

Spring 2013 Newsletter | Association for Social Economics

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from your friends at the [ASE](#). ASE has a far-flung membership and this newsletter is the renewal of what will be a quarterly dialogue. It is being sent to all who love to consider the social relationships behind economic exchange and to explore identity and meaning. If you are someone who needs to rekindle your membership, please consider [joining ASE](#). We welcome your thoughts and contributions. Special thanks to Quentin Wodon for editing the newsletter and see at the bottom how to submit your news items to him for the next issue.

Best regards,



Jonathan B. Wight, [Log into your account to view the email address.](#)
President ASE

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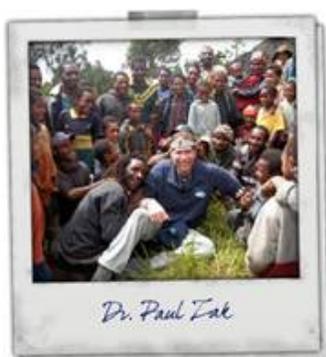
WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED AT ASSA – A QUICK PEEK

1. Habemus Praeses

The changing of the guard for the leadership of ASE took place at the Association's breakfast at the ASSA meeting in San Diego in January. Outgoing President Martha Starr from American University delivered her Presidential address (with style and substance as usual) on the social responsibility of business, while incoming President Jonathan Wight from the University of Richmond shared some of his priorities and hopes for the coming year. Got ideas or want to contribute to ASE? Please send an email to Jonathan at [Log into your account to view the email address.](#)



2. What Does it Mean to Be Human?



The ASE plenary address at the ASSA meeting was delivered by Paul Zak, the founding Director of the Center for Neuroeconomics Studies and a Professor of Economics, Psychology and Management at Claremont Graduate University. Zak recently wrote "The Moral Molecule", a book in which he relates neuroeconomics findings to Adam Smith's theory of moral sentiments. Zak argued that compassion is part of our human nature, and his book provides fascinating data to back his claim from laboratory experiments to the jungles of Papua New Guinea.

3. Sessions and Warren Samuels Prize

ASE held seven sessions at ASSA on Health, Social Exchanges, and Economic Life; Plural Perspectives on Labor Markets; Identity, Development, and Social Economics; Social Networks, Human Capital and Social Exchange; Finance, Distribution and the Financial Crisis (with AEE); Dignity, Status, and Social Exchange; Gender and Race Stratification (with IAFE); and Ethics and Professional Economic Practice (with SGE). The Warren Samuels Prize for best paper went to Mary Wrenn from the University of Cambridge for her work on fear, ontology, and institutional economics. Mary met Warr

ten years ago as a PhD student and found him incredibly kind and generous. She told us she hopes to be as decent a person as he was.



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTORS TO ASE

4. Lifetime Contribution to Social Economics



Many members of the Association know Marianne Ferber and were delighted that she received the Thomas F. Divine award for her lifetime contributions to social economics and the social economy. She has been a professor of economics at the University of Illinois for 38 years and she was a founding member of the International Association for Feminist Economics. She served as IAFE's President in 1995-96. Her book with Francine Blau and Anne Winkler on "The Economics of Women, Men, and Work" remains a classic. Marianne was deeply missed in San Diego as she could not attend due to an illness, but we wished her our best.

5. Exceptional Service to ASE

Wilfred Dolfsma, the current editor of ASE's *Review of Social Economy*, received the Ludwig Mai Service Award for exceptional service to the Association. Wilfred is professor of innovation at the University of Groningen's School of Economics and Business. Trained as both an economist and a philosopher, he has been contributing in many different ways to ASE for about a decade now. Wilfred, we count on you for another decade (or two) of service to the Association!



6. Jane Clary to Pass the Torch to....



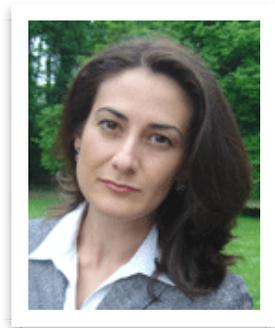
Our dedicated and wonderful Program Secretary Jane Clary (College of Charleston) is “retiring” from this post after 15 years. Thank you, Jane! Jane decided it was time to train her replacement and outgoing president Martha Starr identified just the right person, Robert LaJeunesse.

Bob’s primary field of research is work regulation and work hours. He has had a varied career with government (U.S. Treasury, now the EEOC), organized labor (AFL-CIO), and academia (University of New Castle in Australia). The official vote on Jane’s replacement happens in December, but Jane wanted her replacement to “shadow” her this year. Bob currently serves as chair of the Program Secretary Committee, with the charge of helping provide for a smooth transition.

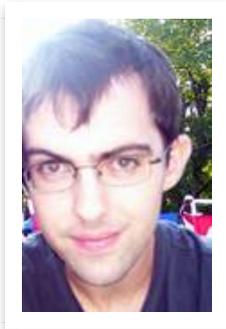
RESEARCH WORTH LOOKING AT

7. Best Paper in RoSE

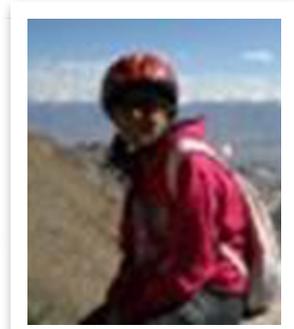
The Helen Potter Award is presented each year to the author of the best article in the *Review of Social Economy* by a promising scholar of social economics. The 2012 recipient is Pavlina Tcherneva, an assistant professor of economics at Bard College and a Research Associate at the Levy Economics Institute. Her article “Permanent On-the-Spot Job Creation - The Missing Keynes Plan for Full Employment and Economic Transformation” was published in RoSE’s March 2012 issue.



8. PhD Research Grants



William R. Waters summer research grants were awarded to PhD students Daniel MacDonald (left, University of Massachusetts at Amherst) for his work on "Social Economics: Social Justice and Institutions in Historical Perspective", and Diksha Arora (right, University of Utah) for her work on "Gendered Poverty in Rural Households in Mozambique".



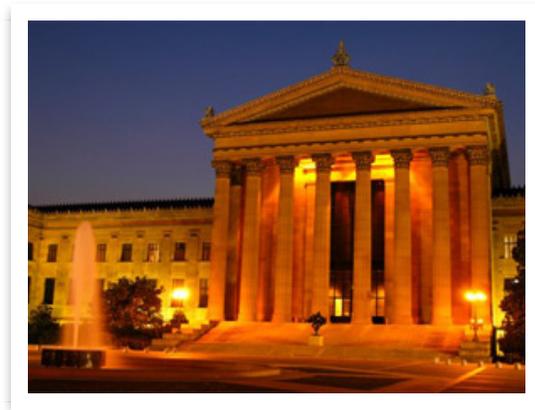
HURRY, HURRY... DEADLINES

9. Upcoming Conferences

Deadlines are coming fast for upcoming conferences. April 15 is the deadline for submissions of ASE sessions and papers for the Southern Economic Association Conference in November 2013 in Tampa, and April 30 is the deadline for submissions of ASE sessions and papers for the ASSA meeting in January 2014 in Philadelphia. Please go to the ASE website for more information.

Tampa Convention Center

Philadelphia Museum of Arts



10. Priorities for the Year Ahead



The World Congress 2014 is in early planning stage and a Summer School in Social Economics is likely to coincide with the Congress. Strategic Planning is also a priority to better reach our audience and provide value. The association's governance will be reviewed to strengthen ASE's constitution and by-laws. Finally our journals RoSE and the Forum are improving, but we need standards for transparency, reproducibility, and fairness in managing potential conflicts of interest. This will bring ASE's journals into conformity with standards set this January by the AEA.



Please send us your prose! If you google "Association for Social Economics Newsletter", you will find a newsletter dating back to 1987. We are reviving it. If you would like to submit content for the newsletter, please contact Quentin Wodon. We anticipate publishing the newsletter quarterly. Thank you.