

## **U of Winnipeg instructor on co-ops is recognized for creating bridge between academia and community**

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, July 2011 -- The first recipient of the John Logue ACE Award recognizing those who put academic research on cooperatives to work for communities is Monica Adeler of the University of Winnipeg.

The award was established last year by the Association of Cooperative Educators in memory of John Logue who founded the Ohio Employee Ownership Center at Kent State University. It will be presented on July 28 at Convocation Hall of the University of Winnipeg.



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SEED Winnipeg Inc. Executive Director Cindy Coker who knew Logue and has worked with Adeler says the two scholars share many qualities. “Monica is committed to the co-op sector and desires that her research have practical, implementable outcomes,” she says. “Further, her commitment to working with the co-op community in finding ways to implement those recommendations was outstanding - a willingness to do whatever it took.”

Adeler is the instructor of the first course in cooperatives management within the Business Administration Department at the University of Winnipeg, launched earlier this year. She helped create it and says she hopes it will lead to future programs about cooperatives and credit unions at the university. Her research on public policy in other jurisdictions helped guide the discussion with the Manitoba government and lead to a newly created Co-operative Development Tax Credit adopted by the Province of Manitoba last year.

She is also completing her doctorate in interdisciplinary studies at the University of Saskatchewan, with a focus on examining supportive environments for co-op development in Spain, Italy, Quebec, and Manitoba.

Adeler earned law degrees in Argentina and Spain, an MBA and completed doctorate work on electronic commerce in Spain. She moved to Winnipeg in 2007 to conduct research in partnership with SEED and the Manitoba Cooperative Association regarding policies supporting co-op development, a project that was funded by a social economy research grant from the Winnipeg Inner City Research Alliance and eventually led to policy change.

Coker will also be recognized at the awards ceremony as part of the annual ACE Institute, July 26-29 at the University of Winnipeg. She is honored as a mentor who inspires and engages others within cooperatives, credit unions and other social enterprises. The University of Winnipeg garners the ACE Award for its assistance to hold the first ACE Institute in Winnipeg. Arctic Co-operatives Limited, also based in Winnipeg, will be acknowledged for its success training elected leaders and employees across the Far North. José Julián Ramírez Ruiz of the Liga de Cooperativas de Puerto Rico is named the 2011 outstanding young cooperative educator for overseeing the use of radio and print media as well as other methods to reach and teach cooperative members across Puerto Rico.

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United States and Puerto Rico. An annual Institute, held in a different city each year, allows members to learn from one another and their host region, and highlights new learning about cooperatives and credit unions.

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