

# UNL Economics Department News

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**John Anderson** has been selected as an International Scholar for the Higher Education Support Program (HESP) of the Open Society Institute (OSI-Europe). Under this program, John will work with the Department of International Economics at the Tajik State National University, Dushanbe, Tajikistan. He will review curriculum used in the department, advise on the development of new courses, mentor two Academic Fellows Program (AFP) returning scholars, and provide guest lectures.



**Carlos Asarta** has once again been nominated for the "Teaching Excellence Award" from the College of Business Administration. This is the second year he has been nominated and he received the award last year.

**Carlos Asarta** has also been awarded the "Bauermeister Faculty Award" for 2008 from the Dean of The College of Business Administration for his outstanding teaching, research and outreach.



**Roger Butters**, President of the Nebraska Council on Economic Education, together with partners from across the state, hosted the first ever "Money Smart Nebraska Week". The week included over 200 financial literacy seminars and events held throughout the state offered by 100 recruited partners free to the public.



**Ann Mari May** was invited to participate in the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Higher Education Working Group in November. She has also been invited to serve on the National AAUP Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession for 2008-09. This Committee contributes to the writing of the Annual Report on the Economic Status of of the Profession published in ACADEME.

**Ann Mari May** presented a paper titled "Representation of Women Faculty at the Public Research University: Do Unions Matter?" with Elizabeth Moorhouse, UNL Economics graduate, (and co-authored by Jennifer A. Petersen, UNL Economics graduate student), at the International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Meetings in Torino, Italy.

**Ann Mari May** was nominated for the Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching. This award honors outstanding professors in the English-speaking world who are distinguished for their ability to communicate as classroom teachers and have a proven record as an extraordinary teacher with a positive, inspiring, and long-lasting effect on students, along with a record of distinguished scholarship.



**Craig MacPhee** was the luncheon speaker for the annual meeting of the Nebraska Economics and Business Association at Doane

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College. The topic was "Post Soviet Reform Revisited".



**Mary McGarvey** chaired the session, "Topics in Applied Labor Economics," at the Southern Economic Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. in November.



**Dave Rosenbaum** received statewide and national recognition as the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching "U.S. Professors of the Year" award winner for Nebraska.

**Dave Rosenbaum** has also been nominated for the "John Weaver and Aaron Douglas Professorships for Teaching Excellence."



**Jim Schmidt** has been nominated for the second year in a row for the "Teaching Excellence Award" from the College of Business Administration. He won the award in 2007.



**Eric Thompson**, Director of the Bureau of Business Research, is the recipient of the "Bauermeister Faculty Award". This award is given to faculty members for "outstanding teaching, research and outreach".

**Eric Thompson** recently gave a presentation discussing the results of his book, co-authored with William Walstad, titled *Entrepreneurship in Nebraska: Conditions, Attitudes and Actions* to the Entrepreneur and Cooperative Business Development Workshop. He also gave a presentation to the Annual Meeting of The Box Butte Economic Development Association in Alliance, Nebraska, regarding the economic outlook for Nebraska. Dr. Thompson has also given several television and radio interviews regarding President-Elect Barack Obama's economic plan.



**William Walstad** is the recipient of the "Seacrest Faculty Award" for 2008 from James C. and Rhonda Seacrest. He was selected due to his outstanding teaching, research and outreach.

**William Walstad** was invited by the U.S. Treasury Department to participate in a national research symposium on financial literacy with 25 other researchers in Washington, D.C.

**William Walstad** has also been nominated for a University of Nebraska Innovation, Development and Engagement Award (IDEA). This award honors faculty members who have extended their academic expertise beyond the boundaries of the University in ways that have enriched the community.