

Department of Economics Senior Thesis Prize Winners Class of 2013

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.

Maura O'Sullivan

"Holes in the Safety Net: Interest Group Influence on Social Spending Responses To Economic Shocks"

Advisor: Matias Iaryczower

Wolf Balleisen Memorial Prize

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

Jio Park

"Consolidation in the Health Care Industry: An Empirical Study of the Impact of Hospital Mergers on Quality of Care in California"

Advisor: Nancy Reichman

Honorable Mention

Josué Elias Figueroa

"Over-Experimentation in Contracts for Experimenting Agents"

Advisor: Stephen Morris

John Glover Wilson Memorial Award

The best thesis in international economics or politics.

Daniel John Lewis

"When Can Central Banks Credibly Provide Forward Guidance"

Advisor: Hyun Song Shin

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

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

Hyunsik Moon

“Teacher Value-Added and Student Achievement: Evidence from project STAR”

Advisor: Myrto Kalouptsi

Honorable Mention

Nathan Phillip Lamb

“Welfare Reform: The Effect of Family Caps in Higher-Order Births”

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.

Ryan Jonathan Shyu

“Investment and Intermediation in High Frequency Markets”

Advisor: Wei Xiong

Honorable Mention

Aditya Rajagopalan

“Speculative Initial Public Offerings: A Disagreement Approach to the IPO Puzzle”

Advisor: José Scheinkman

Samuel Bosheng Tang

“Corporate Diversification: A Catering Theory Approach”

Advisor: Roland Benabou

Daniel L. Rubinfeld '67 Prize in Empirical Economics

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

Xiang Ding

“Credit and Uncertainty Shocks in the Labor Market”

Advisor: Nobuhiro Kiyotaki

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

Taman Ram Narayan