

Department of Economics Senior Thesis Prize Winners Class of 2016

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.

Meiran Yin

“Regime Type Effect on Adjudication Outcome at the World Trade Organization Dispute Settlement Body”

Advisor: Christina Davis

Wolf Balleisen Memorial Prize

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

Karthik Amrutur Sastry

“Land Prices, Credit Frictions, and Macroeconomic Policy”

Advisor: Christopher Sims

John Glover Wilson Memorial Award

The best thesis in international economics or politics.

Meisze Yau

“Piercing the Sovereign Ceiling in Credit Default Swap Markets: An Empirical Analysis and Implications for Risk Management”

Advisor: Iqbal Zaidi

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

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

Victoria Lin

“Take It or Leave It: An Empirical Study of OECD Maternity Leave Policies and Female Labor Market Outcomes”

Advisor: Nancy Reichman

and

Jacqueline Grace Denham Marshall

“An Empirical Analysis of the Effect of Consumer Protection Regulations on Microfinance Institutions in Latin America and The Caribbean”

Advisor: Iqbal Zaidi

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.

Judy Liang Hou

“Corporate Board Diversity: An Empirical Study of Its Effects on Firm Financial Performance”

Advisor: Nancy Reichman

and

Evan Joseph Soltas

“Credit Supply and the Spanish Housing Boom and Bust”

Advisor: Atif Mian

Daniel L. Rubinfeld '67 Prize in Empirical Economics

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

Michel Marcel Cassard

“US Market Liquidity and Its Macroeconomic and Financial Implications: Constructing a Composite Liquidity Index Using Dynamic Factor Models”

Advisor: Mark Watson

and

David Francis Perlman

“Wage Dispersion and Preferred Workers: An Insider-Outsider Search Theoretic Model of the Labor Market”

Advisor: Greg Kaplan

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

Karthik Amrutur Sastry