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**FINAL REPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

\*\*All questions must be completed to be considered for grant award.

<b>Choose one:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Activity <input type="checkbox"/> Research Activity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Enhancement Activity	<b>Application Deadline Date:</b> <u>October 1</u> (i.e. October 1, February 1, or April 15)
	<b>Date of Last PDG Award</b> (Semester and Year awarded): <u>Fall 2011</u>
	<b>Date of ATU Faculty Appointment</b> (Semester and Year): <u>Fall 2009</u>

1. Project Title: ASSA conference and continuing education

2. Name of Principal Investigator/Project Director: Marc Anthony Fusaro

3. School (abbrev): CoB 4. Department: Acct & Econ 5. Campus Mail Address: 106 West O Street

6. PI/PD Campus Phone: 968-0688 7. Amount Requested: \$ 1739.11 8. Total Cost of Project: \$ 1739.11

9. Will total funds awarded be expended by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current fiscal year: Yes  No

10. If not, what is the total to be expended this fiscal year: \$ NA

11. What is the total to be carried over to the next fiscal year: \$ NA (if approved by the VPAA)

12. Project Completion Date: Jan 8, 2013 13. Travel Dates: Jan 3 – 8, 2013  
(if applicable)

**14. Does this project involve:**

**Yes No**

- human subjects?
- animals/animal care facility?
- radioactive materials?
- hazardous materials?
- biological agents or toxins restricted by the USA Patriot Act?
- copyright or patent potential?
- utilization of space **not** currently available to the PI/PD?
- the purchase of equipment/instrumentation/software currently **available** to the PI/PD?

**NOTE:** If the answer is “yes” to any of the above questions, the investigator must attach appropriate documentation of approval or justification for use/purchase.

**SIGNATURES**

**Department Contribution** (if applicable): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Chairperson**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**School Contribution** (if applicable): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date**

**This Section to be completed by the Office of Academic Affairs**

Previous PDG Award final report received: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

PDC Committee Award Recommendation: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

PDC Committee Proposal Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Total Proposals.

Recommendation of VPAA: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation of President: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Award Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Restatement of Problem Researched

In this proposal, I am requesting the resources to attend the annual ASSA conference and the accompanying continuing education program. At the primary annual gathering of the economics profession I will be able to network with colleagues, attend research presentations made by the leaders in the profession, and attend a continuing education program on the topic of "Time Series Econometrics" a form of statistics used in studying economics.

## C. Brief Review of Research Procedure

I arrived in San Diego on Thurs Jan 3, 2013. I was able to register for the conference and get checked into the hotel.

On Friday, Jan 4, Saturday Jan 5, and part of Sunday Jan 6 I attended the conference part of the conference.

By 3:00 on Jan 6 the conference sessions were complete. The continuing education program began at 4:00 on Jan 6, continued all day on Monday Jan 7, and concluded on Jan 8 at noon. The first half of the econometrics seminar was taught by Giorgio Primiceri, a faculty member at Northwestern University, and the second half was taught by Frank Schorfheide a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

## D. Summary of Outcomes and Experiences

At the conference I networked with several economists, an endeavor which I hope will lead to some collaboration as well as got information and advice concerning the starting a research center. The seminar was intense. The seminar was billed as "time series econometrics". The material being taught turned out to be Bayesian econometrics in macroeconomics. About 10% of the material was familiar to me from graduate school. This part was a good refresher. The rest was new knowledge. I do not feel that I would be able to perform any of the techniques demonstrated without significant study and work. However, I do feel like I am in a position to understand a piece of research which uses them.

## E. Conclusions and Recommendations

The conference was good. It has been several years since I have attended this conference. I reconnected with several people who I rarely get to see. I believe that I should attend this conference more often. The seminar was very good. It was taught at a very high level or rigor. The materials provided were very helpful in keeping up with the course and will provide a good source of reference in the future. In summary, it is well worth the relatively low cost of the seminar. I hope to attend a future seminar at this conference.

## F. Attachments

copy of cover of the course material booklet

AEA CONTINUING EDUCATION  
PROGRAM



TIME-SERIES ECONOMETRICS  
GIORGIO PRIMICERI, NORTHWESTERN  
FRANK SCHORFHEIDE, UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA

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