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ORANGE, Calif., Nov. 4, 2009 -- The achievements of faculty members in Chapman's Economic Science Institute continue to resonate throughout the world. For example, in the recent ranking of schools in experimental economics by Research Papers in Economics (RePEc), Chapman is currently ranked No. 7, right after University of Cambridge and Harvard University.

Six Chapman faculty members are presenting research at the Economics Science Association annual meeting in Tucson, Ariz. the week of Nov. 9-13. (The Economic Science Association is a professional organization devoted to using controlled experiments to learn about economic behavior.) Chapman's presenters:

--Erik Kimbrough, lecturer, George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics: "Learning to Respect Property." How do people develop property conventions (thou shalt not steal) in order to reap the gains from trade?

--Shengle Lin, Ph.D., research associate, Economic Science Institute: "Information Diffusion and Asset Price Underreaction." Dr. Lin will answer the question, "If information diffuses slowly in asset markets, would the prices move in one direction continuously?"

--Radhika Lunawat, Ph.D., associate professor, George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics: "Reputation Effects of Disclosure," where she explains the relation between trust, reputation and accounting disclosure.

--Roman Sheremeta, Ph.D., assistant professor, George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics: "The Attack and Defense of Weakest-Link Networks." He examines contest and tournament design, group vs. individual decision-making, and multi-battle resource allocation problems

--Timothy Shields, Ph.D., assistant professor, George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics: "Is Level-k Thinking Affected by Task Complexity?" Dr. Shields examines communication between two people with a conflict of interest between them.

--Abel Winn, Ph.D., assistant professor, George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics: "Bargaining Behavior in the Anticommons," which examines the economic dilemma that arises when any one of a large number of land owners can hold up the production of a large capital structure.