

## News and Events

Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Awards go to faculty at KU, Kansas State, Wichita State - See more at: <http://news.ku.edu/2013/10/07/higuchi-ku-endowment-research-awards-go-faculty-ku-kansas-state-wichita-state#sthash.xW6GcET7.dpuf>

**Andrew Keinsley**, a doctoral student in the Department of Economics, is one of 480 students from 80 countries selected to attend the **5th Lindau Meeting** of the “Laureates of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel,” i.e., the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. The meeting, last held in 2011, will take place in Lindau, Germany August 19-23. It will be attended by 19 past laureates, including Vernon L. Smith, who received an M.A. in economics at KU in 1952 en route to sharing the Nobel Prize in 2002. Keinsley was nominated for the Lindau Meeting by Shu Wu, associate professor, associate chair, and graduate program director in the Department of Economics.

## **New Faculty Award in Economics Established and First Winner Announced.**

I am happy to announce that, as the result of a generous donation by the children of De-Min and Chin-Sha Wu, there is now a De-Min and Chin-Sha Wu Faculty Award in Economics. De-Min Wu was a long time faculty member who retired some years ago, Chin-Sha is his wife.

I am also happy to announce that the first recipient of this award will be Ted Juhl.

De-Min is an econometrician.(De-Min is the Wu of the "Wu test" for endogeneity. I understand that this is now better known as the "Wu-Hausman test" or the "Durbin-Wu-Hausman test")

Lawrence Wu and Clara Wu Tsai, who grew up in Lawrence, together donated \$100,000 to establish this fund. This will generate about \$5,000 per year in spendable funds. This fund shall be a rotating award to honor excellence among associate professors in the department of Economics. The recipient shall receive the title, De-Min and Chin-Sha Wu Associate Professor of Economics, for the term of the award, which shall be no more than three years and may be renewed for one additional term.

From among several deserving candidates, The Executive Committee chose Ted Juhl as the first recipient, to hold the award for two years or until promotion to Full Professor. I think that Ted is certainly highly deserving and I think it is particularly appropriate that the first recipient is an econometrician.

## **Prof Cai qualifies for Econometric Theory Multa Scripsit Award**

This is one of a series of awards that the Journal has established to acknowledge the contributions of authors who have moved the subject forward by virtue of their sustained publishing efforts over a period of years. Contributions such as your own have helped econometrics grow into the huge subject area in economics that it is today, and have been instrumental in helping individual econometric fields grow to maturity, especially during the last decade. An announcement of your Econometric Theory Award will be made in an early issue of ET in 2014 and on our ET website (<http://korora.econ.yale.edu/et/index.htm>) At present, there are three award levels. The criteria for making the awards are automatic and are based on a point system with the following requirements: Multa Scripsit (5 points) Plura Scripsit (10 points) and Plurima Scripsit (20 points). In accumulating points for these awards a sole-authored article in ET counts as two points and a co-authored article in ET counts as one point. Points are accumulated and awards will

be made annually as soon as the author has published the requisite number of articles. Having received an Econometric Theory Award at one level, an author becomes a candidate for an award at the next level.

## **Prof Asiedu's "FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN AFRICA: listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list.**

**"FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN AFRICA: THE ROLE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MARKET SIZE, GOVERNMENT POLICY, INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY", was recently listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for: SRPN: Developing World (Topic), SRPN: Other Socially Responsible Investment (Topic), Socially Responsible Investment eJournal and Sustainability & Economics eJournal. As of 10 November 2013, this paper has been downloaded 1,745 times. You may view the abstract and download statistics at:<http://ssrn.com/abstract=717361>. Top Ten Lists are updated on a daily basis. Click the following link(s) to view the Top Ten list for: [SRPN: Developing World \(Topic\) Top Ten](#),[SRPN: Other Socially Responsible Investment \(Topic\) Top Ten](#),[Socially Responsible Investment eJournal Top Ten](#) and [Sustainability & Economics eJournal Top Ten](#). Click the following link(s) to view all the papers in: [SRPN: Developing World \(Topic\) All Papers](#),[SRPN: Other Socially Responsible Investment \(Topic\) All Papers](#),[Socially Responsible Investment eJournal All Papers](#) and [Sustainability & Economics eJournal All Papers](#). To view SSRN's Top Ten lists for any network, subnetwork, eJournal or topic on the Browse list (reachable through the following link:<http://www.ssrn.com/Browse>), click the "i" button to the right of the name, and then select the "Top Downloaded" link**

in the popup window.

## Students take top honors for Homecoming spirit

LAWRENCE —The 101st Homecoming at the University of Kansas concluded Oct. 5 after a week that included events for KU students and the Lawrence community.

Throughout the week, KU student organizations collected points for their participation in events coordinated by the student-led Homecoming Steering Committee and the KU Alumni Association, along with campus and community partners. The theme of this year's celebration was "Jayhawks Around the World." For information on the winners of individual daily events, visit [www.kualumni.org/homecoming](http://www.kualumni.org/homecoming).

The overall winners for the week were Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, which together won first prize in the Greek Life division, and the School of Engineering, which placed first in the Student Life division. The winners were announced at halftime of the KU-Texas Tech football game Oct. 5.

In addition, Miranda Wagner, a junior economics major from Shawnee, won the Jennifer Alderdice Homecoming Award. The Homecoming Steering Committee selected her for her spirit and campus service. Wagner serves as a student senator and is a member of the executive board for Alternative Breaks. She welcomes prospective Jayhawks to campus as a student ambassador, and she participates in student programs with the Dole Institute of Politics. She recently studied abroad at the London School of Economics. She is the daughter of Mike and Leilani Wagner.

The award honors Jennifer Alderdice, a former KU Alumni Association staff member who advised the Homecoming Steering Committee and the Student Alumni Association for many years. Alderdice, who still lives in Lawrence, earned her KU master's degree in higher education administration in 1999.

# **Prof. William Barnett named Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Award Recipient**

**Balfour Jeffrey Award in Humanities and Social Sciences**



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Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little will speak at the presentation ceremony. She will be joined by Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Jeff Vitter and Vice Chancellor of Research and Graduate Studies Steve Warren. Past Higuchi Award recipients who attend will also be recognized.

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### **Olin Petefish Award in Basic Science**



Siyuan Han is one of the world's leading researchers in quantum computing, especially the development of superconducting devices. Practical quantum computing based on qubits (quantum bits) is in its infancy but will increase computing speed tremendously, enabling scientists to solve certain extremely hard problems. Han came to KU as an associate professor in 1997 from Stony Brook University and became a professor in 2003. His academic background includes a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Science and Technology of China and a doctorate from Iowa State University.

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Mary Beth Kirkham is an international authority on the plant-water relations of winter wheat and the uptake of heavy metals by crops grown on polluted soil. She was the first to document the effects of elevated levels of carbon dioxide on crops grown under semi-arid conditions. Kirkham came to Kansas State in 1980 following faculty appointments at Oklahoma State University and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Her academic background includes a Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley College and master's and doctoral degrees from the ›.

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## **Undergraduate honors students recognized for research**

LAWRENCE — Three undergraduate students in the University Honors Program at the University of Kansas were recognized at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Undergraduate Research Symposium for their innovative research projects.

Joshua Dean, Alex Kong and Kayci Vickers all received the James K. Hitt Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research at the symposium, which was April 27. The award is administered through the University Honors Program, and it comes with a \$500 award.

Joshua Dean, a senior from Overland Park majoring in economics, mathematics and political science, presented his research titled “Identifying Factors Affecting Student Transition from Primary to Secondary Education in Selected Developing Countries.” Dean has been working under the guidance of faculty mentor Elizabeth Asiedu, associate professor in economics, and will pursue graduate work in economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, funded by a graduate research fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

## **Prof Barnett Featured in Bloomberg Businessweek**

This week's Bloomberg Businessweek features CFS Director William A. Barnett and the CFS Divisia money supply. The article highlights some of the unique aspects of CFS monetary and financial data as well as how conclusions regarding the economy and markets might have been different with our data. For the full article please visit:

<http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-03-28/the-fed-may-be-miscounting-the-money-supply> For the Chinese version please visit:  
<http://finance.sina.com.cn/world/20130329/190215000583.shtml>

## **Prof Earnhart selected for "Leading Light" Award**

### **Forty researchers win KU 'Leading Light' Award**

Thu, 03/07/2013

LAWRENCE – The University of Kansas recognized some of its most productive researchers recently, conferring the Leading Light Award on 40 faculty and staff at the Lawrence campus.

The 40 are principal investigators or co-principal investigators on externally funded grants of \$1 million or more awarded during the 2012 fiscal year. Recipients were recognized at a luncheon, where each received an inscribed bronze sunflower symbolic of Kansas and their leadership in research.

This is the second year of the Leading Light Award program. It was established at KU by Jeff Vitter, provost and executive vice chancellor. “By contributing to the research enterprise at KU in a major way,” said Vitter, “these individuals and teams serve as leading lights and role models for others.”

At the ceremony, recipients of the awards had an opportunity to describe

their project. Past recipients of the award also attended the luncheon.

“KU researchers in all fields are competitive with the best in the country,” said event co-host Steve Warren, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies. “Success in obtaining large grants is just one indicator of that, and this recognition is well-deserved.”

## **Donna Gither selected as the 26th recipient of the Byton T. Shutz Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Donna Ginther, professor of economics and director of the Center for Science Technology & Economic Policy, has been selected as the 26<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Byron T. Shutz Award for Excellence in Teaching. Prior to joining the University of Kansas faculty, she was a research economist and associate policy advisor in the regional group of the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta from 2000 to 2002, and taught at Washington University from 1997 to 2000 and Southern Methodist University from 1995 to 1997. Her major fields of study are scientific labor markets, gender differences in employment outcomes, wage inequality, scientific entrepreneurship, and children’s educational attainments. Professor Ginther will present her public Shutz Award lecture, “New Results on Race, Ethnicity and NIH Research Awards: A Case Study in BD2K” on Monday, February 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Hall at the Hall Center for the Humanities, 900 Sunnyside Avenue. A reception in her honor will immediately follow.

If you have questions about the lecture or reception, or if you need directions or information about parking, please feel free to contact Rae Ann Brown, 785-864-4904 or [rabrown@ku.edu](mailto:rabrown@ku.edu)

## **Bill Barnett awarded Best Economics Book by PROSE** *Getting it Wrong: How Faulty Monetary Statistics Undermine the Fed, the Financial System, and the Economy* winning the best book in the category of Economics for the 2012 PROSE awards given by the Association of American Publishers.



## NIH announces new initiative response to study by KU

### KU announces 2012 Chancellor's Student Awards

Greg Loving, McPherson, will receive bachelor's degrees in chemical engineering and economics. He is a SELF Engineering Leadership Fellow. He was a KU finalist for Rhodes and Marshall scholarships in 2011 and an Ex.C.E.L. finalist. Loving was selected as the Interfraternity Council outstanding campus leader in 2011. He is the co-founder and president of the KU Energy Club. He wrote a column on international issues for the University Daily Kansan in 2012. He has been admitted to Harvard Business School of a two-year deferral and will enter the MBA program in 2014. He is the son of Jim and Dawn Loving, McPherson.



### Five researchers honored at University Scholarly Achievement Awards ceremony

**Donna Ginther** Professor Ginther's research contributes to three interrelated areas: academic labor markets, science, and innovation; the effect of family structure on children's socioeconomic outcomes; and wage inequality and unemployment. As one example of her work, she examined

the differences in the race of applicants on the likelihood of receiving NIH funding. Her findings were published in the August 2011 edition of Science, and as a result of this research, NIH officials are changing policies regarding grant review and the tracking of disparities in grant approval. The Science article garnered significant media attention, with stories and reports appearing in outlets such as The New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Globe, USA Today and others.

[Elvis Flash Mob in Econ 104 Lecture](#). Kansas University students and members of the Lied Center Student Association break out into dance to a string of Elvis songs during a flash mob Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 in an Economics class at Budig Hall.



**Martha Hensley** 1928-2012

[Martha Hensley](#)

## **William A. Barnett appointed to position with Center for Financial Stability**

Professor William A. Barnett has been [appointed as Director, Advances in Monetary and Financial Measurement](#), at the [Center for Financial Stability](#), a major new international, economics, research center in New York City.

## **[Recipient of the 2011 Chancellors student award](#)**

## **[Congratulations to Professor Elizabeth Asiedu](#)**

on being elected the President of the African Finance Economic Association (AFEA). Professor Asiedu is the first female president in AFEA's 22 years of history. AFEA is a professional association for academicians and practitioners of finance and economics with scholarly or professional interests in the development of Africa. It sponsors the Journal of African Development (JAD) and sessions at the ASSA meeting.

## **Researchers win grant to shed light on underpinnings of generosity**

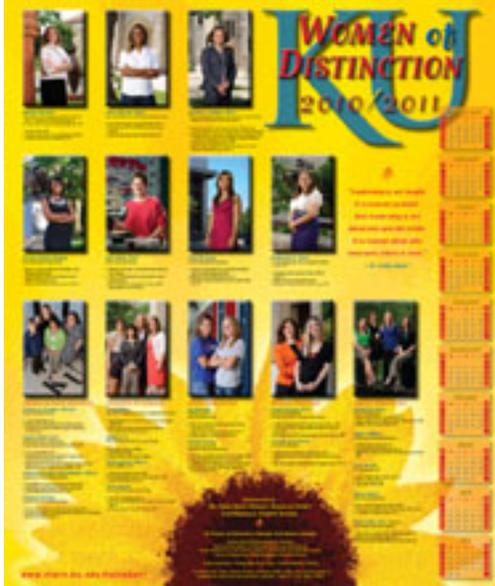
Economics professor Mohamed El-Hodiri along with Omri Gillath, and Ruth Ann Atchley Psychology professor will delve into the behavioral, cognitive and neural causes of generosity with support from a two-year, \$150,000 grant from the University of Notre Dame's Science of Generosity Initiative.



The KU Economics Club will be hosting Professor Na Ph.D., as guest speaker. Professor Berg, a KU alum briefly on Rationality Wars in Behavioral Economics and your questions about whether graduate school is right

**Monday, October 18 at 7:00 PM Kansas Room in the  
Union Dress: Casual**

This meeting is open to all students and faculty. If you have any questions, please email: [Lenat@ku.edu](mailto:Lenat@ku.edu)



Donna Ginther, Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Economic and Business Analysis in the Institute for Policy and Social Research, is featured in the 2010-2011 University of Kansas Women of Distinction calendar. Women will be honored Monday, Aug. 30. >>

**KU Economics Graduate Is New President of Columbia - August 7, 2010** Juan Manuel Santos will be inaugurated as president of the Republic of Colombia on Aug. 7 in Bogota. Santos, who graduated from KU in 1973 with degrees in economics and business, was elected to a four-year term on June 20. [Additional Information >>](#)

**Kansas senior and Econ major Brad Thorson, does an interview on radio row Wednesday, July 28, at Big 12 media days in Irving, Texas.**



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**New Faculty - Pym Manopimoke, Assistant Professor of Economics** Pym Manopimoke, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Washington, is joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Economics. He studied with distinguished professors Charles Nelson and

and her dissertation was titled "Essays on Empirical Monetary Policy." Pym's primary fields of research are time series econometrics, and monetary economics. She has lived and studied in the United States, receiving a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin and a degree in Financial Engineering from Columbia University. She also received a degree in Computer Science from the University of Wisconsin. Her teaching interests include Macroeconomics and

**Former Department faculty member, Biung-Ghi Ju, is appointed to the faculty of Seoul National University, School of Economics.**

### **29 Undergraduate Students Honored at Banquet, May - 2010**

**Peter William Frevert, Retired Economics Professor, Passes Away** Peter Frevert, passed away May 11, 2010. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Purdue University in 1964 and was an Associate Professor at the University of Kansas from 1967 to 2001 when he retired. He taught a number of undergraduate and graduate courses to include micro and macroeconomics, money and banking, international trade, international finance and history of economic thought. He received two Fulbright Lectureships, in Khartoum, Sudan (1980-81) and Wuhan, China (1987-88). [Continued.....](#)

**Han Li, Ph.D. Graduate Student**, is awarded \$5,000. Summer Research Fellowship from the KU Graduate School. Professor Shigeru Iwata is Han's advisor and nominated him for the fellowship.

**Julia Michaela Johanna Groeblacher, senior in economics and political science**, will present her research: "An Analysis of Economic Growth Strategies and Their Impact on Egyptian Female Heads of Households," at the 13th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Saturday, April 24th at the Kansas Union. Mohamed El-Hodiri, professor, and Hannah Britton, associate professor.



**Bill James, Econ Alum '73, is Recipient of CLAS Achievement Award**  
Through his innovative work with baseball research, George Will has changed the way the sport is viewed, understood and managed. James was named by *Time* magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2001. He has written 20 books and dozens of articles focusing on the elements of the game. Each year, thousands of baseball fans eagerly await "The Bill James Complete Annual Baseball Guide" available. His latest work, *Moneyball*, is a groundbreaking collection of 17 original essays and stories. James earned his bachelor's degrees in English and economics from KU in 1975.

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**William Barnett will speak at the Kauffman Foundation on April 14 for an event organized by the International Trade Council of Greater Kansas City.** His presentation will be: Economic Update with William A. Barnett - "Getting it Wrong: How Faulty Monetary Statistics Undermine the Fed" 7:30 a.m. -- Registration, Networking, Breakfast 8:00 a.m. -- Presentation *For more details and to view registration form [please click HERE](#)*



**Congratulations Leanea Wales! Thirty years at KU.** While many wonderful people contribute to the successful operation of our department, it is hard to imagine the KU Department of Economics without Leanea Wales, our Office Manager. Leanea's consummate professionalism makes us all better able to do our jobs.

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**Congratulations to Serena Huang on winning the Best Student Paper**

award at the 2009 Missouri Valley Economic Association Conference. Her paper "The Impact of High-Skilled Immigration on the Wages of U.S.

Natives," won the award. She received the award honorarium of \$250. **Professor William Barnett and KU Econ Department Ranked High In Latest Published Ranking** In their recent article, "[Blogometrics](#)," in the Eastern Economic Journal (vol 28, 2010, pp. 1 - 10), Franklin Mixon, Jr. and Kamal Upadhyaya rank economics blogs, bloggers, and academic institutions that host blogs. Instead of going to the complete article, you can go directly to [Table 1](#) , [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#). The University of Kansas and MIT are ranked as tied for sixth. The results of that study also have been summarized in the [TaxProf blog](#). For Professor Barnett's blog "Inside the Economists' Mind," link to: <http://economistmind.blogspot.com/> In particular, see Professor Barnett's blog post dated January 8, 2010, regarding the new rankings.

**Professor William Barnett is Guest Columnist in Kansas City Star, December 15. His commentary "This is no way to fix the Fed" also appears online. Link to: [KansasCity.com](#)**

**Professor Donna Ginther Earns Grant to Study Factors That Lead Women to Leave the Sciences.**



Donna has received a \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to research the influences on women in biomedical sciences. This is part of an estimated \$16.8 million grant program by the NIH to fund research projects from across the country to address such issues in science and engineering. She will collaborate with Shulamit Ben-Ner at the University of Illinois for the project. [Additional information.](#)

**The Department of Economics mourns the loss of Professor Harry Shaffer**

Professor Harry Shaffer and wife Betty

**The Department of Economics mourns the loss of Professor Harry Shaffer, November 15, 2010.** Professor Harry Shaffer had taught at KU since 1956. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois. Professor Joe Siciliano is the interim chair of the Department of Economics.

to his family, friends, colleagues at the statement: "Harry's love of teaching students was displayed consistent KU career of more than 50 years."

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**Dustin Santos, MA student in Economics**, and Hispano Duran, PhD student in Cinematography, have been invited to speak at the forum, "Political Conflict in Honduras And Its Implications for the Americas" - Wednesday, October 28, 7 p.m., Lawrence Public Library. Dr. Brent Metz, KU Anthropologist will moderate. The forum was organized by Shannon Gorres, Department of International Studies.

**Professor Elizabeth Asiedu** will be guest speaker at the Missouri Valley Economics Association Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Friday, October 23. The topic of her presentation will be "The HIV/AIDS Epidemic: A Challenge for Sub-Saharan Africa ." additional information: <http://www.mvea.net/>

**Professor William Barnett's article "Who's Looking at the Fed's Books?"**, is published in the New York Times Opinion Section, October 22, 2009. [Click here for link to article online.](#) You will also find a link to the article on the front page of the NYT online. The in-print version is on p. A35 of the October 22, 2009 issue.

**Michael Parkin**, author of Economics text, will pay an informal visit to the Economics Department on Thursday, October 22. There will be a discussion of the current economic situation and outlook. [Additional Information.](#)

**Professor Bill Barnett will speak at Kansas International Breakfast.** The topic of his presentation: "The End of the Great Moderation? How Better Monetary Statistics Could Have Signaled the Systemic Risk Precipitating the Financial Crisis" Friday, October 23, 7:30 a.m., Alvamar Country Club. Reservations can be made to Adam Handshy at [ahandshy@lawrencechamber.com](mailto:ahandshy@lawrencechamber.com) or 785-865-4427 at a cost of \$10 for students and \$15 for adults or go to: [Additional Information & Reservations.](#)



**Professor Elizabeth Asiedu**

**Named Associate Editor of [The Journal of African Economies](#)** The Journal of African Economies is a vehicle to carry rigorous economic analysis, focused entirely on Africa, for Africans and anyone interested in the continent - be they consultants, policymakers, academics, traders, financiers, development agents or aid workers. The journal is published on behalf of **[The Centre for the Study of African Economies](#)**, Department of Economics, Oxford University.



**Nathan Berg - PhD in Economics (KU 2001) - Returns to Lawrence to Make Music Video "[RIGHT NOW](#)"** Nathan returned to Lawrence in the Spring to make a music video with a topic of profound interest to KU students - **The Job Market!** Two professors from the Econ Department are featured in the video - Purse-Toting, Guitar-Playing Economist (Within Person Gains - From - Trade Theorem Proof) Elizabeth Asiedu, and Economist in Debt: Gautam Battacharyya. Nathan's father, Professor Chuck Berg- KU Film Department, also appears in the video. Nathan, always active in economics and music, is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Texas - Dallas, and currently a Visiting Scholar in Osaka, Japan. See **[Nathan Berg - "RIGHT NOW"](#)**

**Congratulations Michelle Lowrance! Employee of the Month - July 2009**



**VIDEO!**

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**27 KU Students Receive Awards and Scholarships from the Department of Economics** The Department of Economics honored 27 outstanding students with about \$30,000. in awards and scholarships. Faculty members from the department selected students based on academic achievement. Information about the awards is available at <http://www.news.ku.edu/2009/june/26/econawards.shtml>

**Serena Huang, Graduate Student in Economics, and Her Advisor, Donna Ginther, Associate Professor, Receive Research Grant** Serena H. Huang, a fourth year graduate student in Economics, and her advisor, Donna Ginther, Associate Professor, have received a research grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, funding Huang's dissertation research, "What is the impact of Science and Engineering Immigration on the U.S. Economy?" Her dissertation research received one of six grants awarded nationwide. The competitive grant program is meant to support creative research on the U.S. workforce and labor markets in Science and Engineering. Information about the award is available at <http://www.sloan.org/>

**Economics Senior Recipient of Award for Honors Thesis.** The Twelfth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium was held on April 25, 2009 at the Kansas Union. Akwasi Nti-Addae, an Economics Senior, presented his Honors thesis "Discrimination Against Minority-Owned Firms and

Black-Owned Firms in the Small Business Credit Market," and was one of the recipients of the award for Best Presenter. More information about the Symposium is available at: <http://www.honors.ku.edu/research/symposium.shtml>

**Professor Harry Shaffer's Retirement Party Photos** Professor Shaffer has been teaching economics at the University of Kansas for more than 50 years. He will retire from teaching this Spring at the age of 89.

**Congratulations to Professor Donna Ginther and Professor Dietrich Earnhart!** Chancellor Hemenway has approved the promotion of Professors Ginther and Earnhart to the rank of Full Professor. March 10, 2009



February 27, 2009 -- We mourn the loss of Distinguished Professor Aliprantis, colleague and friend. He was Distinguished Professor of Mathematics at Purdue University. The Conference on Economic Economics, University of Kansas, was organized in his honor - in honor of Professor Bernard Cornet. <http://www.economics.ku.edu/conference07.shtml> Roko will be buried on the island of Cephalonia, Greece. [Celebrating the life of Charalambos D. "Roko" Aliprantis](#)

**Update: Julia Groeblacher and Margaret Tan in final competition for Truman Scholarships**

**Four Economics Majors nominated for Truman Scholarships**

Five University of Kansas students have been nominated to compete for Harry S. Truman Scholarships. The national awards provide up to \$30,000 for college students preparing for leadership in public service. Four of the students are economics majors.

**Cooper Thomas Allton**, a senior in economics and political science, is preparing for an international affairs career in conflict prevention and recovery. His policy proposal urges U.S. Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, chair of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, to support the Extractive Industries Disclosure Act. The legislation addresses the need for transparency in management of oil, gas and other mined resources. At KU, Allton has a Summerfield Scholarship, one of KU's most prestigious scholarships for Kansas high school graduates with outstanding academic records who have demonstrated community service and leadership.

**Julia Michaela Johanna Groeblacher**, a senior majoring in economics and political science, is interested in a career in international affairs,

serving in the Middle East and in North Africa. Her long-range goals include working as an agent for change in economic development and in the promotion of democracy. She entered KU as a National Merit Scholar. In 2008, Julia was one of 20 students selected nationally to receive a Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs scholarship offered through the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

**Margaret A. Tran** is a junior majoring in environmental studies and economics to prepare for a public service career promoting environmental sustainability. In Kansas, Margaret has worked to promote awareness of the impact of coal-powered energy on Kansans and to promote the economic and environmental advantages of clean energy options. Margaret is a National Merit Scholar. She is program coordinator for Environmental Action to Revitalize the Heartland, EARTH, a program in KU's Center for Community Outreach.

**Alison Rose Spencer Zeigler**, a senior in economics and international studies, is planning a career to serve developing countries as a policy analyst. She is particularly interested in the impact rural conditions and policies have on poverty in a nation's urban centers. "Rural poverty and poor urban conditions are two sides of the same coin. I believe one cannot be fully understood without considering the other." At KU, Alison has earned distinction as a co-director who has revitalized and increased student and community participation in the Center for Community Outreach, a student operated and funded agency providing student volunteers for community groups.

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2009/february/12/trumans.shtml>

**Spring '09 Grad Fair** - KU Bookstores on the Lawrence campus will hold a Spring '09 Grad Fair Tuesday, Feb. 17-Thursday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ballroom on level five of the Kansas Union. Graduating students can rent a cap and gown and order announcements at this time.

### **Professor Harry Shaffer is featured in the recent issue of Journal**

Professor Shaffer has been teaching economics at the University of Kansas for 40 years. He will retire from teaching this year at the age of 89.