



## **MONIKA PIAZZESI RECIPIENT OF THE 2006 ELAINE BENNETT RESEARCH PRIZE**

Monika Piazzesi is the 2006 recipient of the Elaine Bennett Research Prize. This prize will be given to her at the annual business meeting of the American Economics Association's Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) on Friday, January 5, 2007, from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Columbian Room of the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel. A reception will follow in the Picasso Room to honor Professor Piazzesi and the winner of the 2006 Carolyn Shaw Bell award. It is not necessary to register for the AEA/ASSA meetings to attend these two events.

Professor Piazzesi, Professor of Finance and the John Huizinga Faculty Fellow at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, works at the intersection of macroeconomics, financial economics and applied time series econometrics. She has developed influential models of the yield curve for bonds, incorporating crucial macroeconomic factors such as the actions of central banks and measures of business cycle fluctuations. The Federal Reserve has changed its forecasting models directly in response to her research. Professor Piazzesi received her Ph.D. from Stanford University in 2000, is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Research Affiliate at the Centre for Economic Policy Research.

The Elaine Bennett Research Prize was established in 1998 to recognize and honor outstanding research in any field of economics by a woman at the beginning of her career. The prize is given in honor of Elaine Bennett, who mentored many women economists at the start of their careers and made significant contributions to economic theory and experimental economics during her short professional career. The previous winners of this prize are Marianne Bertrand of the University of Chicago, Esther Duflo of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Susan Athey of Harvard University and Judith Chevalier of Yale University.

CSWEP represents women's points of views in the committee work of the American Economic Association (AEA), monitors the progress of women within the profession, and makes an annual report to the AEA on the status of women in economics. CSWEP associates are women and men in the diverse areas of the profession – in academe, government and business.

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