduate students in their respective programs.

This year’s Purvis Prize selection committee consisted of CEA representatives Brian Copeland (UBC, Chair), Paul Masson (University of Toronto), and Claude Montmarquette (Université de Montréal), and Canadian Association of Business Economist representatives John Hoicka and Joe Macaluso. Thank you to the committee members for their efforts, and congratulations to Professors Green and Kesselman on their award.

*Frances Woolley*  
*Carleton University*

# WHO WAS JOHN RAE?/QUI FUT JOHN RAE?

The Canadian Economics Association's highest prize, recognized research achievement by a Canadian economist, is named for John Rae (1796-1872), a pioneer in capital theory and in endogenous growth theory. Born in Scotland, Rae studied medicine in Aberdeen before coming to Canada, and was teaching school in the Hamilton District of Upper Canada (now Ontario) when he published his *New Principles of Political Economy* (Boston, 1834). He later became a district judge in the Kingdom of Hawaii, and died on Staten Island, New York. Rae (1834) analyzed how capital accumulation depends on the expected rate of return on new investment (he ranked investment opportunities by the number of years until the initial investment was repaid) and time preference (which he called "effective desire of accumulation"), with an emphasis on how technical innovation creates new investment opportunities with higher expected returns (fewer years to earn back the initial investment). According to Rae, the wealth of a nation depends on the state of knowledge, the cumulative result of past invention: "invention is the only power on earth ... that can be said to create." He saw a role for "the Legislator" to create incentives to "direct part of the energies of the community towards the furtherance of this power of invention." Irving Fisher acknowledged that "Every essential part" of his *Theory of Interest* (1930) "was at least foreshadowed by John Rae in 1834." Rae's *New Principles of Political Economy* was reprinted in the second volume of R. Warren James's *John Rae, Political Economist* (University of Toronto Press, 1965). Papers from the Aberdeen conference marking the bicentenary of Rae's birth were published in Omar Hamouda, Clive Lee, and Douglas Mair, eds., *The Economics of John Rae* (Routledge, 1998).

*Robert Dimand*  
*Brock University*

## NEW APPOINTMENTS RÉCENTES NOMINATIONS

*Name, Rank, Date of Appointment, Previous Affiliation*

### **Carleton University**

Ba Manh Chu, Assistant Professor, July 2007

Ingela Alger, July 2007, Boston College

### **Concordia University**

Artyom Shneyerov, Associate Professor, July 2007, Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia

Damba Lkhagvasuren, Assistant Professor, July 2007, PhD candidate, University of Rochester

***Appointments continued: Name, Rank, Date of Appointment, Previous Affiliation***

**Laval University**

Markus Herrmann, Université de Montréal

Arnaud Dellis, University of Hawai'i

**McGill University**

Erin Strumpf, August 2007, Harvard University

Markus Poschke, August 2007, European University Institute

Jean-Marie Dufour, formerly at Université de Montréal

**Memorial University**

Nikita Lyssenko, Assistant Professor, July 2007, PhD Carleton University

**Queen's University**

Marco Cozzi, Assistant Professor, July 2007, University College London

Hongfei Amy Sun, Assistant Professor, July 2007, University of Toronto

**Ryerson University**

Debapriya Sen, Assistant Professor, August 2007

**Simon Fraser University**

Bertille Antoine, Assistant Professor, September 2007, PhD Université de Montréal

Daniel Monte, Assistant Professor, September 2007, PhD Yale University

Lodewijk Visschers, Assistant Professor, August 2007, PhD University of Pennsylvania

**Université de Montréal**

Massimiliano Amarante, professeur agrégé, à compter du juillet 2007, Columbia

Marc Henry, professeur agrégé, à compter du juillet 2007, Columbia University.

Bariş Kaymak, professeur adjoint, à compter du juillet 2007, University of Rochester

**Université du Québec à Montréal**

Elena Panova, Assistant Professor, June 2006, Doctoral student, Toulouse

Joost De Laat, Assistant Professor, June 2006, Postdoc., Harvard

Kristian Behrens, Assistant Professor, Sept. 2007. Postdoc., CORE, Louvain

**University of Alberta**

Brad R. Humphreys, Associate Professor and holder of the Chair in the Economics of Gaming, July 2007, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Joseph T. Marchand, Assistant Professor, 1 July 2007, Syracuse University.

Jane E. Ruseski, Assistant Professor, 1 July 2007, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Beyza P. Ural, Assistant Professor, 1 July 2007, Syracuse University.

***Appointments continued: Name, Rank, Date of Appointment, Previous Affiliation***

**University of Calgary**

Subhasish Dugar, Assistant Professor, July 2007, PhD graduate, University of Arizona

**University of Guelph**

Johanna Goertz, Assistant Professor, August 2007, post-doctoral researcher at CORE  
Mei Li, Assistant Professor, July 2007, doctoral candidate at Queen's University  
Alex Maynard, Associate Professor, July 2007, Associate Professor at Wilfrid Laurier University

**University of Manitoba**

Janet Jiang, Assistant Professor, July 2007

**University of Ottawa**

Paul Makdissi, Professor, July 2007, Université de Sherbrooke  
Louis-Philippe Morin, Assistant Professor, July 2007, University of Toronto

**University of Regina**

Richard Martin, Assistant Professor, July 2007, University of Wellington  
H. Kulartne, Lecturer, July 2007, University of Saskatchewan

**University of Saskatchewan, Department of Agricultural Economics**

David Natcher, Associate Professor, July 2007

**University of Toronto**

Martin Burda, July 2007, PhD Student, University of Pittsburgh  
Sayed Hussain, July 2007, Assistant Professor, Babson College  
Peter Morrow, July 2007, PhD Student, University of Michigan  
Xianwen Shi, July 2007, PhD Student, Yale University  
Colin Stewart, July 2007, PhD Student, Yale University

**University of Victoria**

Christopher Willmore, Instructor/Lecturer, July 2007

**University of Waterloo**

Matthew Doyle, Assistant Professor, July 2007, Iowa State University  
Stéphanie Lluís, Assistant Professor, July 2007, University of Minnesota  
Alain-Désiré Nimubona, Assistant Professor, July 2007, PhD candidate at HEC - University of Montreal  
Robert Nuscheler, Assistant Professor, July 2007, Post Doc at McMaster University  
Dinghai Xu, Assistant Professor, July 2007, PhD candidate at University of Western Ontario

### **University of Western Ontario**

Musa Ayar, Post-Doctoral Researcher, September 2007

Youngki Shin, Assistant Professor, July 2007

## **VISITING APPOINTMENTS/ PROFESSEUR(E)S INVITÉ(E)S**

### **Carleton University**

Jianwei Wu, School of Economics and Management, Tongji University, China, May  
26 to November 24, 2007

### **Université de Montréal**

Étienne Billette de Villemeur, août 2007 à juin 2008, Institut d'Économie  
Industrielle, Université des Sciences Sociales, Toulouse

### **University of British Columbia**

Bernd Lucke, August 2007 to August 2008, University of Hamburg

Geogor Smith, September 2007 to August 2008, Queens University

### **University of Calgary**

Olga Uritskaya, Associate Prof. of Mathematical Economics, St. Petersburg State  
Polytechnic University, Russia, January 1 to December 31, 2007

### **University of Guelph**

John Palmer, September 2007 to April 2008, University of Western Ontario

### **University of Victoria**

Simon C. Parker, January 1 to June 30, 2008, Durham University, UK

## **DEPARTURES /DÉPARTS**

*Name, Date, New Affiliation*

### **Concordia University**

Masayuki Hirukawa, May 2007, Northern Illinois University

### **McMaster University**

David Bjerk, June 2007, Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate School

Robert Nuscheler, June 2007, Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo

### **Simon Fraser University**

Heather Antecol, April 2007, Claremont McKenna College

Rui Esteves, August 2007, University of Oxford

*Departures continued: Name, Date, New Affiliation*

**Université de Montréal**

Nour Meddahi, juin 2007, Tanaka Business School, Imperial College London

**University of Alberta**

Maxim Nikitin, June 2007

**University of Calgary**

Michael McKee, June 2007, Appalachian State University

**University of Manitoba**

Norm Cameron, June 2007, appointed Professor Emeritis

Ken Dennis, June 2007, appointed Senior Scholar

Lindsay Tedds, June 2007, University of Victoria

Jesse Vorst, August 2007, appointed Senior Scholar

Anthony Waterman, June 2007, appointed Professor Emeritus

**University of Regina**

Tomi Ovaska, Youngstown State University

**University of Waterloo**

Richard W. Bodell, September 2007, Retirement

Michael C. Howard, September 2007, Retirement

Robert W. Needham, September 2007, Retirement

David A. Wilton, September 2007, Retirement

**University of Western Ontario**

Martin Gervais, June 2007, University of Southampton

Matthew Brzozowski, June 2007, York University

**University of Windsor**

Yigit Aydede, resigned, St. Mary's University in Halifax

## **ERRATA**

The last newsletter contained incorrect departure information for UQAM. The information should have been:

Etienne Wasmer, November 2006. Resigned to take a position as Professor, Institut des études politiques, Paris



# DISTINCTIONS

| <i>Name</i>                           | <i>Award</i>   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Brock University</b>               |  |
| Diane P. Dupont                       | Awarded a Brock University Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence for 2007-2010  |
| Marilyn Cottrell                      | Winner of the Brock University Student Union Award for Teaching Excellence   |
| <b>Carleton University</b>            |  |
| Keir Armstrong                        | Finalist, Capital Educators' Awards, 2007  |
| <b>McMaster University</b>            |  |
| Ken Norrie                            | Vice-president Research, Higher Education Quality Control of Ontario (on leave of absence)   |
| <b>Queen's University</b>             |  |
| Tom Courchene                         | Honorary Degree (LLD) from University of Regina  |
| Jean-Francois Houde                   | Winner of the Social Sciences Outstanding Thesis entitled "An Empirical Investigation of Spatial Differentiation and Price Floor Regulations in Retail Markets for Gasoline" |
| Ian Keay                              | QED Research Prize for 2007  |
| <b>University of Alberta</b>          |  |
| André Plourde                         | 2007 President of the International Association for Energy Economics   |
| Loretta Fung                          | Statistics Canada Fellowship   |
| Gordon Lee                            | Kathleen W. Klawe Prize in Teaching of Large Classes   |
| <b>University of British Columbia</b> |  |
| Mauricio Drelichman                   | Explorations Prize, awarded by the Editorial Board of Explorations in Economic History   |
| K. Siwan Anderson                     | UBC Killam Research Prize (Junior category)  |
| Michael Peters                        | UBC Killam Research Prize (Senior category)  |
| <b>University of Calgary</b>          |  |
| M. Christopher Auld                   | AHFMR Health Scholarship for "Econometric Analysis of the Private and Social Causes of Body Weight".   |
| Mingshan Lu                           | Killam Resident Fellowship for Fall 2006.  |
| Michael McKee                         | Faculty of Social Sciences Research Award for 2006   |
| Kenneth McKenzie                      | Named to the Government of Alberta's Royalty Review Panel, an independent panel of experts who will review all aspects of the oil and gas royalty system.                    |
| Robert Oxoby                          | Appointed a Fellow in The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research's Social Interactions, Identity and Well-Being (SIIWB) Program  |
| Ronald Schlenker                      | Faculty of Social Sciences Teaching Award for 2006.  |
| Apostolos Serletis                    | Awarded a University Professorship.  |
| W. David Walls                        | Presented the Mallen Prize for Published Scholarly Contributions to Motion Picture Industry Studies at the   |

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2006 Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival Awards Ceremony;  
Elected Vice-President of the Canadian Association for Energy Economics

**University of Manitoba**

R.Dhruvarajan Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for Excellence in Teaching 2006-07

John Loxley Appointed life-long member of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, October, 2006

Arts Celebrating Arts, Recognition of Academic Contribution to Faculty of Arts, September, 2006.  
Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Distinguished Service Award, April, 2006

Anthony Waterman Distinguished Fellow citation from the History of Economics Society, June, 2007, recognizing lifetime achievement.

**University of Toronto**

Gilles Duranton August Losch Prize (Kiel Institute for World Economics)  
David Foot Jack Hayhurst Best Paper Award, 2006 EphMRA  
Pharmaceutical Marketing

Professor Jack Mintz Mintz Economic Policy Seminar at C.D. Howe Institute  
Philip Oreopoulos Research Scholar CIAR, Nominated for SSHRC Aurora Prize

Michael Trebilcock Mundell Medal (Attorney General Ontario)

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## SHORT-TERM VISITORS/ VISITEURS À TERME COURT

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| <i>Name</i>                           | <i>Home Institution</i>       | <i>Dates of Visit</i>            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Queen's University</b>             |                               |                                  |
| Timothy C.G. Fisher                   | University of Sydney          | September 1 to December 31, 2007 |
| Hodaka Morita                         | University of New South Wales | October 29 to November 30, 2007  |
| <b>University of British Columbia</b> |                               |                                  |
| Daekeun Park                          | Hanyang University            | July 2007                        |
| Kab-Soo Lee                           | Pusan University              | September 2007                   |
| <b>University of Toronto</b>          |                               |                                  |
| In-Koo Cho                            | University of Illinois        | September 2007                   |

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# DOCTORATES

## *Name, Date, Title of Dissertation*

### **Carleton University**

Ghada Gomaa Abd El Atty Mohamed, January 2007, The Multilateral Financial Embargo of 1986-1991 on South Africa – Dynamic Analysis

Aiming He, March 2007, Monopoly Bidding Strategy under the Ontario MPMA and System Reliability

Nikita Urevich Lyssenko, April 2007, Essays on Pollution, Scarcity and Endogenous Technological Change

Mykyta Andrijoyvah Vesselosky, May 2007, Developing the Border Effects Theory in International Trade

Ana Julia Yanes Faya, May 2006, Government, Not-For-Profit and For-Profit Sectors in Canadian International Aid

### **McMaster University**

Adrienne ten Cate, April 2007, Three Essays on Maternity and Parental Leave in Canada

### **Queen's University**

Bryan Paterson, June 2007, Economic Growth, Technological Development and the Role of Institutions

Ozden Sungur, June 2007, Testing for Limited Asset Market Participation, Consumption, and Real Exchange Rates: Evidence from Household Data

Xiaoting Wang, June 2007, Essays in Applied Microeconomics

### **Université de Montréal**

Carlos Alberto De Resende Junior, février 2007, Essais sur la détermination du niveau des prix et sur les petites économies ouvertes avec des contraintes d'endettement

### **University of British Columbia**

Francis Vitek, May 2007, Monetary Policy Analysis in a Small Open Economy: Development and Evaluation of Quantitative Tools

### **University of Calgary**

Lucia Vojtassak, June 2007, Equilibrium Concepts in Exhaustive Resource Economics

### **University of Guelph**

Burc Kayahan, April 2007, Empirical Applications of the Local Likelihood Method

Joanne (Zhihong) Liang, May 2007, Three Essays on Empirical Growth

Ling Yang, May 2007, Resampling Methods in Economics

Segun Oladunjoye, May 2007, Essays in Refining Markets and Environmental Policy

*Doctorates continued: Name, Date, Title of Dissertation*

**University of Ottawa**

Hui Liu, May 2006, Three Essays on Unit Root Tests and Cointegration: Theory and Applications

Rafat Alam, December 2006, Three Essays on Trade and Biodiversity

**Université du Québec à Montréal**

Mohamed Douch, October 2006, Essays in Open Economy and Monetary Macroeconomics

Olfa Khazri, October 2006, Essais sur l'économie et l'aménagement forestier

Flaubert Mbiekop Ouahou, October 2006, Three Essays in Trade and Development

Thi Thuy Anh Vo, July 2007, Essays on Specification Tests for Financial Models

**University of Toronto**

Millan Mulraine, May 2007, Macroeconomic Dynamics in Open Economies

Aamir Hashmi, May 2007, Essays on Market Structure, Innovation Institutions, & Technology Adoption

Silvia Martinez-Gorricho, , June 2007, Essays in the Economics of Information and Competition

Ka Ho Travis Ng, June 2007, Essays on Outsourcing and Hold-Up

Chun Liu, June 2007, Modelling Volatility in Financial Markets

Melanie O'Gorman, July 2007, Accounting for Disparity: Essays on Agricultural Development & Racial Earnings Inequality

Louis-Philippe Morin, September 2007, The Effects of the 1997 Ontario Secondary School Reform on Human Capital Accumulation Academic Performance & the Youth Labour Market

**University of Victoria**

Qian Chen, April 2007, Four Essays in Finite-sample Econometrics

**University of Western Ontario**

Claudiu Tunea, October 2007, Trade Liberalization: Implications for Institutional Design, Intra-Industry Trade and Foreign Investment

# CONFÉRENCES

**International Conference on Agricultural Policy Changes: Canada, EU and the World Trade Organization**, September 13 to 15, 2007, Victoria, BC

**Contact:** Linda Voss (repa2@uvic.ca ) or Christina Hamer(cahamer@uvic.ca)

**Web:** <http://web.uvic.ca/europe/agriculture/Home.html>

**Research on Money and Markets**, September 28 to 29, 2007, University of Toronto

**Contact:** Shouyong Shi, Shouyong@chass.utoronto.ca

**New Institutional Economics**, October 12 and 13, 2007, University of Manitoba  
Delta Marsh Field Station

**Guest Speakers:** Douglas Allen (Simon Fraser University)

Gary Libecap (University of California, Santa Barbara)

**Contact:** Ryan Compton, compton@cc.umanitoba.ca

**Retirement Policy Issues in Canada**, October 26-27, 2007, John Deutsch Institute,  
Policy Studies Building Conference Room 202, Queen's University

**Organizers:** Michael Abbott, Charles Beach, Robin Boadway, and James MacKinnon

**Contact:** Sharon Sullivan, sullivas@econ.queensu.ca

Charles Beach, beachc@econ.queensu.ca

**Web:** <http://www.jdi.econ.queensu.ca/Files/conferences.html>

**Queen's 7th Annual Public Economics Workshop**, November 2, 2007,  
Department of Economics, Dunning Hall, Queen's University

**Organizer:** Robin Boadway

**Contact:** Robin Boadway, boadwayr@econ.queensu.ca

**Web:** <http://www.econ.queensu.ca/PerlCal/>

**Canadian Macroeconomic Study Group Meeting**, November 9 and 10, 2007,  
Ottawa, Carleton University

**Contact:** Hashmat Khan, Hashmat\_Khan@carleton.ca

**Web:** [www.carleton.ca/economics/cmsg](http://www.carleton.ca/economics/cmsg)

**Looking Ahead: Self-Sufficiency or Sustainable Progress for New Brunswick**,  
November 23 & 24, 2007, Wu Conference Centre, UNBF, Fredericton, NB

**Contact:** Joe Ruggeri, ruggeri@unb.ca

**Web:** <http://www.unb.ca/econ/psc/>

# MISCELLANEOUS / DIVERS

## *John Kenneth Galbraith Prize*

At the 2007 CEA meetings the Progressive Economics Forum established a new John Kenneth Galbraith Prize in Economics. James Galbraith came to Halifax to inaugurate the Prize, which will be awarded for the first time at the 2008 CEA meetings. Jamie reviewed the legacy of his father as an economist and public intellectual, and used that as a stepping stone to assess the state of modern economics and to set out a new research paradigm. The text of the lecture is available on the PEF website at:

<http://www.progressive-economics.ca/2007/06/04/the-inaugural-john-kenneth-galbraith-lecture/>

## *Expert Panel on Labour Market Conditions Affecting Older Workers*

Craig Riddell of UBC, together with retired Senator Erminie Cohen, Bill MacKinnon of KPMG Canada and Diane Bellemare, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, Conseil du patronat du Québec have been appointed to an expert panel to study labour market conditions affecting older workers. The Panel will look at potential measures to help older workers, including improved training and enhanced income support, such as early retirement benefits.

The panel will consult extensively with provincial and territorial governments, as well as with employers, labour representatives, academics and other stakeholders and advise the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development on their findings. More information on the panel's work is available on their website, <http://www.ow-ta-sec.org/en/index.shtml>.

# CWEN/RFÉ REPORT

The Canadian Women Economists Network/ Réseau de femmes économistes (CWEN/RFÉ) is committed to promoting women economists and their ideas. We are looking forward to another productive year and have a number of new projects that will be implemented in 2007/2008. We urge all those interested to join the email network and check our website (<http://www.yorku.ca/cwen/>) for updates.

## *NEW FOR 2007/2008*

**COFFEE AT THE CEEEs:** CWEN/RFÉ will host a coffee break for women economists on the job market at the CEEe meetings this fall in Toronto. This informal networking event will provide candidates with a chance to meet other women economists in Canada and trade notes about the job market process. Christine Neill is organizing this event. More information will be posted on the website and sent through the email network as it becomes available.

**CWEN YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD:** In 2008, CWEN/RFÉ will establish a research award for young female economists in Canada. This will be a monetary award, presented at our annual luncheon at the CEA conference. Please watch for further information coming this winter.

**CEA VANCOUVER 2008:** Never too early to plan. Watch for the call for papers for the CWEN sessions in Vancouver, 2008. If you have suggestions for session topics and/or our invited luncheon speaker, please contact Teresa Cyrus.

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

Once again, CWEN/RFÉ will not be collecting annual dues from members. Our current executive is as follows.

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| President:           | Teresa Cyrus ( Dalhousie)   |
| Past-President:      | Lori Curtis (Waterloo)  |
| Vice President:      | Janice Compton (Manitoba)   |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Marina Adshade (Dalhousie)  |
| IAFFE Link:          | Frances Woolley (Carleton)  |
| Members at Large:    | Claire de Oliveira (McMaster)<br>Christine Neill (Wilfrid Laurier)<br>Yanling Wang (Carleton) |
| CEA-CWEN Liaison:    | Cristina Echevarria (Saskatchewan)  |
| WebPage Editor :     | Brenda Spotton Visano (York)  |

Feel free to contact any member of the executive for more information, questions or suggestions pertaining to the network.

**EMAIL NETWORK:** Sign up for the CWEN/RFÉ email network and keep in touch with women economists across Canada. To subscribe, send the following command in the text of the email to [majordomo@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:majordomo@interchange.ubc.ca): subscribe cwen-mail your e-mail address (where 'your e-mail address' is the email address that you want to add.) Emails to the network should be addressed to [cwen-mail@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:cwen-mail@interchange.ubc.ca)

### **CWEN/RFÉ AT THE 2007CEA CONFERENCE**

CWEN/RFÉ sponsored three successful events at the CEA meetings in Halifax this year. The first session included paper presentations focused on gender and work issues outside Canada. We thank all participants in the session for their interesting contributions.

### **Women, Know Your Place! A Girl's Guide to Being an Economist**

CWEN/RFÉ hosted a standing-room only panel discussion on the role of women in economics. The panellists were Mary McKinnon (McGill), Claire de Oliveira (McMaster), Shannon Seitz (Boston College), Carolyn Wilkins (Bank of Canada) and Lilani Kumaranayake (Dalhousie University). The session was organised and chaired by Marina Adshade (Dalhousie University).

Overall, panellists felt that their gender had played only a small role, if any, in their careers to date. They felt that on average their colleagues dealt with them principally on a professional level, and judged them as they would any similar male. Speakers consistently noted that there appears to have been a great deal of improvement in working conditions and in the role of women in the workforce generally, and in economics in particular, over the past several decades, thanks in large part to a great deal of effort by women in the past.

There may, however, remain some particular issues of continuing concern. These issues include:

- Managing family responsibilities along with a career
- Certain job market practices, especially the tendency to suggest going to a bar or pub after the formal part of the interview
- An overburden of administrative responsibilities due to committee quotas
- Particular institutional arrangements such as tenure and maternity leave policies
- A perception among some students that economics is not friendly to women, partly because of the relative scarcity of female professors
- A tendency to evaluate the ability of academic economists by the ranking of their job outcomes. Women may be more hurt by this perception since women are more likely to move to accommodate their husband's job.

Participants suggested several strategies to network better, including using email to make contacts and initiate conversations, and volunteering to referee papers (and doing it well!) or to discuss papers at conferences. Many participants felt that there was simply no substitute for being seen to be involved in the academic community. The importance of role models and mentors was also discussed as an important factor in career development.

Several of the above points are not necessarily gender specific. Mary McKinnon also made some very useful comments about the role of a senior administrator, which could apply to men or women, and which are useful to pass on. Taking on too many administrative responsibilities early in one's career was likely not a good move. In senior administrative positions, there is very little room for doing research. When you do say yes, some tips to managing are:

- Consult as much as possible
- Try to find ways to use incentives
- Never write a nasty letter or email without sleeping on it
- Thank the people helping you, especially administrative staff

On the whole the room felt that women in economics were currently in a position that is very much improved on the past. There are certainly not equal numbers of women in economics at the moment, but this is not necessarily the goal. If we can ensure that men and women have the same opportunities, that neither men nor



women are impeded in their career by unnecessary constraints, and that the contributions and opinions of men and women are equally valued, then we will have achieved a very great deal.

**Invited Speaker: Prof. Susan Collins**

Following the panel, we were fortunate to hear Prof. Susan Collins discuss her recent research as our annual luncheon invited speaker. Prof. Collins is a professor of economics at Georgetown University and a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution. She is one of the foremost international economists in the U.S., specializing in exchange rate regimes in developed and developing economies, determinants of economic growth and increasing economic integration. Prior to discussing her paper, Prof. Collins spoke about the role of qualitative research in macro economics. She argued persuasively that economists need to broaden their acceptance of research techniques that may be less technical but nonetheless very informative, including case study analysis and national accounting decomposition.

Prof. Collins presented research entitled “Accounting for Growth: Comparing China and India” which is co-authored with Barry Bosworth and compares the different sources of economic growth in the two countries over the past 25 years. To compare the countries’ growth patterns, the authors construct a set of growth accounts that uncover the contribution from changes in factor inputs (capital and labor) and a residual (total factor productivity). The accounting procedure is considered for the whole economy and for each of the three major economic sectors: primary, industry and services. The results highlight a strong contribution of both capital per worker and TFP in explaining China’s growth. Contrary to recent arguments, they find no evidence that China is experiencing a decline in TFP due to excessive expansion of capital investment. Growth in India is largely due to a recent surge in the service sector, in spite of a weak performance of India’s manufacturing sector. They argue that both countries should be able to sustain their growth, although they each face specific constraints in education. This was a very interesting and informative presentation and we sincerely thank Prof. Collins for joining us.

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## **SSHRC/CRSH**

The 2007 SSHRC Standard Research Grants competition was notable for an increase in the overall success rate. This year, 49.4 percent of those applying for funds were successful, up substantially from 38.8 percent in 2006. Yet that overall percentage hides significant variation between groups, as shown in the table “Results of SSHRC Economics Standard Research Grant Competition” below. Regular scholars have a substantially higher success rate than new scholars: 68 percent as opposed to 30 percent. Men have a higher success rate than women – 52 percent as opposed to 41

percent. No French language applications were funded, however only three applicants applied in French.

*Results of SSHRC Economics Standard Research Grant  
Competition, 2007*

|         | All |                 | Funded |          |
|---------|-----|-----------------|--------|----------|
|         | n   | % of applicants | n      | % funded |
| Regular | 90  | 56%             | 61     | 68%      |
| New     | 60  | 38%             | 18     | 30%      |
| Male    | 121 | 76%             | 63     | 52%      |
| Female  | 39  | 24%             | 16     | 41%      |
| English | 157 | 98%             | 79     | 50%      |
| French  | 3   | 2%              | 0      | 0%       |
| All     | 160 | 100             | 79     | 49%      |

Source: compiled by the author based on statistics available at [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/winning/prog\\_stats/tables\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/winning/prog_stats/tables_e.asp)

The causes underlying these trends are unclear. Readers of previous CEA newsletters may recall that the pattern of lower success rates for women and new scholars has been present for a number of years. One possibility is that new scholars' lower success rate arises because universities require all new faculty, even those without a reasonable possibility of success, to apply for grants. Regular scholars, by way of contrast, have better information on whether or not it is worth their while to apply. Inexperienced new scholars may not know what is expected in a SSHRC application, and as a result submit weaker proposals. If this is the case, mentoring of young faculty by experienced grant-getters could help. However there is a concern that university requirements that all new faculty apply may cause new scholars simply to submit *pro forma* applications. Finally, it could be that the Economics committee is less willing than other committees to fund researchers simply on the basis of a research proposal. The importance of research proposals may also be greater in economics if, due to the relatively tight labour market, people may be hired with fewer publications than in disciplines such as English or political science.

The lower success rate of female scholars is also a concern. In 2004-5, according to the CAUT Almanac, 16.5 percent of academic economists were women, and women are disproportionately represented at the lower ranks, making up 26 percent of Assistant Professors and 5 percent of full Professors. (In 2004-5, there were about 18 female full professors of economics in Canada). The lower success rate of females is likely, in part, to be an artifact of the lower success rate of new scholars. However without more data, we cannot rule out the possibility that women, perhaps because of choice of field or research topic, find it more difficult to get funding.

The table “Success Rate and Funding Rate Across Committees” compares the 2007 Economics results to those of other committees. The Economics Committee gave out smaller awards – the mean award in Economics in 2007 was \$41,486 over three years, compared to an average award over all disciplines of \$77,975. This, in part, appears reflective of a deliberate choice on the part of the Economics committee. As the “Across Committees” table shows, all committees funded projects totalling approximately 22 percent of the total monies applied for. Many committees chose to fund fewer projects and give each one more money. For example, the Philosophy committee funded 29.5 percent of applications and awarded an average grant of \$57,875. Economics achieved the highest success rate of all committees – 49.4 percent, well above the average success rate of 33.2 percent – by giving out the smallest awards.

If receiving a SSHRC grant – irrespective of the size of the grant – makes a considerable difference to an individual’s research career, and there is diminishing marginal utility of research grant funds, then giving out more smaller grants is a smart strategy. Another factor contributing to the lower average awards in economics could be that economists may not be as good at spending money as researchers in other disciplines and so apply for less funds. In general, we do not carry out original survey research, for example, or have research laboratories or archeological digs. Perhaps we should be more extravagant.

As has been pointed out by others before, if SSHRC funds the same percentage of dollars applied for across committees, then each additional dollar economists apply for generates approximately 20 cents (in 2007) of additional SSHRC research grant funding. An unsuccessful \$50,000 research grant adds \$10,000 to the economics pool, possibly making the funds available to make an award to a marginal applicant, or increasing the funds available to a successful one. As economists, we should be able to figure out how to internalize these positive externalities...

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**Success Rate and Funding Rate Across Committees, SSHRC Standard Research Grant Competition, 2007**

| <i>Committee/Comité</i> | <i>Projects<br/>Projets<br/>#</i> | <i>Total \$</i> | <i>Mean<br/>Award</i> | <i>Success<br/>Rate<br/>Taux de<br/>réussite<br/>%</i> | <i>Funding<br/>Rate<br/>Taux de<br/>financem<br/>ent %</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1 Classics              | 24                                | 1,683,411       | 70,142                | 27.3   | 21.8   |
| 2 History               |                                   |                 |                       |  |  |

| <i>Committee/Comité</i> | <i>Projects<br/>Projets<br/>#</i>                   | <i>Total \$</i> | <i>Mean<br/>Award</i> | <i>Success<br/>Rate<br/>Taux de<br/>réussite<br/>%</i> | <i>Funding<br/>Rate<br/>Taux de<br/>financem<br/>ent %</i> |      |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--|--|------|
| 3                       | Fine arts   | 58              | 2,889,362             | 49,817   | 35.6   | 22.2 |
| 5                       | Linguistics   | 30              | 2,179,498             | 72,650   | 30.6   | 21.9 |
| 7                       | Economics   | 27              | 2,238,417             | 82,904   | 37.5   | 22.6 |
| 8                       | Sociology and demography                            | 79              | 3,277,390             | 41,486   | 49.4   | 21.6 |
| 9                       | Geography   | 35              | 2,885,993             | 82,457   | 34.0   | 22.4 |
| 10                      | Psychology 1  | 40              | 2,946,754             | 73,669   | 38.5   | 22.4 |
| 12                      | Education 1   | 31              | 2,750,160             | 88,715   | 33.7   | 22.5 |
| 15                      | Interdisciplinary                                   | 43              | 4,062,407             | 94,475   | 34.4   | 22.7 |
| 16                      | Anthropology and archaeology                        | 37              | 3,364,341             | 90,928   | 34.3   | 22.0 |
| 17                      | Education 2   | 27              | 2,947,167             | 109,154  | 30.0   | 22.9 |
| 18                      | Literature 1  | 32              | 3,892,267             | 121,633  | 27.6   | 22.5 |
| 19                      | Literature 2  | 28              | 1,779,136             | 63,541   | 28.9   | 21.1 |
| 20                      | Health studies and social work                      | 39              | 2,354,948             | 60,383   | 30.5   | 22.0 |
| 21                      | Human resources                                     | 33              | 3,477,070             | 105,366  | 30.6   | 21.9 |
| 22                      | Accounting, finance, management                     | 56              | 4,464,947             | 79,731   | 32.7   | 22.0 |
| 23                      | Law, socio-legal studies and criminology            | 38              | 2,638,204             | 69,426   | 33.3   | 21.7 |
| 24                      | Political science and public administration         | 31              | 2,323,237             | 74,943   | 35.6   | 22.2 |
| 25                      | Philosophy  | 48              | 3,421,494             | 71,281   | 33.8   | 22.2 |
| 26                      | Communication, cultural studies and women's studies | 26              | 1,504,749             | 57,875   | 29.5   | 21.3 |

| <i>Committee/Comité</i> | <i>Projects<br/>Projets<br/>#</i> | <i>Total \$</i> | <i>Mean<br/>Award</i> | <i>Success<br/>Rate<br/>Taux de<br/>réussite<br/>%</i> | <i>Funding<br/>Rate<br/>Taux de<br/>financem<br/>ent %</i> |      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|--|------|
| 27                      | Psychology 2                      | 29              | 2,347,401             | 80,945   | 30.2   | 22.4 |
|                         |                                   | 26              | 3,040,409             | 116,939  | 27.7   | 22.4 |
| 28                      | Education 3                       | 24              | 3,108,039             | 129,502  | 26.7   | 22.4 |
| TOTAL                   |                                   | 841             | 65,576,801            | 77,975   | 33.2   | 22.2 |

Source: [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/winning/prog\\_stats/tables\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/winning/prog_stats/tables_e.asp)

## **FORTHCOMING PAPERS IN THE C.J.E./ARTICLES À PARAÎTRE DANS LA REVUE**

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Zsolt Besci and Sajal Lahiri: *Bilateral war in a multilateral world: carrots and sticks for conflict resolution*

Rodney D. Ludema and Taizo Takeno: *Tariffs and the Adoption of Clean Technology under Asymmetric Information*

Stephen Kosempel: *Interaction Between Knowledge and Technology: A Contribution to the Theory of Development*

Michael Smart: *Raising taxes through Equalization*

Pierre M. Picard and Kristian Behrens: *Welfare, home market effects and horizontal foreign direct investment*

Charles de Bartolome: *Tax competition and the creation of redundant products*

Francisco Alvarez-Cuadrado: *Envy, leisure, and restrictions on working hours*

Bruce A. Blonigen and Van Kolpin: *Technology, Agglomeration, and Regional Competition for Investment*

Freddy Heylen and Lorenzo Pozzi: *Crises and human capital accumulation*

Thierry Bréchet and Philippe Michel: *Environmental performance and equilibrium*

Gérard Gaudet: *Presidential Address: Natural Resource Economics under the Rule of Hotelling*

Michael Peters: *Innis Lecture: Hedonic Equilibrium*

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- Julian Betts, Christopher Ferrall and Ross Finnie: *The Role of University Characteristics in Determining Post-Graduation Outcomes: Panel Evidence from Three Recent Canadian Cohorts*
- Jacob Wong: *Information Acquisition, Dissemination and Transparency of Monetary Policy*
- Janet Hua Jiang: *Banking Crises in Monetary Economies*
- Rajesh Singh and Chetan Subramanian: *The Optimal Choice of Monetary Policy Instruments in a Small Open Economy*
- Ali Dib, Mohamed Gammoudi and Kevin Moran: *Forecasting Canadian Time Series with the New Keynesian Model*
- Gustavo Crespi, Chiara Criscuolo and Jonathan Haskel : *Productivity, Exporting and the Learning-by-Exporting Hypothesis: Direct Evidence from UK Firms*
- Gilles Duranton and Michael Storper: *Rising trade costs? Agglomeration and trade with endogenous transaction costs*
- W. Craig Riddell: *Education, Credentials and Immigrant Earnings*
- Yee Fei Chia : *Maternal Labour Supply and Childhood Overweight and Obesity in Canada: Evidence from the NLSCY*
- Holger Görg, Michael Henry and Eric Strobl , Frank Walsh: *Multinational companies, backward linkages and labour demand elasticities*
- James B. Davies, Martin G. Kocher and Matthias Sutter: *Economics research in Canada: A long-run assessment of journal publications*
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- Deborah Swenson, Richard Kneller and Holger Görg: *Multinationals and the Creation of Chinese Trade Linkages*

# **FORTHCOMING PAPERS IN CANADIAN PUBLIC POLICY/ARTICLES À PARAÎTRE DANS ANALYSE DE POLITIQUES**

Dan Usher: *The Reform of Equalization Payments*

Maeve Quaid: *Book review: Stephen V. Monsma and J. Christopher Soper: Faith  
Hope and Jobs: Welfare to Work in Los Angeles*

Christopher Page: *Book review: J. Rick Ponting: The Nisga'a Treaty: Polling  
Dynamics and Political Communication in Comparative Context*

Marilyn Gerriets: *Book review: Donald J. Savoie: The Nisga'a Treaty: Polling  
Dynamics and Political Communication in Comparative Context*

Andrew Sancton: *Book review: Thomas A. Birkland: Lessons of Disaster: Policy  
Change after Catastrophic Events*

Gerry Boychuk: *Book review: Kate Bezanson: Gender, the State and Social  
Reproduction: Household Insecurity in Neo-Liberal Times*

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The 2008 meetings of the Canadian Economics Association will be held in Vancouver, B.C. at the University of British Columbia. The conference dates are Friday, June 6 to Sunday, June 8, 2008, with some sessions (e.g. labour) beginning on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

For the first time in many years we are meeting together with the Congress, so there will be conference bags, child-care, a large book display, and a beer tent where economists can mingle with medievalists. Paper submission and conference registration will still be through the economics.ca website, economics.ca/2008.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 22, 2008. Abstracts in English or French may be submitted on-line through <http://economics.ca/2008/en/submit.php>. Based on past experience, we expect a 65 percent acceptance rate.

The CEA Programme Chair for the 2008 conference is Professor Ralph A. Winter, Sauder School of Business, UBC, and the Programme Assistant is Kathryn Coholan, [cea2008@sauder.ubc.ca](mailto:cea2008@sauder.ubc.ca)

Groups or Organizations requesting a block of sessions need to contact Kathryn before February 15, 2008. The conference website contains further information (Click on “Session Organizers”).

The number of papers submitted to the CEA conference has almost doubled in the last five years, and as a result acceptance rates have declined sharply. In Halifax only 43 percent of those submitting a paper to the conference ended up actually presenting. Although there were some withdrawals, many good papers were rejected. To increase your chance of acceptance: submit a good abstract, include a link to an electronic version of the paper, agree to chair sessions or discuss papers. In recent years, an increasing number of sessions have been organized by study or other groups. Anecdotal evidence suggests that papers submitted as part of an organized session have a higher acceptance rate.

| <i>Year</i>   | <i>Paid-up<br/>Participants</i> | <i>Paper<br/>Presenters</i> | <i>Paper<br/>Submissions</i> | <i>Presenters/<br/>Submissions</i> |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ottawa 2003   | ~700                            | 434                         | 584                          | 0.74                               |
| Toronto 2004  | 684                             | 432                         | 573                          | 0.75                               |
| Hamilton 2005 | 643                             | 409                         | 722                          | 0.57                               |
| Montreal 2006 | 998                             | 594                         | 1084                         | 0.55                               |
| Halifax 2007  | 673                             | 431                         | 1006                         | 0.43                               |