

**Department of Economics  
Senior Thesis Prize Winners  
Class of 2007**

**The Walter C. Sauer '28 Prize**

Awarded annually to the student whose thesis on any aspect of United States foreign trade is judged to be the most creative.

**Timothy W. Ruse**

*The Law of One Price in the Service Sector: Evidence from the North American Ski Resort Industry*

Advisor: Giovanni Maggi

**The Wolf Balleisen Memorial Prize**

The best thesis on an economics subject, written by an economics major.

**Eric Weyl**

*The Price Theory of Two-Sided Markets*

Advisor: Jose A. Scheinkman

**The John Glover Wilson Memorial Award**

(best thesis in international economics or politics):

**Jacqueline Lance**

*The Causes of Media Bias: A Case Study of Newspaper Slant and Illegal Immigration*

Advisor: Orley Clark Ashenfelter

**The Senior Thesis Prize in Economics**

Awarded annually for the best thesis in health, education or welfare.

Tie between: Danielle Fortier and Dustin Sedgewick

**Danielle Fortier**

*Welfare Reform and Immigrants: Relative Changes in Well-Being*

Advisor: Laura Chioda

**Dustin Sedgewick**

*A Detailed Analysis of Minority and Gender Discrimination in Executive Compensation*

Advisor: Xavier Gabaix

**The Senior Thesis Prize in Finance**

Awarded annually for the most outstanding thesis in the field of finance.

**Elizabeth Distefano**

*Boys May Be Boys, but They Are Not Alone: the Relationship between Demographics and Common Stock Investment.*

Advisor: Xavier Gabaix

Honorable Mention: **Adam Malin**

*A Rational Theory of Options Dating. Is Backdating Still A Perfect Payday?*

Advisor: Burton Gordon Malkiel

**The Daniel L. Rubinfeld '67 Prize in Empirical Economics**

Awarded annually for the best thesis in empirical economics.

**David Benton Page**

*Degree of Market Integration in the Domestic Natural Gas Market*

Advisor: Mark W. Watson

**The Halbert White '72 Prize in Economics**

Awarded annually to the most outstanding senior economics major, as evidence by excellence in departmental coursework, and creativity in the junior papers and senior thesis.

Eric Wyel