

Student Success at a Glance: 2015 to 2019

Since the inaugural *StFX Economics Student Research Day* in 2015, **59 Honours** students (consisting of 33 BA, 24 BBA and 2 BSc) working under the guidance of Economics faculty have showcased their work to the Department and University community in an academic conference setting.

Collectively, this group of outstanding students has been offered almost **\$5 Million** in funding to pursue advanced degrees, and received the following awards and placements:

- ONE Rhodes Scholarship (2019)
- ONE Governor General's Gold medal (2017)
- ONE national "Best Undergraduate Research Paper Award" at the Canadian Economics Association conference (2017)
- ONE OceanPath Fellowship (2018)
- TWO Frank H. Sobey Awards in Business (2015, 2018)
- TWO Onex Corp. Gold Medals in Business (2015, 2017)
- THREE research papers published in peer-reviewed journals (2016, 2017, 2018)
- THREE Law School placements (2016, 2017, 2018)
- TOP-FIVE national finalists in the Bank of Canada *Governor's Challenge* monetary policy competition (2016)
- TEN *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)* Masters scholarships
- TWELVE *StFX Research Day* awards (seven Gold, three Silver, two Bronze)
- SIXTEEN direct-from-*StFX* job placements
- EIGHTEEN Academic All-Canadian awards
- THIRTY-ONE placements in Economics graduate programs, and EIGHT placements in other graduate disciplines

2019 Job Market Placements

- **Samantha Blair:** Scotiabank
- **Kirsten Gallant:** Bank of Canada (Ottawa)
- **Bethany Madsen:** Bank of Canada (Halifax)

2019 Academic Placements

- **Liam Elbourne:** Oxford University, MPhil in Economics
- **Cole McIsaac:** Will attend law school
- **Jack McKenna:** Will attend law school
- **Amy Rowe:** University of Toronto, MMA: Master of Management Analytics
- **Evan Souter:** Queen's University, MA in Economics
- **Maria teNyenhuis:** University of British Columbia, MA in Economics
- **Connor Walsh:** Queen's University, MA in Economics

Economics students and varsity soccer stars, Amy Rowe and Liam Elbourne, with Professors Malloy, Rosborough, Ozkok and Tkacz at the 2019 Academic All-Canadian breakfast



2019

ST FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

ECONOMICS STUDENT RESEARCH DAY

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Friday March 29
10:00AM – 4:00PM

Council Chambers (4th Floor Bloomfield)
Complimentary lunch ♦ Everyone welcome!

Program

10:00 – 10:15
COFFEE & INTRODUCTION

10:15 – 11:15
SESSION 1: ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION
Chair: Zeynep Özkök

Amy Rowe
BA HONOURS IN ECONOMICS
Thesis: *Economic Benefits of English Medium Instruction: A Cross-Country Analysis of Linguistic Distance*
Supervisor: Zeynep Özkök & Teng Wah Leo

Bethany Madsen
BA HONOURS IN ECONOMICS
Thesis: *Effect of Bilingualism on Educational Attainment in the United States*
Supervisor: Fraser Summerfield

11:15 – 12:15
SESSION 2: LABOR MARKETS I
Chair: Brandon Malloy

Samantha Blair
BBA JOINT HONOURS IN BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
Thesis: *Explaining the Role of Education on the Canadian Gender Wage Gap: Evidence from the 2016 Canadian Census*
Supervisor: Zeynep Özkök

Cole McIsaac
BBA JOINT HONOURS IN BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
Thesis: *Examining the Relationships Between Socioeconomic Variables and Immigration Attitudes*
Supervisor: Brandon Malloy

12:15 – 1:00
COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

1:00 – 2:30
SESSION 3: EMPIRICAL ECONOMICS
Chair: Jonathan Rosborough

Liam Elbourne
BBA JOINT HONOURS IN BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
Thesis: *The Impact of the Financial Crisis on the Yield and Volatility of Canadian Bank Stocks*
Supervisor: Greg Tkacz

Kirsten Gallant
BA HONOURS IN ECONOMICS WITH SUBSIDIARY IN MATH
Thesis: *A Dynamic Model of People who Inject Drugs and the Role of Different Interventions in Overdose Prevention*
Supervisor: Ryan Lukeman (Math)

Evan Souter
BA HONOURS IN ECONOMICS
Thesis: *Crime & Economics: Evidence from U.S. County-Level Data*
Supervisor: Jonathan Rosborough

2:30 – 2:45
COFFEE

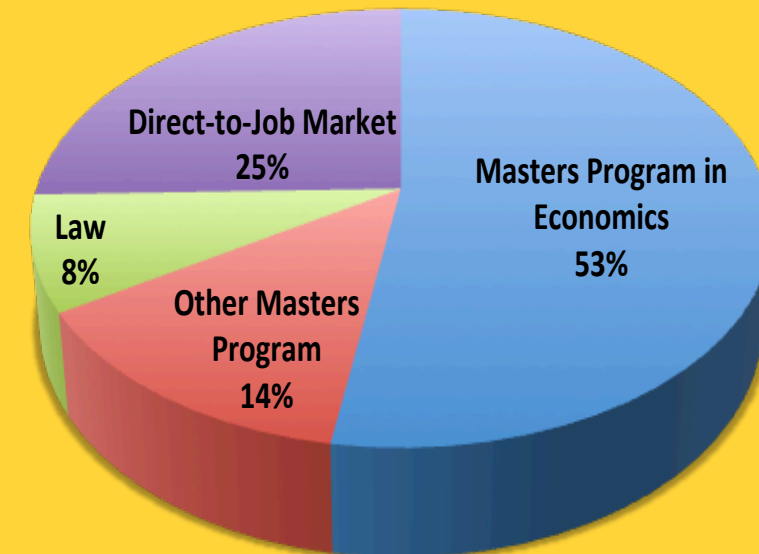
2:45 – 3:45
SESSION 4: LABOR MARKETS II
Chair: Fraser Summerfield

Jack McKenna
BBA JOINT HONOURS IN BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
Thesis: *Labor Market Regulations & Productivity Performance*
Supervisors: Diana Alessandrini & Fraser Summerfield

Connor Walsh
BBA JOINT HONOURS IN BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
Thesis: *Teamwork and Isolation: An Application of the Fair-Wage Effort Hypothesis Using NHL Goaltenders*
Supervisors: Fraser Summerfield & Greg Tkacz

Placements Snapshot: 2015 to 2019

Placements of 59 Honours Students Since 2015:



Some Employers and Graduate School Placements, 2015 to 2019

Public Sector & Nonprofits:

- Alberta Utilities Commission
- Atlantic Provinces Economic Council
- Bank of Canada
- Conference Board of Canada
- Environment & Climate Change Canada
- Finance Canada
- Halifax Partnership: Halifax's Economic Development Organization
- Parliamentary Budget Office

Private Sector:

- Analysis Group
- Brookfield Renewables
- Charles River Associates
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- IBM
- KPMG
- Scotiabank
- TD Bank

Graduate Schools:

- Queen's U. (x11)
- U. Toronto (x6)
- Western U. (x5)
- Simon Fraser (x3)
- U. Victoria (x3)
- UBC (x2)
- U. Calgary (x2)
- Rest of Canada (x4)
- International (x3)