51st Actuarial Research Conference Presentation Prize Winners

Announcing the winners of the 51st Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) Presentation Prizes!

Congratulations to winners of the 2016 ARC Presentation Prizes for their superior presentations at this year's ARC held jointly between the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas! The Education & Research Section Council has awarded prizes for the six best presentations. First place was a tie and so this prize ($300) will be awarded to both. There are four Honorable Mention award winners, in no particular order, winning $100 each.

First Place Winners
- Saisai Zhang (University of Waterloo)—"Optimal Retirement Planning: Variable Payout Annuities and Epstein-Zin Preferences"
- Nhan Huynh (University of California, Santa Barbara) — "Improving the Prediction of Re-admissions Amongst Medicare Patients in a California Hospital"

Honorable Mention
- Gao Niu[1] (University of Connecticut) — "Pricing Model on Combination Annuity for Families with Down Syndrome Child"
- Lu Yang (University of Wisconsin) — "Copula Regression with Discrete Outcomes"
- Phuong Anh Vu (University of New South Wales, Australia; Université de Montréal) — "Stochastic Loss Reserving with Dependence: A Flexible Multivariate Tweedie Approach"
- Jean-François Bégin (HEC Montréal) — "The Pricing of Idiosyncratic Risk in Option Markets"

Congratulations to all!

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[1] Previous prize winner and thus will not receive a cash award this time.