



Minnesota Economic Association

2015 Annual Conference

Economics All Around Us

**Hamline University
Sundin Music Hall**

**St. Paul, Minnesota
October 30, 2015**

MEA Program

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8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Comments

Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas and MEA President

9:15 a.m. Hurwicz Distinguished Lecture

Deirdre McCloskey, University of Illinois at Chicago

The One True and Verified Theory of How We Got So Rich: Liberty and Dignity

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Previous MEA Paper Contest Winners Present Their Latest Research

Soren Anderson, Michigan State University

Hotelling Under Pressure

Jon Einar Flatnes, The Ohio State University

The role of collateral in joint liability group lending: Evidence from a framed field experiment in Tanzania

11:45 a.m. Luncheon – **Klas Center, Kay Fredericks Room, 3rd Floor**

12:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards

12:45 p.m. Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report (Keith Gilsdorf)

Election of Officers (Karmi Mattson)

1:00 p.m. Luncheon Speaker

Tim Kehoe, University of Minnesota

Global Imbalances and Structural Change in the U.S.

2:10 p.m. Economic Impacts of the Bakken Oil Boom

Session Moderator: Jeanne Boeh, Augsburg College

Panelists:

Max Bezada, University of Minnesota

Rob Grunewald, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Neal Young, Dept. of Employment and Economic Development

3:20 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Gary Krueger, Macalester College, incoming MEA President