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The 34th Annual Conference of the Atlantic Canada Economics Association was held at Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, October 21-23, 2005. It was supported by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Government of Canada, along with the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, four book-publishing companies, Dalhousie University, and registration fees charged to conference participants. This report has been specifically prepared for ACOA, as per the reporting requirement set out in the Contribution Agreement between ACOA and Dalhousie University. Simultaneously, it will serve as a final report on the conference overall.

A. Conference Program and Proceedings

The conference was held as planned October 21-23, 2005. Attendance exceeded expectations, reaching a total of 93 registered participants, including 34 students. Of this total registration, paid registration numbered 87. Student registration cost was considerably less than regular participants and five non-paying registrations included guest speakers and ACEA life-members. Thus, registration revenue, while exceeding original projections, did not rise in proportion to the registration itself. A registration list for the Conference is attached as Appendix 1.

Submissions to present papers were also greater than expected. In terms of the final program, there were 38 research papers presented at the conference plus two expert panels involving an additional six speakers. In addition, there were two invited guest speakers, including the presenter of the 2005 John Graham Lecture, Dr. Brian MacLean of Laurentian University. There were five student paper presentations, including two undergraduate students and four master's students.¹ In terms of policy papers directly relevant to Atlantic Canada, one of the two principal invited speakers, Dr. Robin Boadway of Queen's University, spoke on equalization payments and one of the two panels looked at the link between development and equalization. In addition, there were five papers dealing with some aspect of health care in Atlantic Canada, three papers on immigration, a panel on municipal government and finance in the region, three immigration/migration papers, one foreign investment in Atlantic Canada paper, one Atlantic trade paper, one offshore oil and gas paper, an Atlantic rural/urban profile paper and one on the Port of Halifax. Several other papers dealt with Canada-wide topics that typically included the Atlantic Provinces and/or related to federal policies of interest to citizens of Atlantic Canada.

A copy of the full program of the conference is attached as Appendix 2.

Finally, as in past years, a Conference Proceedings has been produced. Papers presented at the Conference that were deemed "ready" for publication are now available electronically on the web at <www.unb.ca/econ/acea/papers_proceedings.html>. Eleven papers are currently included in the Proceedings volume, with more possibly to be added. The Proceedings became publicly accessible on February 9, 2006 and were edited by Dr. R. McGaw of the Department of Economics at UNB. Appendix 3 shows the Table of Contents for the ACEA 2005 Papers and Proceedings.

¹ One student paper was co-authored by two master's students.

B. Financial Report

The 2005 Conference raised more revenue than anticipated, not counting the ACOA contribution and spent less than anticipated. The latter primarily reflects the fact that the number of invited guest speakers was less than expected, the reasons for which are commented on in the next section. Because expenditures were below original budget estimates, the ACOA contribution to the conference, in accordance with the Contribution Agreement, must be pro-rated in proportion to the ratio of actual expenses to budgeted expenses. This reduces the ACOA contributions from the maximum of \$5250 provided for in the Contribution Agreement to \$3452.68. A full financial report for the Conference is attached as Appendix 4.

C. Commentary

The 2005 Conference was a great success by all possible measures except one:

1. Participation exceeded expectations.
2. Largely due to 1., revenues, exclusive of the ACOA contribution, exceeded expectations.
3. Student participation and presentations were excellent and also exceeded expectations.
4. The number of papers presented and the number of speakers exceeded expectations.
5. The number of papers directly relevant to public policy in Atlantic Canada exceeded expectations.
6. The goals of the Conference
 - to promote economic research in Atlantic Canada
 - to promote networking amongst economic researchers in Atlantic Canada
 - to promote networking amongst the academic public, NGO and private sectors
 - to promote policy dialogue in Atlantic Canada
 - to promote discussion of the Atlantic Economy

were all achieved.

The one area in which the Conference fell short of expectations was the failure to meet the target for invited guest speakers for the Conference. Partly this was due to an unusually high incidence of schedule conflicts for several persons who were contacted as potential speakers. Partly it was due to the lateness of the approach to several individuals, and partly it was due to the interaction of these two factors, i.e., there was a direct correlation between how close to the Conference people were contacted and the

likelihood that they would already have other commitments for the same time. The difficulty with timing arose primarily because it was almost the end of July before the Contribution Agreement was signed with ACOA and the Conference organizers felt constrained not to enter into binding agreements regarding travel costs until the funding was assured. The lesson in this for the future, made in the belief that ACOA will continue to support the Conference, recognizing its value to policy research and dialogue in an Atlantic setting, is that the application to ACOA should be made as early as possible so that a similar result does not materialize again.

It should be noted, having said this, that the overall quality of the Conference was not significantly affected by the relative lack of guest speakers. Insofar as ACOA's contribution was reduced because of less spending on travel for guest speakers, while its objectives relative to Atlantic policy research and debate and promotion of networking within the research community and across the academic, NGO, public and private sectors in Atlantic Canada were all realized, one could even argue that the end result was possibly a superior one for ACOA in the short term. In the longer term, of course, it remains desirable to expose researchers in Atlantic Canada to new insights and new ideas from outside, something that can only be achieved if resources are available to support invited speakers attending the Conference. ACOA's support for the Conference overall, and for guest speakers in particular, remains important and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of the 2005 Conference Organizing Committee of Lars Osberg (Chair),
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Appendix 1: ACEA 2005 Conference Registrants

1	Mushtaq Ahmad	StFX University
2	Mian Ali	UPEI
3	David Amirault	Bank of Canada
4	Joe Amoaka-Tuffour	StFX University
5	Babatunde Awoyiga	Dalhousie University
6	Robin Boadway	Queen's University
7	Jerome Bourque	NB Finance
8	Michael Bradfield	Dalhousie University
9	James Brox	University of Waterloo
10	Peter Burton	Dalhousie University
11	Alan Chan	Atlantic Baptist University
12	David Chaundy	APEC
13	Jason Childs	UNB Saint John
14	Kam Hon Chu	Memorial University
15	Melvin Cross	Dalhousie University
16	Teresa Cyrus	Dalhousie University
17	Vinh Dang	St. Mary's University
18	Swapan Dasgupta	Dalhousie University
19	John Davies	Acadia University
20	Daniel de Munnik	Bank of Canada
21	Pierre-Marcel Desjardins	Université de Moncton
22	Santo Dodaro	StFX University
23	Katrina Ellis	Mount Allison University
24	Mahdiyeh Entezarkheir	University of Waterloo
25	Jackson Feng	Mount Allison University
26	Chris Ferreira	StFX University
27	Natalie Fitzgerald	Dalhousie University
28	Ruth Forsdyke	Dalhousie University
29	Shane Gallagher	
30	Marilyn Gerriets	StFX University
31	Jamie Gouchie	NB Finance
32	Jason Haughn	
33	Roderick Hill	UNB Saint John
34	Paul Hobson	Mount Allison University
35	Paul Huber	Dalhousie University
36	Peter Ibbott	University of Western Ontario
37	Chris Jackson	StFX University
38	Kevin Jager	Dalhousie University
39	Mike Joyce	NS Heath
40	Farinaz Kabir	Dalhousie University
41	Yulia Kotlyarova	Dalhousie University
42	Eugene LeBlanc	ACOA
43	Seth Leon	Dalhousie University

44	Trevor Lessard	Dalhousie University
45	Barry Lesser	Dalhousie University
46	Lawrence Llaguno	Dalhousie University
47	Wade Locke	Memorial University
48	Angella MacEwen	Dalhousie University
49	Natalie MacIsaac	Dalhousie University
50	Mark MacLachlan	Mount Allison University
51	Brian MacLean	Laurentian University
52	Sarah MacPhee	Dalhousie University
53	Josie Marcille	Dalhousie University
54	Heather Martin	Dalhousie University
55	Rober Martina_Espineira	StFX University
56	Ted McDonald	University of New Brunswick
57	Leigh Melanson	Dalhousie University
58	Melissa Melvin	University of New Brunswick
59	John Mersereau	NS Government
60	Elizabeth Mills	NS Immigration
61	Zac Mills	StFX University
62	Rob Moir	UNB Saint John
63	Sripad Motiram	Dalhousie University
64	Hassouna Moussa	Acadia University
65	Sarah Murray	Dalhousie University
66	David Murrell	University of New Brunswick
67	Robin Neill	UPEI
68	Jino Obata	Tsukuba University (Japan)
69	Lars Osberg	Dalhousie University
70	John Palmer	
71	Nelson Peterson	Mount Allison University
72	Shelley Phipps	Dalhousie University
73	Derek Pyne	Memorial University
74	Shiu Raj	Dalhousie University
75	Wimal Rankaduwa	UPEI
76	Zhe Ren	Dalhousie University
77	Sean Rogers	Dalhousie University
78	James Sawler	Mount Saint Vincent University
79	Jim Sentance	UPEI
80	Jiaping Shao	Dalhousie University
81	Jing Ye Shi	University of New Brunswick
82	Jeff Spencer	Mount Allison University
83	Lucy St. Jean	NB Finance
84	Jason Stevens	Dalhousie University
85	Frank Strain	Mount Allison University
86	Sunning Tao	Dalhousie University
87	Carla Van Beselaere	Mount Allison University
88	Junichi Watanabe	(Dalhousie University)
89	Chris Wimmer	Dalhousie University

90	Dominika Wranik	Dalhousie University
91	Kuan Xu	Dalhousie University
92	Weiqiu Yu	UNB (Fredericton)
93	Lihui Zhang	Dalhousie University

Appendix 2:

34th Annual Conference of the Atlantic Canada Economics Association October 21-23, 2005, Dalhousie University

PROGRAMME

Sessions on Saturday and Sunday are in the McCain Arts & Social Sciences Building, 6135 University Avenue, across the street from the Dalhousie Student Union Building. The **registration** table also will move to the McCain Building on Saturday morning.

Dalhousie University charges a **parking** fee Monday to Friday. To obtain a parking permit for Friday, visit the Security Office in the basement of the McCain Building. The fee is \$7.00. Metered parking is also available on some lots and streets. Dalhousie University does not charge for parking on Saturday and Sunday, provided a meter or sign does not indicate otherwise.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21	
Noon – 13:30	Registration (available throughout Friday afternoon)
13:30 – 15:00	Plenary Session
	Robin Boadway , Distinguished Guest Speaker, Queen's University. Equalization at the Crossroads: Can it Cope with the Emerging Imbalances?
15:00 – 15:15	Nutrition Break
15:15 – 16:45	Panel
	The Missing Link Between Development and Equalization Moderator: Elizabeth Beale, Atlantic Provinces Economic Council < elizabeth.beale@appec-econ.ca >. Panelists: Lars Osberg, Dalhousie University < Lars.Osberg@Dal.Ca >; John Palmer, Policy Analyst and Senior Advisor to the Government of Prince Edward Island (Ret.), < jepalmer@pei.sympatico.ca >; Paul Hobson, Acadia University < paul.hobson@acadiau.ca >.
17:00 – 18:00	Meeting of ACEA Executive
18:30 – 19:30	Reception
19:30 – Dining Room, University Club	Conference Banquet and Graham Lecture Brian K. MacLean , Laurentian University. Japan's Ten Lost Years (or more): Lessons for Canada

SATURDAY, OCT. 22	Registration (A registration table will be available Saturday morning. After 12:00, please see one of the conference organizers to register.)
8:30 – 10:00	Session I
a) Theoretical and Empirical Issues in the Behaviour of the Firm	Chairperson: Weiqui Yu, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton) < wyu@unb.ca >.
Room 2016	Alan Chan, Atlantic Baptist University < tychan2@uwo.ca >, and Tai-Yeong Chung, University of Western Ontario, < tchung@uwo.ca >, “Contract Damages and Investment Dynamics.” Discussant: Swapan DasGupta, Dalhousie University < Swapan.DasGupta@Dal.Ca >.
	David Amirault < AMIR@bank-banque-canada.ca >, Carolyn Kwan, and Gordon Wilkinson, Bank of Canada, “A Survey of the Price-Setting Behaviour of Canadian Companies.” Discussant: Ruth Forsdyke, Dalhousie University < Ruth.Forsdyke@Dal.Ca >.
	Daniel de Munnik, Bank of Canada < DMunnik@bank-banque-canada.ca >, and Kuan.Xu, Dalhousie University < Kuan.Xu@Dal.Ca >, “Micro Foundations of Price Setting Behaviour: Evidence from Canadian Firms.” Discussant: James A. Brox, University of Waterloo < jbrox@watarts.uwaterloo.ca >.
b) Provision of Health Care	Chairperson: Peter Ibbott, King’s University College < pibbott@uwo.ca >.
Room 2017	David Murrell < dmurrell@unb.ca > and Mike Farnworth < mikefarn@unb.ca >, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton), “The Public-to-Total Health Spending Ratio for Canadian Provinces: Does Federal Health Transfer Policy Affect the Spending Ratio Over Time?” Discussant: Barry.Lesser, Dalhousie University < Barry.Lesser@Dal.Ca >.
	Mike Joyce, Nova Scotia Department of Health < joycems@gov.ns.ca > and Jordan Hunt, Canadian Institute for Health Information, “Provision of FP/GP Hospital Inpatient Services in Nova Scotia – 1992/93 to 2002/03.” Discussant: Lynn Lethbridge, Dalhousie University < lynn.lethbridge@dal.ca >.
	Peter Burton, Lynn Lethbridge < lynn.lethbridge@dal.ca >, and Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University, “Long-run Consequences of Parental Paid Work Hours for Child Overweight Status in Canada.” Discussant: Marilyn Gerriets, St. Francis Xavier University < mgerriet@stfx.ca >.

c) Panel: Issues in Municipal Government and Finance Room 2021	<p>Convener: Paul Hobson Acadia University <paul.hobson@acadiau.ca>.</p> <p>Panelists: Paul Hobson, Acadia University; Frank Strain, Mount Allison University <fstrain@mta.ca>; Jim Sentance, University of Prince Edward Island <sentance@upei.ca>.</p>
10:00 - 10:30	Nutrition Break
10:30 – 12:00	Session II
a) Prices of Prescription Drugs; Competition Policy Room 2016	<p><u>Chairperson:</u> Alan Chan, Atlantic Baptist University <tychan2@uwo.ca>.</p> <p>Aidan Hollis, University of Calgary and Peter Ibbott, King's University College <pibbott@uwo.ca>, "Parallel Trade in Drugs: How Will it Affect Prices and Pricing Systems in Canada and the United States?"</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Mike Joyce, Nova Scotia Department of Health <joycems@gov.ns.ca>.</p> <p>Christian Marfels, Dalhousie University <christian.marfels@dal.ca> and James Sawler, Mount St. Vincent University <james_sawler@yahoo.ca>, "The Efficiency Defence under the Canadian Competition Act: the Factors Approach."</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Peter Townley, Acadia University <peter.townley@acadiau.ca>.</p>
b) Economic Development Room 2017	<p><u>Chairperson:</u> Derek Pyne, Memorial University of Newfoundland <dpyne@mun.ca>.</p> <p>Joe Amoako-Tuffour, Saint Francis Xavier University <jtuffour@stfx.ca>, "Towards an Architecture for the Delivery of International Development Assistance."</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Sripad Motiram, Dalhousie University <Sripad.Motiram@Dal.Ca>.</p> <p>Hassouna Moussa, Acadia University <hassouna.moussa@acadiau.ca> and J. Obata, Tsukuba University <obata@social.tsukuba.ac.jp>, "On the Heavy Costs of Lack of Transparency in Japan's Economic Development Program, 1878-1935."</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Brian K. MacLean, Laurentian University <bmaclean@laurentian.ca>.</p> <p>Wimal Rankaduwa, University of Prince Edward Island <wrankaduwa@upei.ca> and Ather H. Akbari, Saint Mary's University <Ather.Akbari@Ns.Sympatico.Ca>, "Some Issues of Inflation Targeting in a Developing Country."</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Vinh Dang, Saint Mary's University <Vinh.Dang@SMU.Ca>.</p>

c) Public Finance: Lotteries as a Source of Governmental Revenue	<u>Chairperson:</u> Kuan Xu, Dalhousie University < Kuan.Xu@Dal.Ca >.
Room 2021	Jason Childs < jchilds@unbsj.ca > and Rob Moir < rmoir@unbsj.ca > University of New Brunswick (Saint John), “Financing a Public Good by Means of Professionally Managed Lotteries.” <u>Discussant:</u> Lihui Zhang, Dalhousie University < zhengl8@dal.ca >.
	Rob Moir < rmoir@unbsj.ca > and Jason Childs < jchilds@unbsj.ca >, University of New Brunswick (Saint John), “Side Effects of the Lottery Panacea.” <u>Discussant:</u> Melvin Cross, Dalhousie University < Melvin.Cross@Dal.Ca >.
12:00 – 13:30 University Club	Luncheon and Annual General Meeting
13:30 – 15:00	Session III
a) Immigration in Atlantic Canada	<u>Chairperson:</u> Ted McDonald, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton) < tedmcdon@unb.ca >.
Room 2016	Ather H. Akbari, Saint Mary’s University Ather.Akbari@Ns.Sympatico.Ca and Barry Edmonston, Portland State University, “Who Comes and Who Leaves Atlantic Canada: Evidence from the 1996 and 2001 Canadian Censuses.” <u>Discussant:</u> David Chaundy, Atlantic Provinces Economic Council < david.chaundy@appec-econ.ca >
	Elizabeth Mills, Nova Scotia Office of Immigration < MILLSEA@gov.ns.ca >, “Nova Scotia Immigration Strategy.”
b) Issues of Financial and Labour Markets in the International Economy	<u>Chairperson:</u> Rob Moir, University of New Brunswick (Saint John) < rmoir@unbsj.ca >.
Room 2017	Teresa Cyrus, Dalhousie University < teresa.cyrus@dal.ca >, “Vietnam’s Gender Wage Gap in an Era of Renovation.” <u>Discussant:</u>
	Jason Childs, University of New Brunswick (Saint John) < jchilds@unbsj.ca > and Ray Westcott (OSFI), “Currency Crises as Information Cascades.” <u>Discussant:</u>

c) Evaluation of Environmental Characteristics; the Impact of Atlantic Canada's Offshore Oil and Gas Industry	Chairperson: Peter Burton, Dalhousie University < Peter.Burton@Dal.Ca >
Room 2021	John Janmaat, Acadia University < john.janmaat@acadiau.ca >, "Factors Affecting Residential Property Values in a Small Historic Canadian University Town." Discussant: Ruth Forsdyke, Dalhousie University < Ruth.Forsdyke@Dal.Ca >
	Roberto Martínez-Espíñeira < rmespi@stfx.ca > and Joe Amoako-Tuffour < jtuffour@stfx.ca >, St. Francis Xavier University, "Recreation Demand Analysis under Truncation, Overdispersion, and Endogenous Stratification: An Application to Gros Morne National Park." Discussant: Jason Stevens, Dalhousie University < STEVENJM@Dal.Ca >.
	Wade Locke < wlocke@mun.ca > and Scott Lynch < Lynch@mun.ca >, Memorial University of Newfoundland, "Exploiting the Difference Between Dynamic and Static Efficiency as a Strategy for Growing Atlantic Canada's Offshore Oil and Gas Supplies Industry - The Role of Learning-By-Doing." Discussant: Frank Strain, Mount Allison University < fstrain@mta.ca >.
15:00 – 15:30	Nutrition Break

15:30-17:00	Session IV
a) Atlantic Canada's Economy	Chairperson: Marilyn Gerriets, St. Francis Xavier University < mgerriet@stfx.ca >.
Room 2016	David Chaundy, Atlantic Provinces Economic Council < david.chaundy@apec-econ.ca >, "Attracting the Big Bucks: Foreign Investment in Atlantic Canada." Discussant: Michael Bradfield, Dalhousie University < Michael.Bradfield@Dal.Ca >
	James A. Brox, University of Waterloo < jbrox@watarts.uwaterloo.ca >, "The Direction of Future Atlantic Canadian Economic Activity: East-West or North-South?" Discussant: Yulia Kotlyarova, Dalhousie University < Yulia.Kotlyarova@Dal.Ca >.

	<p>Pierre-Marcel Desjardins, Université de Moncton <desjarm@umoncton.ca>, “A Socio-Economic Profile of Atlantic Canada: Characteristics of Rural and Urban Regions of Atlantic Canada, With Implications for Public Policy.” <u>Discussant:</u> Peter Ibbott, King’s University College <pibbott@uwo.ca>.</p>
b) Barriers to Social and Economic Integration of Immigrants	<p>Chairperson: Ather H. Akbari, Saint Mary’s University <Ather.Akbari@Ns.Sympatico.Ca>.</p>
Room 2017	<p>Ted McDonald, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton) <tedmcdon@unb.ca>, “Health Behaviours of Immigrants and Native-born Canadians.”</p>
	<p>Ljiljana [Liliana] Connellan, Metropolitan Immigration Settlement Association <lili@eastlink.ca> and <ljiljana@misa.ns.ca>, “Recognition of Credit History for New Immigrants.”</p>
	<p>Discussant: Wimal Rankaduwa, University of Prince Edward Island <wrankaduwa@upei.ca>.</p>
c) Taxes and Transfers	<p><u>Chairperson:</u> Mehmet S. Dakir, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton) <mdakir@unb.ca>.</p>
Room 2021	<p>Rod Hill, University of New Brunswick (Saint John) <rhill@unbsj.ca>, “Scully’s ‘Optimal Tax Rate’ for the United States: An Examination and Critique.” <u>Discussant:</u> Lars Osberg, Dalhousie University <Lars.Osberg@Dal.Ca>.</p>
	<p>Peter Burton <peter.burton@dal.ca> and Shelley Phipps <shelley.phipps@dal.ca>, Dalhousie University, “The Level and Volatility of Family Income: Implications of Taxes and Transfers for the Experiences of Canadian Children from 1996 to 2001.” <u>Discussant:</u> Rod Hill, University of New Brunswick (Saint John) <rhill@unbsj.ca>.</p>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23	
9:00 – 10:30	Session I
a) Evaluations of Human Capital: Athleticism and Scholarship (Students' Session)	<u>Chairperson:</u> Sarah Murray, Dalhousie University < Sarah.Murray@Dal.Ca >.
Room 2016	Nelson Paterson, Mount Allison University < fstrain@mta.ca >, "Human Capital Convergence: A Cross Country Comparison of Educational Growth and Convergence." <u>Discussant:</u> Shi Jing Ye, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton) < d33y1@unb.ca >.
	Mark MacLachlan, Mount Allison University < fstrain@mta.ca >, "An Analysis of Talent within North American Professional Sports Drafts." <u>Discussant:</u> Michael M. Tharamangalam, Dalhousie University < mtharama@dal.ca >.
b) Canadian Economic History	<u>Chairperson:</u> James Sawler, Mount St. Vincent University < james_sawler@yahoo.ca >.
Room 2017	Marilyn Gerriets, St. Francis Xavier University < mgerriet@stfx.ca >, "Agriculture, Space and Scale: The Origins of Disparity in Canada at Confederation." <u>Discussant:</u> Teresa Cyrus, Dalhousie University < teresa.cyrus@dal.ca >.
	Robin Neill, Prince Edward Island University < rneill@upei.ca >, "ATLANTICA: Partial Recovery and Decline." <u>Discussant:</u> Paul Huber, Dalhousie University < paul.huber@dal.ca >.
	Kam Hon Chu, Memorial University of Newfoundland < kchu@mun.ca >, "Bank Consolidation and Stability: The Canadian Experience, 1867-1935." <u>Discussants:</u> Marina Adshade, Dalhousie University < marina.adshade@dal.ca >.
c) Income and Health in Atlantic Canada, 1985-2001: How are Low Income Individuals and Caregivers Faring?	<u>Chairperson:</u> Dominika Wranik-Lohrenz, Dalhousie University < dwl@dal.ca >.
Room 2021	Sean Rogers, Dalhousie University < sean.rogers@dal.ca >, "The Socioeconomic Gradient of Health in Newfoundland between 1985-2001. Have the Sick Become Poorer?"
	Kirsten Robertson, Dalhousie University < kerober2@dal.ca >, "The Health Impact of Caregiving in Nova Scotia. Evidence from Two Communities."
10:30 – 11:00	Nutrition Break

11:00 – 12:30	Session II
a) Choice of Textbook and Educational Attainment; Education and the Decision to Emigrate	<u>Chairperson:</u> Rod Hill, University of New Brunswick (Saint John) < rhill@unbsj.ca >.
Room 2016	Mahdiyeh Entezarkheir, University of Waterloo < mentezar@Artsmail.uwaterloo.ca >, “Why is Iran Suffering from Massive Emigration and Brain Drain to Canada?” <u>Discussant:</u> Saleh Amirkhalkhali, Saint Mary’s University < sal.amirkhalkhali@smu.ca >.
	Derek Pyne, Memorial University of Newfoundland < dpyne@mun.ca >, “Does the Choice of Introductory Microeconomics Textbook Matter?” <u>Discussant:</u> Rob Moir, University of New Brunswick (Saint John) < rmoir@unbsj.ca >.
b) Some Issues of Canadian Public Policy (Students’ Session)	<u>Chairperson:</u> Sarah Murray, Dalhousie University < Sarah.Murray@Dal.Ca >.
Room 2017	Michael M. Tharamangalam < mtharama@dal.ca > and Md. Golam Mortaza, Dalhousie University, “The Halifax Port: Its Role and Prospects in the Nova Scotia Economy.” <u>Discussant:</u> Nelson Paterson, Mount Allison University < fstrain@mta.ca >.
	Shi Jing Ye, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton) < d33y1@unb.ca >, “The Determinants of Medicare Expenditure in New Brunswick.” <u>Discussant:</u> Mark MacLachlan, Mount Allison University < fstrain@mta.ca >.

Appendix 3: ACEA Papers and Proceedings

- Mike Joyce, Jordan Hunt and Sean Rogers, [Provision of FP/GP hospital inpatient services in Nova Scotia - 1992/93 to 2002/03.](#)
- Robin Neill, [Atlantica: partial recovery and partial decline, the context of Maritime emigration 1870-1970.](#)
- Rob Moir and Jason Childs, [Side effects of the lottery panacea.](#)
- Daniel de Munnik and Kuan Xu, [Micro foundations of price-setting behaviour: evidence from Canadian firms.](#)
- David Murrell and Mike Farnworth, [Has the increase in federal social transfers changed public/private health spending patterns across provinces?](#)
- John Janmaat, [Factors affecting residential property values in a small historic Canadian university town.](#)
- Mahdijeh Entezarkheir, [Why is Iran experiencing migration and brain drain to Canada?](#)
- Michael Tharamangalam and M. Golam Mortaza, [The Halifax port: its role and prospects in the Nova Scotia economy, with special emphasis on the issue of devolution.](#)
- Jing Ye Shi, [Medicare expenditure in New Brunswick.](#)
- Sarita Rebelo, [Recognition of the credit history of new immigrants.](#)
- John Palmer, [The missing link between development and equalization.](#)
- Rod Hill, [Sculley's 'optimal tax rate' for the United States: a replication and critique.](#)