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20 Years Later: How One Flagship Has Changed

Competitive pressures and big ambitions have led to sharp spending increases at the U. of Kansas — and a bigger burden on students.

Professor William A. Barnett is Guest Columnist in the Kansas City Star Business Weekly. The title of his column is "Why Did Bubble Pop?" The Federal Reserve Charts supporting the article can be found in the Department's Working Paper Series.

Professor Elizabeth Asiedu will present the 2008 Byron T. Shutz Award Lecture, Nov 18 - 4:00 pm - The Commons, Spooner Hall. The subject of her Lecture is "The HIV/AIDS Epidemic: A Challenge for Sub-Saharan Africa " Power Point Presentation

The Graduate Student Party, Fall 2008, was hosted by Mohamed ElHodiri, at his home. The Graduate Student Secretary, Teri Chambers, organized the event. See a great gallery of photos by Unal Eryilmaz, third year graduate student. Photos

18th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group - October 17 & 18, 2008

The Department of Economics at the University of Kansas was host to the 18th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence, Kansas. Mark Watson, Princeton University, was guest dinner speaker. Ted Juhl was local organizer. Graduate Student Orientation - Fall 2008 Each year the department holds a reception for new graduate students, GTAs and TAs. The students meet faculty, staff and upper level graduate students for lunch and plenty of conversation. See Slideshow.

Elizabeth Asiedu is Kemper Fellow - August 21, 2008
Chancellor Robert Hemenway presented Professor Asiedu with a $5,000 W.T. Kemper Fellowship in recognition of her teaching and advising excellence. In all, 20 professors will be honored and $100,000 distributed this year as part of the Kemper tradition.

The W.T. Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence recognize outstanding teachers and advisers at KU as determined by a seven-member selection committee. Now in their 13th year, the awards have been supported by a $650,000 gift from the William T. Kemper Foundation (Commerce Bank, trustee) and $650,000 in matching funds from KU Endowment.

Joseph Sicilian, Chair, Department of Economics, describes Asiedu as “an exceptional mentor of students. She is fiercely dedicated to her students and this is reflected in their appreciation of her.”

**Economics Majors Honored**
The University of Kansas Department of Economics honored 26 undergraduate students at the annual awards banquet, May 6, 2008. [Banquet Pictures](#)

**Professor Joshua Rosenbloom**, KU Professor and Associate Vice Provost of Research, has research featured in The Boston Globe. Rosenbloom’s research is focused on the question: *What Caused the Disparity Between Men and Women in Scientific Fields?*

*The Boston Globe - May 18, 2008*

**Professor Donna Ginther Testifies on Capital Hill**
Professor Ginther, KU Economics Professor, will testify on Capital Hill, Thursday, May 8, 2008, about how to increase the number of women in faculty tenure track positions.

**About The Hearings**

**Professor Ginther's Research**

**Department of Economics Employees Honored**

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Economics employees were honored for their years of Service to the University on May 7, 2008, in the Kansas Union Ballroom by the Office of Human Resources. Mohamed El-Hodiri - 40 years  David Faurot - 35 years  Shigeru Iwata - 20 years  Joshua Rosenbloom - 20 years  Teri Chambers - 10 years  Elizabeth Asiedu - 10 years

Dr. Jeffrey M. Wrase, Oswald Distinguished Speaker

Dr. Jeffrey M. Wrase, chief economist for Republican members of the U.S. Senate’s Joint Economic Committee, presented a public lecture as part of the Oswald Distinguished Speakers Series, sponsored by the Department of Economics, University of Kansas, May 7, 2008.

Lecture title: “Global Financial and Economic Fragility: How Did We Get Here and Where are We Going?”

Additional Information

Elizabeth Asiedu: Byron Shutz Award for Excellence in Teaching Recipient.

The Byron T. Shutz Award for Excellence in Teaching was established in 1978 to honor distinguished teaching in economics and business, the award was modified in 1985 to honor outstanding teachers from any discipline in alternating years. Professor Asiedu will be recognized for her achievement during Commencement 2008. Professor Asiedu is the Associate Chair and Director of Graduate Studies in Economics. She received her BS (Hon), Math and Computer Science, University of Ghana; MS, Math and Economics, University of Illinois; PhD Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Professor Asiedu joined the University of Kansas in 1998 becoming the first Oswald Scholar/Assistant Professor in the department.