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NABE PRESENTS ABRAMSON, MENNIS, AND SHISKIN AWARDS; ELMENDORF, STEINDEL, AND SWIFT NAMED NABE FELLOWS

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Association for Business Economics (NABE) has presented the 2015 Abramson Award to **Mark A. Johnson** of Loyola University of Maryland and **Douglas J. Lamdin** of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and the 2015 Abramson Scrolls to **Rudolph Penner** of the Urban Institute, and to **Joel Prakken** and **Chris Varvares** of Macroeconomic Advisers.

Established in 1986, the Abramson Awards and Scrolls confer special recognition on exceptional feature articles published in NABE's quarterly professional journal, *Business Economics*. This year's winning articles were selected by the *Business Economics* Editorial Board from those published between October 2014 and July 2015. The awards are given in honor of Adolph Abramson, the founder and first president of NABE, and are presented by the NABE Board of Directors.

The 2015 Adolph G. Abramson Award

Mark A. Johnson, assistant professor, Sellinger School of Business and Management, Loyola University of Maryland, and **Douglas J. Lamdin**, professor of economics, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, "Gauging the Financial Capability of Americans," published in the July 2015 issue of *Business Economics*.

2015 Abramson Scrolls

Rudolph G. Penner, institute fellow, Urban Institute, "The Changing Nature of the Long-Run Federal Budget Problem," published in the July 2015 issue of *Business Economics*.

Joel L. Prakken and **Chris P. Varvares**, managing directors, Macroeconomic Advisers, "The Impact of a Rising Dollar on the U.S. Economy," published in the January 2015 issue of *Business Economics*.

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Edmund A. Mennis Contributed Paper Award

The Edmund A. Mennis Contributed Paper Award was instituted in 1999 in honor of retiring *Business Economics* Editor Ed Mennis. The award consists of a cash prize and free attendance at the NABE Annual Meeting, where the paper is presented. The paper is later published in *Business Economics*.

James A. Wilcox, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, "The Home Purchase Sentiment Index: A New Tool for Forecasting Housing Markets." The Home Purchase Sentiment Index was developed in partnership with Fannie Mae.

The 2015 Julius Shiskin Award for Economic Statistics

Brent Moulton, associate director for National Economic Accounts of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), is the 43rd recipient of the Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics. The award, sponsored by NABE, the Washington Statistical Society, and the Business and Economics Section of the American Statistical Association, is given annually in recognition of unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics, or in the use of statistics in interpreting the economy.

Dr. Moulton received the award in recognition of his leadership in implementing major innovations into the U.S. national accounts, international standards for national accounts, and expanded integration of U.S. statistical programs. The award also honors his work at the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in developing innovations that improved the reliability of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

NABE Fellows Named

The NABE Board of Directors has selected three NABE Fellows for 2015: **Douglas W. Elmendorf**, visiting fellow in the Economic Studies program at the Brookings Institution; **Charles Steindel**, resident scholar at the Anisfield School of Business at Ramapo College of New Jersey; and **Thomas Kevin Swift**, managing director and chief economist at the American Chemistry Council.

NABE Fellows are selected on an annual basis by NABE's Board of Directors. Selection criteria include service as a professional business economist, contributions to the field of business economics, and outstanding contributions to NABE.

ABOUT NABE: NABE is the premier professional association for business economists and those who use economics in the workplace. Since 1959, NABE has attracted the most prominent figures in economics, business, and academia to its membership with highly-regarded conferences, educational and career development offerings, industry surveys, and its unrivaled networking opportunities. The NABE membership is organized into subject-oriented roundtables, including: Corporate Planning, Energy, Financial, Health Economics, International, Manufacturing/Industry, Real Estate/Construction, Regional/Utility, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Technology, Transfer Pricing, and Transportation. Past presidents of NABE include former Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Federal Reserve System, Alan Greenspan, several former Federal Reserve governors, and other senior business leaders. For more information, please visit www.nabe.com.

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