

### *Graduate School Success*

StFX Economics students are in huge demand by graduate schools. Students who have chosen to further their studies by pursuing a 12-month Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Economics were in total offered **\$535,000** in funding.

Two students each received financial offers worth almost \$45,000 from a single school, setting a new department record for most generous financial packages ever offered to our students for entry into a M.A. in Economics program.

### *Class of 2017 Placements*

- *U. of Western Ontario (M.A. in Economics) x 3*
- *U. of Western Ontario (M.F.E. Master of Financial Economics) x 1*
- *Queen's U. (M.A. in Economics) x 2*
- *Dalhousie U. (M.A. in Economics) x 1*
- *U. of Toronto (M.Sc. in Statistics) x 1*
- *Bank of Canada (Financial Markets Department, Ottawa) x 1*

### *Affiliated Students*

Economics is an extremely versatile discipline, pairing well with other subjects. This year, for the first time, students have even taken Economics as part of a B.Sc. Joint Honours degree.

The following students will be making thesis presentations in other departments, but will both be pursuing M.A. degrees in Economics in September:

- **Hugh (Warren) Ferguson**, B.Sc. Joint Honours in Physics and Economics  
*Density Functional Theory for the Ordered Phases in a Bilayer System of Dipolar Fermions*  
Supervisor: Dr. Brandon Van Zyl (Physics)
- **Mackenzie Pazos**, B.A. Honours in Mathematics with Subsidiary in Economics  
*Measuring Wealth and Income Inequality in Ghana*  
Supervisors: Dr. Joe Apaloo (Math) and Dr. Zeynep Özkök (Economics)



*Dr. Patrick "Bautista" Withey*

# Economics Student Research Day

*Honours thesis presentations of students  
working in the Department of Economics*

10AM to 6PM

Friday March 31

Council Chambers (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Bloomfield)

# 2017

# Morning Sessions

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee and Introduction

10:15 – 11:15 SESSION 1: THE ECONOMICS OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS  
Session Chair: **Dr. Greg Tkacz**

1. **Christoph Hecker**, B.B.A. Joint Honours in Business and Economics  
*Determinants of Transfer Fees for Professional Players in the German Association Football League*  
Supervisor: Dr. Greg Tkacz
2. **Connor O'Brien**, B.B.A. Joint Honours in Business and Economics  
*Changing the Game: An In-Depth Analysis of How Advanced Statistics Have Changed the Face of the NHL*  
Supervisor: Dr. Greg Tkacz

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 SESSION 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Session Chair: **Dr. Santo Dodaro**

3. **Julie Reaburn**, B.B.A. Joint Honours in Business and Economics  
*Aiding or Suffocating? An Analysis of the Effects of Economic Globalization on Physical Integrity Rights*  
Supervisor: Dr. Zeynep Özkök
4. **Taylor Grady**, B.A. Honours in Economics with Subsidiary in Aquatic Resources  
*Lack of Access to Clean Drinking Water in Indigenous Communities in Canada and its Effects on Health*  
Supervisors: Dr. Zeynep Özkök and Dr. Jonathan Rosborough

12:30 – 1:00 Complimentary Lunch

# Afternoon Sessions

1:00 – 2:30 SESSION 3: FINANCIAL ASSET PRICES  
Session Chair: **Dr. Teng Wah Leo**

5. **Gordon La**, B.B.A. Joint Honours in Business and Economics  
*The Complete Ordering of Optimal Portfolio Sets*  
Supervisor: Dr. Teng Wah Leo
6. **Maria teNyenhuis**, B.B.A. Joint Honours in Business and Economics  
*Spillovers in European Sovereign Bond Yields*  
Supervisor: Dr. Greg Tkacz
7. **Sarah MacPhee**, B.A. Honours in Economics  
*Macprudential Housing Policies in Major Canadian Cities*  
Supervisors: Dr. Greg Tkacz and Teng Wah Leo

2:30 – 2:45 Coffee Break

2:45 – 4:15 SESSION 4: THEORY & APPLICATIONS  
Session Chair: **Dr. Jonathan Rosborough**

8. **Taylor Chase**, B.B.A. Joint Honours in Business and Economics  
*Does Money Buy Happiness? Cross Country Evidence from the European Social Survey*  
Supervisors: Dr. Zeynep Özkök and Dr. Jonathan Rosborough
9. **Patrick MacKinnon**, B.A. Honours in Economics with Subsidiary in Mathematics  
*A Semiparametric Approach to Estimating the Effect of Childhood Engagement in Sports and Exercise on Adult Health Outcomes*  
Supervisor: Dr. Teng Wah Leo
10. **Claude-Michelle Chavy-Waddy**, B.Sc. Joint Honours in Economics and Mathematics  
*The Stability of an Anarchistic Society*  
Supervisor: Dr. Teng Wah Leo

4:15 – 6:00 Epilogue at *Piper's Pub*  
organized by the StFX Economics Society