UM Bureau of Business and Economic Emeritus Director Presents Eponymous National Award for Best Paper

MISSOULA – The **2017 Polzin Prize for Best Paper** was awarded to Timothy Slaper, research director at the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University, for "An Agglomeration Set on a Hill: Industry Clusters and the Magnetic Attraction of FDI."

"I'm privileged to have won this prize," Slaper said. "It is a testimony to the relevancy of AUBER that it attracts not only academically rigorous papers but research that is useful for economic development practitioners as well."

The AUBER Polzin Prize is named for Paul Polzin, emeritus director of the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Polzin joined UM BBER in 1968.

"I am pleased and honored that the Polzin Prize continues to recognize outstanding research conducted by AUBER members," Polzin said.

The Polzin Prize was created in 2016 by the AUBER Board of Directors to honor Polzin's 36 years of dedicated service to the organization including one term as president, four terms on the board of directors and 17 years of ex officio board service with AUBER.

The award was presented at AUBER's 2017 conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

AUBER is the professional association of business and economic research organizations at public and private universities and consists of 60+ leading university-based economic research centers.

Established in 1948, BBER is the main research unit of UM's School of Business Administration. It informs Montanans about the economic climate in which they live and work. In addition to conducting its Economic Outlook Seminars across the state each year, BBER researchers engage in a wide range of applied research projects that address different aspects of the state economy, including survey research, economic analysis, health care research,

forecasting, wood products research and energy research. It has published the Montana

Business Quarterly since 1949.

Below, winner Timothy Slaper left and Paul Polzin right