

Welcome to our annual Economics Department Newsletter.

We hope that you enjoy reading about new developments in the department and getting caught up on news worthy events in the lives of our faculty, former colleagues and former students.

The department continues to thrive, constantly ranking among the top 35 economics departments in the country, in spite of difficult financial times. Over the past year there have been a few particularly noteworthy events, with **Jay Pil Choi's** selection as a University Distinguished Professor, a conference to honor Peter Schmidt (organized by his former PhD students), and the US News and World Reports ranking our department as 13<sup>th</sup> best in the US in econometrics.

There was sad news this year as well with the deaths of four long-time members of the MSU economics faculty, colleagues and friends who devoted long careers to teaching, scholarship, and service to the economics department, Michigan State University, and their country. Included in this issue

are brief remembrances of these men, based on tributes written by their former colleagues.

Some of the major changes in the department are not fully reflected in the articles that follow. We now have close to 1,000 majors (in comparison, we had fewer than 200 back in 2001 when we joined the College of Social Science).

While we have always been able to attract top students, with such a large base of majors it now takes a truly exceptional student to rise to the very top and earn one of our undergraduate awards. This year's outstanding group of students is highlighted on page 2. The increase in our majors has changed the workload for our faculty and increased the importance of maintaining a strong graduate program.

Teaching Assistants are essential for a strong undergraduate program; they provide support and guidance to our students and they allow our faculty to shine in the classroom while still maintaining strong and vibrant research agendas.

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Recent budget cuts, however, have hit our graduate program hard and we now receive less than 30% of the annual funding needed to support our Ph.D. program from the university. This makes the wonderful support that we receive from our alumni and friends even more vital for our continued success. Your generosity helps to ensure academic excellence and an environment that attracts and rewards exceptional students and outstanding faculty.

We would love to hear from you. Please email our Associate Chair **Jeff Biddle** at [biddle@msu.edu](mailto:biddle@msu.edu), to let us know how you and your family have been doing and what you have been up to.



Chair and Professor  
MSU Department of Economics

## Department of Economics Reception at Annual AEA/ASSA Meetings

Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel (Buckingham Room)

Friday, January 6, 2012, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please join us for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails before your evening out.

# Undergraduate Awards

The Department of Economics hosted its Undergraduate Awards Reception on April 13, 2011. The following students were recognized for their academic achievements.

**Michael Leonard** was a member of the Honors College and a recipient of the Alumni Distinguished Scholarship award. He was also awarded a Presidential Study Abroad Scholarship and a Professorial Assistantship. He received the L.C. Plant Award Scholarship from the Department of Mathematics and was a two time recipient of the Webb Spartan Marching Band Scholarship. He served as an Undergraduate Assistant for the Department of Economics. He graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics and a B.S. in Economics, and entered New York University Fall 2011 to pursue a Ph.D. in Economics with an emphasis in Econometrics.

In addition to her studies in Economics, **Chae Mamayek** took a significant amount of coursework in the sciences. She served as the V.P. for the Human Biology Club at MSU and as the Department of Economics' senior representative on the Dean's Student Advisory Council. She also served as an Undergraduate Assistant for the department and was active with various organizations in the community. Chae graduated in Spring 2011 as a member of the Honors College with a B.A. in Economics and a specialization

in Bioethics, Humanities, and Society, and is currently pursuing a M.A. in Criminal Justice with an emphasis on government intelligence and research.

**Asra Shaik** was a member of the Honors College and a recipient of the Alumni Distinguished Scholarship Award. She was also awarded a Professorial Assistantship. Asra participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Program at the University of Texas during the summers of 2009 and 2010. Outside the classroom, she was the director for Science Theatre Biology, and served as an ASMSU representative, a Peer Health Educator, and an Undergraduate Assistant for the Department of Economics. Asra graduated in Spring 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Physiology with an additional major in Economics, and is currently enrolled in an M.D./Ph.D program at Wayne State University.

**Robert Munk** quickly established a course for himself in which he sought opportunities to enrich himself academically and personally. Robert was involved with University Christian Outreach and served as an Undergraduate Assistant for the Department of Economics. He graduated in Spring 2011 with a B.S. in Economics and an additional major in Mathematics, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at The Ohio State



University.

While at MSU, **Jay Thaker** was awarded the Andrew Undergraduate Fellowship and a College of Social Science Undergraduate Distinguished Scholarship. He served as president of the Student Health Advisory Council and was an Undergraduate Assistant for the Department of Economics. In the summer of 2010, he spent two months in Malawi working with **Dr. Jobiba Chinkhumba** as part of a research team exploring more cost effective approaches to combating malaria in less developed countries. He graduated in Spring 2011 with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science with an emphasis in Health Studies, a B.A. in Economics and a specialization in Bioethics, Humanities and Society. Jay begins his post-graduate studies in the Fall of 2011 at Johns Hopkins University seeking an MHS in Health Economics at Johns Hopkins University, which will be followed by an MPH in Health Policy at the University of Michigan, and finally medical school.

## Peter Schmidt Honored at Gathering of Former Students

**Peter Schmidt** has been on the faculty of economics since 1977, and he is also a department alumnus, earning his BA in economics in 1969 and his Ph.D. in economics in 1970. Peter's contributions to the research mission of the department of economics have been prodigious, including, but not limited to, over 100 articles published in refereed journals.

The University recognized this aspect of Peter's service to Michigan State by naming him a University Distinguished Professor in 1997. But Peter's contributions on the teaching side, particularly at the graduate level, have been invaluable as well. In addition to his many years teaching a first year course in econometrics in our graduate program, he has served as the main advisor to over 30 Ph.D. students.

This summer, 15 of those former Ph.D. students gathered in Houston for a conference designed to honor and thank Peter for the instruction, advice, and mentoring he provided during and after their time in graduate school. The conference was organized by Robin Sickles, who now holds the Reginald Henry Hargrove Chair of Economics at Rice University. Several of the attendees presented scholarly papers at the conference related to or building on Peter's research, a number of which are slated to be collected in a festschrift published in Peter's honor. The conference also featured a dinner at which many of the students shared stories of



their experiences with Peter. In his remarks to open the conference, Prof. Sickles gave eloquent testimony to the role Peter Schmidt has played in advancing Michigan State's mission of "transforming lives."

*"As you know, this is a conference to celebrate Peter's contribution to our contributions. We of course have our parents to thank for much that we think is positive in our lives. However, if we think about it there are aspects of our professional lives that I don't believe would be the same without the lessons and the approaches to decision making that we learned from Peter. . .*

*As we spend our next few days together please be reminded of these aspects of your personalities and life goals that were enhanced, fostered, and nurtured by the very singular experiences we have had in our relationships with Peter."*

## Jay Pil Choi Named University Distinguished Professor



**Jay Pil Choi** was named a University Distinguished Professor by the MSU Board of Trustees at its June 17th meeting, in recognition of his achievements in teaching, research, and outreach. This is among the highest honors that can be bestowed on a faculty member by the university. Those selected for the title have been recognized nationally and internationally for the importance of their research.

Professor Choi is one of the world's leading experts on two distinct research topics: the anticompetitive effects of tying practices (that is, the bundling of

products and/or services) in oligopolistic industries and the incentives to innovate and adopt new technologies in markets characterized by network externalities.

In a letter supporting Professor Choi's nomination for this honor, Nobel Laureate Eric Maskin noted that Professor Choi had "established himself as one of the strongest figures in the generation of economists under fifty working on industrial organization, particularly among those studying research and development. He has been a highly creative and productive scholar, particularly known for his clarity of thought."

## Faculty News

**Soren Anderson** spent the Spring semester as a visiting researcher at the Energy Institute at the Haas School of Business of the University of California at Berkeley. The purpose of the Institute is to bring together research and curricular programs on energy business, policy and technology commercialization, and to bridge the gap between the frontiers of economic and scientific energy research and the marketplace.



This November brought the happy news of the birth of **Daphne Elder**, second daughter of **Todd Elder** and departmental advisor **Carey Elder**.



At this year's MSU Football Awards banquet, **Carl Liedholm** received the George Steven Scofes Academic Spartan of the Year Award, given each year to a faculty member in recognition of special efforts in support of the academic development of student-athletes in the football program.



**Mike Conlin** and **Stacy Dickert-Conlin** spent much of the fall semester as visiting faculty at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia.



**Lisa D. Cook** is serving a yearlong appointment as a senior economist on the staff of the president's Council of Economic Advisers. She will be focusing on issues related to international economics and science and innovation.



**Gary Solon** has been chosen to be the new managing editor of the Berkeley Electronic Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, effective March of 2012. He has also been designated project leader on social mobility trends at the new Stanford Poverty Research Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



## Graduate Students Honored

The Department of Economics gives a number of awards each year to deserving students in our Ph.D. program. The following students received awards during the 2010-2011 Academic year:

**Amanda Stype** received an Academic Achievement Graduate Assistantship (AAGA), awarded by the University to students who enhance the educational diversity of the student body of the program into which they are admitted, as evidenced in personal history and experience, research goals, or the promotion of understanding among persons of different background and ideas, or have demonstrated significant academic achievement by overcoming barriers such as economic, social, or educational disadvantage.

**Hoa Bao Nguyen, Brian Moore, Iraj Rhamani, Se Hoon Bang** and **Desu Liu** received Dissertation Completion Fellowships from the Graduate School, to allow them to devote themselves to writing their

dissertation full-time with the goal that the dissertation will be completed during the tenure of the fellowship.

**Kyong Hyun Koo** received the Peter Schmidt award, given to the student who, on the basis of his or her performance during the first year of the Ph.D. program, shows the most promise for a distinguished career in economics.

The Red Cedar Award for the best paper presented at the department's annual Spring Conference was shared by **Yeonjei Jung**, for "Co-Marketing with Price Discrimination" and **Kyungmin Kim** for "Multi-Product Competition in the Global Economy"

**Daniel Litwok** received a University Enrichment Fellowship for academic achievement, research goals, contribution to a diverse educational community, and a record of overcoming obstacles.

## Alumni News

In June, **Alan Barrett** (Ph.D. 1994) was appointed by Ireland's Minister for Finance to be a member of the newly established Irish Fiscal Advisory Council. The Council has been set up under the terms of Ireland's bailout agreement with the IMF, the EU and the ECB. Its task will be to comment on issues such as the soundness of the official macroeconomic forecasts and the appropriateness of the fiscal stance. Alan will continue to work as Project Director at the Irish Longitudinal Study on Aging, Trinity College Dublin.

**Heeseon Choi** (Ph.D. 2002) is now the head of the Industrial HRD team at the Korean Institute for Industrial Economic and Trade, a research institute in Seoul.

In January, Harvard Education Press announced the publication of Value Added Measures in Education, by **Doug Harris** (Ph.D. 2000, profiled in last year's newsletter). The Press notes that "Written in straightforward language and illustrated with actual student achievement data, this essential volume shows how value-added measurement can help schools make better use of their data and discusses the strengths and limitations of this approach . . ." More about Doug's book can be found

at <http://www.hepg.org/hep/book/132/ValueAddedMeasuresInEducation>

**Robert Wassamer** (Ph.D. 1989), Chairperson and Professor in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at California State University, Sacramento, was given the University's Outstanding Scholar Award for 2011, an award given each year to a faculty member "who, over many years, made significant contributions to a discipline through scholarly activity, creative/artistic endeavors, research and publication." Details on the award and Rob's career since leaving MSU can be found at <http://www.csus.edu/research/funding/osaa/recipient.htm>.

The Department of Economics now has a Facebook page, which can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/msueconomics>.

## We Want to Hear from You!

Send your alumni update to **Vicki Essenmacher** ([vicki@msu.edu](mailto:vicki@msu.edu)), and it might get included in our next newsletter. Please include your name, degree and graduation year. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/msuupdate> to update your contact information and ensure that you continue to receive news about MSU Economics.

## Stay Connected

**JOIN.** By joining the MSU Alumni Association and choosing Social Science as your college, you support student scholarships and alumni activities in the College of Social Science. Join now at [www.joinmsuaa.com](http://www.joinmsuaa.com).

**STAY IN TOUCH.** Visit <http://tinyurl.com/msuupdate> to update your contact information and ensure that you continue to receive news from MSU and the Department of Economics.

## Giving to MSU Economics

We encourage alumni to recall and renew their Michigan State University ties by donating to the Department of Economics. These gifts not only contribute to our ability to positively impact the lives of students but also assist in the preservation of high quality education for future Spartans.

Show your support for Michigan State University by making your contribution with our safe and secure online gift processing system. MSU's online gift processing system is an easy, fast, safe and cost-effective way to make an impact on the MSU Department of Economics. If you have questions or would like additional information, contact **Nick McLaren** at [mclarenn@msu.edu](mailto:mclarenn@msu.edu), 517-884-2189, or toll free at 1-866-761-4199.

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## Alumnus Michael Plummer (MA 1984, Ph.D. 1988)

I came to MSU directly from my MA studies at the Bologna Center of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) to study European economic integration.

It may seem odd that someone who was studying in Italy would choose to go home to Michigan to study Europe, but my professors at Johns Hopkins noted that the leading scholar at the time in this area, **Max Kreinin**, was on the MSU faculty. I applied late for admission to the program but the admissions committee decided to take a chance on me, including coming up with a College of Business fellowship. I am eternally grateful to that committee—chaired by the incomparable **Warren Samuels**, who sadly passed away this year and will be greatly missed—for the chance, as I couldn't have imagined a better experience.

I ended up choosing for my three fields international economics, international development, and econometrics. While I wrote in international trade, the training I received throughout my studies provided me with the fundamentals to teach in all these areas during my professional career. I got the most out of the wonderful cohort of students in which I was lucky enough to fall. They were an exceptionally talented bunch academically who worked hard yet placed an appropriate emphasis on social interaction. I was elected president of the graduate students of economics mainly because I did a good job at organizing social gatherings as vice-president. We also had a faculty-student softball team, organized by the indefatigable **Carl Davidson**, and would every year have an annual faculty vs. student softball game, playing for bragging rights. I do hope that the department's graduate students are continuing in these traditions.

While finishing my dissertation under Max, I taught briefly at Albion College. In May 1988 I started my first "real" job at a research institute in Honolulu, the East-West Center, where I was hired to apply the tools I developed to study European integration to the Asian context. This was certainly a life-changing experience for me: I became a professional economist to study Europe but ended up an Asian specialist, including becoming Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Asian Economics* in 2008 and President of the American Committee for Asian Economic Studies in 2009. I attribute my ability to

make this change so easily to the strong fundamentals stressed during my academic formation at MSU.

The East-West Center was a wonderful place to be in the late '80s/early '90s, with Asia on the rise and a great team of researchers led by Seiji Naya. I always stress to my students that it isn't a bad idea to start one's career in a research institute, as this allows one to focus on research and build a post-doctoral research agenda with publications before entering an academic career. In any event this is what I did: I was fortunate enough to start a tenure-track position at Brandeis University in 1992, shortly after which I was asked by the Dean of the newly-created graduate school to be the Director of MA programs. I also received a Pew Fellowship at Harvard University and was awarded tenure at Brandeis in 1998. For my sabbatical in 2000 I went to Europe, with a Fulbright Chair in Economics in Italy, a grant to study monetary-union issues by the Government of Spain at the University of Alicante, and a visiting professorship at my old digs at the JHU SAIS-Bologna Center, where Bob Mundell was in residence at the time (he had received his Nobel the year before). During this year, I met my wife and, when Johns Hopkins made me an offer to stay as Professor of International Economics in 2001, I did the most difficult thing of my career: I resigned my hard-won tenure at Brandeis. But it was a small price to pay for love!

I was awarded the Eni Chair in International Economics at the JHU SAIS-Bologna in 2008, from which I took a leave in 2010 to become the Head of the Development Division of the OECD, where I am presently. Working at the OECD has been a wonderful experience and has endowed me with much better insight into the policy-making process and appreciation for how solid, evidence-based research can improve international economic policy.

In short, I am extremely grateful to MSU for providing me with the tools necessary to enjoy a rich and diverse career. I look forward to continuing to see faculty and former classmates at the ASSA meetings and other occasions.



## In Memoriam—Jack Stieber (1920—2011)

**Jack Stieber** joined the Michigan State faculty in 1956, and for many years held a joint appointment in the School of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Economics Department. The remembrance below is based on a tribute written by Jack's former colleague **Rich Block**.

Jack Stieber, educator, scholar, and arbitrator, died in Lansing on March 22, 2011, at the age of 91. He was a man of fairness, honor, vision, and tenacity.

Stieber emigrated with his family from Hungary at the age of four, settling in Newark, New Jersey. After earning his bachelor's degree from the City College of New York, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He went on to receive his master's degree from the University of Minnesota and his PhD from Harvard University, where he was both a Littauer and a Wertheim Fellow.

Before coming to MSU, Jack worked for the National Housing Agency, the Steelworkers' Union, and the Wage Stabilization Board. In 1956 he was hired to serve as the Associate Director of Research and Planning for the Labor and Industrial Relations Center at MSU, and he was named the director of the Center in 1959.

When Jack relinquished this position after 26 years, the Labor and Industrial Relations Center had become the School of Labor and Industrial Relations (now the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations), offering a professional master's degree, a doctoral program, broad based outreach and education programs for labor and management, and a library.

Under Jack's guidance the HRLR master's program developed to educate future labor relations and human resource professionals. Graduates have obtained executive positions in Fortune 500 corporations and government agencies, provided leadership to labor unions, practiced labor law, and become labor arbitrators. The Ph.D. program has produced

excellent scholars of human resources and labor relations with positions at major universities.

Building on the foundations that Jack laid, the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations has become an internationally recognized industrial relations and human resources center and one of the major academic units of its type in the world.

Jack was also an internationally recognized scholar in his own right. He served as executive secretary to President John F. Kennedy's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy in 1962; as a research consultant for the International Institute for Labor Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1963 to 1964; and as an Overseas Fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge University, in 1978.

He taught and lectured in Great Britain, Belgium, Japan, India, Iran, Israel, New Zealand, and Australia. In 1983, he served as president of the Industrial Relations Research Association (now the Labor and Employment Relations Association), which honored him with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

He received the Distinguished Faculty Award from MSU in 1974. Stieber wrote or edited eleven books and many articles in professional journals, focusing on industrial relations in steel, automotive manufacturing, and other industries. He had a particular interest in protecting unorganized workers from unjust-discharge actions.

Jack was an intense and knowledgeable fan of MSU basketball. A season ticket holder for many years, he was a keen student of the game. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carolyn; two cherished daughters, Allison, of Somerville, Massachusetts, and Joan, of Washington, DC; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was a willed body donor to MSU's Anatomy Department.

## In Memoriam—Bob Alexander Solo (1916—2011)

**Robert Alexander Solo** died on March 24th, 2011 at the age of 94. Bob joined the faculty of the economics department in 1966, and served until his retirement in 1987.

Bob's path to Michigan State was an unusual one. He earned an undergraduate degree in economics from Harvard in 1938, served in the Navy during World War II, studied with Lionel Robbins and the renowned philosopher Karl Popper at the London School of Economics, and wrote scripts for television dramas in the early 1950s.

He received a Ph.D. in Economics from Cornell in 1952, and held various teaching posts until the late 1950's, when he left academe to work in economic development, first for the National Planning Association in Washington DC, then with FOMENTO in Puerto Rico and with Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in France.

During his two decades at MSU, Bob taught a variety of economics courses, and even introduced two new courses to the academic catalogue. He was also an active researcher, publishing a number of books.

A topic of particular interest to Bob was economic development and technological change, which he analyzed from what would

today be called an interdisciplinary perspective, taking into account the joint evolution over time of political, social, and economic institutions.

An excellent portrayal of Bob as a colleague and scholar is provided by these excerpts from a remembrance of Bob circulated by his friend, emeritus professor of sociology **Volodya Schlapentokh**.

*"He was a great scholar. His last book (reprinted 20 years after its initial publication—a very rare case in social science) along with previous books in fact founded a new economics which revealed the narrow mindedness of traditional economics. He called for a new vision of the field . . . It is only natural that he would encounter different viewpoints. But never for a second could such differences cause emotional confrontations. For Bob another point of view offered the motive for a productive discussion . . .*

*Talents usually come in clusters. Bob was not only an outstanding scholar but he was also a painter, quite good, and a writer. He published a novel in French which I have in my library along with several other of Bob's books . . .*

*Bob was deeply kind. As an émigré I felt his kindness full scale. He was kind to everybody. Even his cats bore witness to his generosity. Bob was a spectacular person who defies replication."*

## In Memoriam—Anthony Koo (1918—2011)

**Anthony Koo**, age 92, died at his home in Okemos on June 6, 2011. Originally from Shanghai China, where he graduated from St. John's University, Anthony came to the United States in the 1940s for graduate study. After receiving his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1946 and serving as a diplomat at the Chinese Embassy in Washington, Anthony joined the Economics Department at MSU in 1950.

Anthony served the University as a distinguished teacher and internationally-recognized scholar until his retirement in 1989. He was also a member of Academia Sinica in Taiwan and contributed to the master plan to modernize the Taiwanese economy.

Anthony left MSU for the University of Michigan in 1964, but good sense prevailed and he returned in 1967. Anthony was recognized with MSU's Distinguished Teacher Award in 1956 and a Distinguished Faculty Award in 1976.

Anthony, and his wife Delia, became dedicated supporters of Michigan State University. Faculty, students, and visitors give their presentations in the Department's Koo Seminar Room, and a gift established the Delia Koo International Academic Center. Anthony was particularly gregarious and interacted easily with everyone. He loved MSU football and basketball, rarely missing a game, and would enthusiastically debate team strategy.

## In Memoriam—Warren Samuels (1933—2011)

**Warren J. Samuels** passed away at his home in Gainesville FL on August 17th, 2011, in the company of his beloved wife, Sylvia.

All of us who were fortunate enough to know Warren as a colleague at MSU were saddened to learn of his death. He was a humble, gentle, and generous person. He was also a great and prolific scholar, at one time the most published author on the MSU faculty.

Warren worked in the history of economic thought, but viewed it as a branch of intellectual history: not “What did Adam Smith think?” but “How did Adam Smith’s ideas, and the reactions of others to them, reflect and contribute to the development of the western intellectual tradition?”

Warren also made important contributions to the literature on methodology. He angered or annoyed some economists with this work, because in seeking a richer understanding of the philosophical and methodological underpinnings of various approaches to economics, past and present, he had no qualms about pointing out the ways that those underpinnings could hamper or mislead inquiry. But he had no axe to grind. He was just calling it as he saw it, and his arguments were compelling to those willing to listen with an open mind.

In other research, Warren explored questions related to the joint development through history of legal and economic institutions. He worked with the fundamental assumption that economic and political power is often used to influence legal rules and institutions, which in turn affect the performance of economic institutions, often, but not always, in a way that reinforces the existing distribution of power and wealth.

Warren’s goal was a positive analysis of this process in historical time, and its role in driving

economic and political change as well as the content of economic and political thought. And in all these areas, Warren contributed insights and ideas that were deep and influential.

Warren’s diverse interests led him to be an active member in many scholarly societies, a number of which awarded him their highest honors at some point in his career.

He remained an active scholar to the end. *Erasing the Invisible Hand: Essays on an Elusive and Misguided Concept in Economics*, a book that he completed not long before his death with the assistance of his former student Marianne **Johnson**, has been published posthumously by Cambridge University Press.

At MSU Warren supervised the dissertations of many Ph.D. students who later went on to successful academic careers, and he is remembered in the scholarly communities in which he was involved for his incredible kindness and generosity to young scholars: responding to their requests for comments on their work, providing publication opportunities for them in the numerous volumes that he edited, and generally encouraging them in their intellectual pursuits.

Warren’s contributions to the encouragement of young scholars will continue through the activities of the **Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholars program of the History of Economics Society**, a program endowed by Warren and Sylvia to support and highlight research in the history of economic thought by PhD candidates and scholars who have recently obtained their PhDs.

For information about giving to the Samuels Fund or creating your own endowment, please contact **Nick McLaren** at [mclarenn@msu.edu](mailto:mclarenn@msu.edu) or toll free at 1-866-761-4199.

# Giving to MSU Economics

For the past several decades, MSU's Economics Department has been one of the top ranked economics departments in the US. Your gift can help us to maintain that tradition. Alumni giving goes to support the research activities of faculty, lecture and seminar series featuring distinguished speakers and cutting-edge researchers, prizes for the best of our graduating seniors, and fellowships and other forms of financial support for deserving undergraduate and PhD students.

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