

2011 Zellner Award Recipients Announced by ASA Business & Economics Statistics Section

ALEXANDRIA, VA, JULY 22, 2011 -- The Business and Economics Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association (ASA), along with the [Journal of Business and Economics Statistics \(JBES\)](#) and co-sponsor Thomson Reuters, today announced that Kirill Evdokimov is the winner of the 2011 Zellner Award. The award is given annually for the best Ph.D. thesis dealing with an applied problem in business and economic statistics.

Evdokimov's 2010 Yale University thesis was entitled "Essays on Nonparametric and Semiparametric Econometric Models." He is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Economics at Princeton University.

In addition to the first place award, Xu Cheng (2010 dissertation from Yale University) and Bryan Kelly (2010 dissertation from New York University) received honorable mentions for their excellent dissertations. Cheng is currently an assistant professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania, and Kelly is an assistant professor of finance in the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago.

Named for the late Arnold Zellner, past Chair of the Business and Economics Statistics Section and founding editor of JBES, the award recognizes outstanding work by promising young researchers in the field. The winner of the award, which consists of a \$1,500 cash prize, will be recognized at the Business and Economics Statistics Section meeting and reception at the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) on August 3.

"It is a pleasure to announce, along with *JBES*, this year's winners of the 2011 Zellner Award," said Andrew Clark of Thomson Reuters. "The Thomson Reuters Indices' sponsorship of this year's award reflects our commitment to recognizing academic excellence in the fields of economics and statistics. These fields are of keen interest to all of the Thomson Reuters Markets Division. For the Thomson Reuters Index business and the rest of Thomson Reuters Markets Division, I warmly congratulate Kirill Evdokimov on his achievements."

"Kirill Evdokimov has developed a novel approach to identifying and estimating nonparametric panel data models that allow for individual heterogeneity of policy and treatment effects across individuals," said Keisuke Hirano, *JBES* co-editor and member of the award committee. "This will have important applications in empirical microeconomics and many other fields in economic and business statistics. His thesis also develops robust estimation methods for time-series models specified by moment conditions. Evdokimov's contributions are both technically very strong and of great practical usefulness."

A portion of the winning thesis is eligible for publication in the *JBES*. The entire thesis is available to for download at http://www.amstat.org/sections/bus_econ/zellner.html. The theses that were awarded honorable mentions are also available for download.

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