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ASE AT ASSA

1) New President

Ellen Mutari, a Professor of Economics at Richard Stockton College, is the new ASE President. She has long been interested in gender issues, completing her PhD at American University with a dissertation on women's employment patterns during the Great Depression. Ellen has been involved with ASE for many years. She received the William Waters Grant in 2001. One year later she started her service as an ASE Trustee. She has been actively involved with ASE ever since in many different ways, including through organizing the sessions for the latest AEA-ASSA meetings.



2) Open Plenary by Guy Standing



Every year ASE holds an open plenary session and reception on the evening before the start of the AEA-ASSA annual meetings. This is a great way to connect and learn! This year Guy Standing from the University of London delivered the well-attended keynote on "A Precariat Charter: Building a New Distribution System."

3) ASSA Sessions and Warren Samuels Prize

The Warren Samuels Prize is awarded to a paper presented at the January ASSA meetings, that best exemplifies scholarly work that is of high quality, is important to the project of social economics, and has broad appeal across disciplines. The recipient for the 2015 Warren Samuels Prize is Robert Garnett from Texas Christian University for his paper "Ethics and Learning in Undergraduate Economics Education".



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTORS TO SOCIAL ECONOMICS

4) Lifetime Contribution to Social Economics



The Thomas Divine Award, founded in 1986, is presented annually to an ASE member who has made important lifetime contributions to social economics. It is accompanied with a \$1,000 prize. The 2015 recipient is Irene van Staveren. Irene is well known to ASE. She is Professor of Pluralist Development Economics with Erasmus University, and she participated recently in the ASE Interview Series – read what she had to say!

5) Exceptional Service to ASE

Since 1983 the Ludwig Mai Service Award has been presented periodically to a person who has given exceptional service to the Association. The award is accompanied with a plaque. The 2015 recipient is Martha Starr of American University for her service to the Association for Social Economics, of which she is a past President.



RESEARCH WORTH LOOKING AT

6) Best Paper in RoSE



The Helen Potter Award, created and endowed in 1975, is presented each year to a promising scholar of social economics for authoring the best article in *The Review of Social Economy*. The 2015 recipient is Peter-Wim Zuidhof of the University of Amsterdam for the article "Thinking Like an Economist: The Neoliberal Politics of the Economics Textbook" published in Vol. 72, Issue 2, June, 2015.

7) Best Paper in Forum

The Patrick J. Welch Award for the best paper published in the Forum for Social Economics was established by the Executive Council in 2012 and named for Patrick J. Welch, editor of the journal from May 1995 to January 2006. The 2015 recipients are Irene van Staveren (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Ellen Webbink (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Arjan de Haan (IDRC, Canada), and Roberto Foa (Harvard University) for their article "The Last Mile in Analyzing Wellbeing and Poverty: Indices of Social Development" published in Vol. 43, No 1, 2015.



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8) William R. Waters Research Grant



The 2015 recipients of the William R. Waters Research Grant are Dr. Caroline S. Hossein for her project "Understanding Canada's Black Social Economy" and Francisco Fernandez de Castro from the University of California-Irvine for his study of "Conditional Cash Transfers and Food Poverty Alleviation".



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9) Deadline for submissions

The AEA-ASSA annual meetings in January 2016 will be held in San Francisco on January 3-5. The ASE call for papers is closing soon – please send proposals by May 1. The theme will be Financialization, Ethics, and Sustainable Development. What is the proper function of financial goals and financial institutions in the achievement of sustainable development? What role do ethics play in shaping these goals and institutions? These are some of the questions to be explored.



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