

Department of Economics

Senior Thesis Prize Winners

Class of 2012

Walter C. Sauer '28 Prize

Awarded annually, to the student whose thesis, on any aspect of the United States foreign trade, is judged to be the most creative.

Leah Madeline Cohen-Shohet

“The Price Device: The Transformative Impact of Mobile Telephony on Agricultural Markets In Uttar Pradesh, India.”

Advisor: Tom Vogl

Jason Craig Weinreb

“Trading Up: International Trade Agreements and Sovereign Creditworthiness”

Advisor: Christina Davis

Wolf Balleisen Memorial Prize

The best thesis on an economics subject, written by an economics major.

James Jiajun Luo

“Asset Pricing Implications of Information Asymmetries in Large Investor Networks”

Advisor: Jakub Jurek

Ryan Thomas Lee

“Optimal Patent Protection in Trial-and-Error Search”

Advisor: Orley Ashenfelter

John Glover Wilson Memorial Award

The best thesis in international economics or politics.

Pietro Rea Maravi

“The Language of Inequality

The Role of Linguistic Distance in Immigrant Earnings”

Advisor: Swati Bhatt

Senior Thesis Prize in Economics (gift from Beth Bogan):

Awarded annually, for the most outstanding thesis in the fields of health, education or welfare.

Coleman Sterling Crutchfield

“Competitive Behavior Between For-Profit and Comparable Public Institutions in Postsecondary Education Market”

Advisor: Matthew Freedman

Angela Eugene Park

“The Effects of Parental Job Loss on Children’s Health”

Advisor: Nancy Reichman

Burton G. Malkiel *64 Senior Thesis Prize in Finance

Established in 2000, the prize is awarded for the most outstanding thesis in the field of finance.

Andrew Nielsen Lewis

“Inefficient Option Pricing During the Stock IPO Period”

Advisor: Ilyana Kuziemko

Huijia Wu

“Information Shocks and Bubble Crashes”

Advisor: Yuliy Sannikov

Daniel L. Rubinfeld '67 Prize in Empirical Economics

Awarded annually, for the most outstanding senior thesis in empirical economics.

Jonathan Richu Lin

“Internal Migration in the Great Recession: Trends Determinants, and Returns”

Advisor: Orley Ashenfelter

Matthew Ryan Wender

“Hospice Ownership: The Impact of Profit Status on the Quality and Cost of End-of-Life Care in California”

Advisor: Nancy Reichman

The Halbert White '72 Prize in Economics

Awarded annual to the most outstanding senior economics major, as evidenced by excellence in departmental coursework, and creativity in the junior papers and senior thesis

James Jiajun Luo