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Pierre Sikios named Laurier research professor for 2000-2001

Economics professor with international reputation to focus research on central banking issues

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WATERLOO – Economics professor Pierre Siklos, a prolific researcher who has been awarded more than \$200,000 in research funds, has been named the 2000-2001 Wilfrid Laurier University Research Professor. Relieved of his teaching and administrative duties for one year, Siklos' will focus his time on researching central banking and the evolution of central banking policies.

Although the professorship does not take effect until July 1, Sikios is currently working on a book on central banking policies as part of his award. To be published next year by Cambridge University Press, the book focuses on issues such as the introduction of the Euro currency next year, the shifting importance of central bankers over governments and the effect this shift has on economic policy.

"Because of his scholarly reputation, he has served as a consultant to central banks in North America, New Zealand, Europe, and to the International Monetary Fund," says Barry McPherson, dean of graduate studies and research. "He has brought an international reputation to Laurier and is one of our most active scholars, making him the perfect choice as this year's University Research Professor."

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Over the past 10 years, Siklos has produced more than 40 scholarly publications, plus 17 book chapters and seven books, with two more books in preparation. Specializing in monetary policy, macroeconomic policy, and applied economics, he has taught at Laurier since 1980 and has also been a visiting professor at universities in Australia, the United States, Germany, Britain and Italy.

Siklos received his Baccalaureate from College Stanislas and a Bachelor of Commerce from McGill University in Montreal, a Master of Arts in economics from the University of Western Ontario, and his PhD in economics from Carleton University in 1981.