

Graduate School Success

StFX Economics students are in huge demand by graduate schools. Students in the Class of 2016 who have chosen to further their studies by pursuing a 12-month Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Economics were offered almost \$500,000 in funding, with the *average (and median) accepted offer being over \$30,000.*

Three students were even nominated for prestigious Master's SSHRC awards, valued at \$17,500 each.

Class of 2016 Placements

Queen's University (x3), University of Western Ontario (x2), Simon Fraser University, University of Calgary, Dalhousie University, KPMG (Calgary), Bank of Canada (Ottawa), Scotiabank (Toronto)

3:30 – 3:45 Coffee Break

3:45 – 5:15 SESSION 6: MONEY & FINANCE
Session Chair: **Dr. Greg Tkacz**

12. **Matthew Cormier**, B.A. Honours in Economics with Subsidiary in Math
The Dynamics of Monetary Policy Actions and Credit Default Rates
Supervisor: Dr. Greg Tkacz
13. **Kevin MacLean**, B.B.A. Joint Honours in Business and Economics
Identifying a Bubble: Detecting Overvaluation in the Canadian Housing Market
Supervisor: Dr. Greg Tkacz
14. **Matthew (Cole) Grbvac**, B.B.A. Honours in Accounting with Minor in Economics
Estimating the Factors that Influence the Stock Returns of Canadian Oil and Gas Companies
Supervisor: Dr. Teng Wah Leo



Economics Student Research Day

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

8:45AM to 5:15PM
Wednesday April 6
Council Chambers (4th Floor Bloomfield)

2016

Morning Sessions

8:45 – 9:00 Coffee and Introduction

9:00 – 10:00 Session 1: Climate Change
Session Chair: **Dr. Santo Dodaro**

1. **Deny Sullivan**, B.A. Honours in Economics
Willingness to Pay to Protect from Climate Change Impacts in Halifax
Supervisor: Dr. Patrick Withey
2. **Michael Staples**, B.A. Honours in Economics
Adaptation to Climate Change in Atlantic Canada
Supervisor: Dr. Patrick Withey

10:00 – 10:30 SESSION 2: THEORY
Session Chair: **Dr. Cornelius Christian**

3. **Johan Oh**, B.A. Major in Economics
Dictator Games with 2nd Party Punishment and Earned Income
Supervisor: Dr. Cornelius Christian

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45 SESSION 3: NATURAL RESOURCES
Session Chair: **Dr. Teng Wah Leo**

4. **Brett Connell**, B.A. Honours in Economics
Modelling Block Replacement in an Apple Orchard
Supervisors: Dr. Patrick Withey and Dr. Teng Wah Leo
5. **Gabriella Zapparilla**, B.A. Honours in Economics
Modelling the Impact of Uncertainty on Forest Growth for Carbon
Supervisor: Dr. Patrick Withey

Afternoon Sessions

11:45 – 12:15 Lunch

12:15 – 1:45 SESSION 4: STRUCTURAL CHANGE
Session Chair: **Dr. Cornelius Christian**

6. **Robert Millard**, B.Sc. Honours in Economics
Economic Impact of Oil Price Shocks in Newfoundland and Labrador
Supervisor: Dr. Patrick Withey
7. **Tara Myden**, B.A. Honours in Economics
The Impact of Oil Price Shocks on Alberta's Economy: A CGE Analysis
Supervisor: Dr. Patrick Withey
8. **Christopher Duignan**, B.B.A. Joint Honours in Business and Economics
China Grows Up: Structural Economic Changes and Implications for Canada
Supervisor: Dr. Greg Tkacz

1:45 – 2:00 Coffee Break

2:00 – 3:30 SESSION 5: HEALTH & LABOUR ECONOMICS
Session Chair: **Dr. Zeynep Özkök**

9. **Thomas Hindle**, B.A. Honours in Economics
How Socioeconomic, Demographic and Genetic Differences Affect Physical Activity and the Effects on Health Outcomes for Individuals
Supervisor: Dr. Patrick Withey
10. **Nadine Otten**, B.A. Honours in Economics with Subsidiary in Psychology
Decomposing the Wage Gap: The Impact of Educational Attainment and Field of Study on Gender Wage Differentials in Canada
Supervisor: Dr. Zeynep Özkök
11. **Mikaela Malson**, B.B.A. Honours in Marketing
Factors Influencing Obesity in Developing Countries
Supervisor: Dr. Zeynep Özkök