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**John T. Dunlop Undergraduate Thesis Prize Winners:  
Jacqueline Chen and Jack Smith**

**CAMBRIDGE MA** – The Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government (M-RCBG) at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 John T. Dunlop Prize in Business and Government.

Jacqueline Chen has won for her thesis, *Pharmer’s Market: How Biosimilars are Shaking Up the Pharmaceutical Landscape*. She is a senior at Harvard College and is graduating later this month with an A.B. in Economics. Jack Smith has also won for his thesis, *California Compliance Offsets: Problematic Protocols and Buyer Behavior*. He is also a senior at Harvard College, graduating later this month with an A.B. in Environmental Science and Public Policy.

The John T. Dunlop Thesis Prize in Business and Government is awarded to graduating seniors who write the best thesis on a challenging public policy issue at the interface of business and government. Each prize carries a \$1000 award.

This year’s winning thesis by Ms. Chen examines the impact pharma pricing on healthcare costs, specifically for biosimilars, a class of drugs that is hard to duplicate and provide in generic formats. In his winning thesis, Mr. Smith explores the value and legitimacy of carbon offsets in a market-based approach to carbon emissions reductions.

In explaining why the Center chose to award the John Dunlop prize to Ms. Chen and Mr. Smith this year, John A. Haigh, co-director of M-RCBG, said that their “theses are of significant interest to the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government. They are ambitious and well-executed, and the results are robust and important for policy...our review committee was impressed with the sophistication of their analyses.”

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John T. Dunlop, the Lamont University Professor Emeritus, was a widely respected labor economist who served as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences from 1969 to 1973. An adviser to many U.S. presidents, beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dunlop was secretary of labor under Gerald Ford, serving from March 1975 to January 1976.

In addition to serving as secretary of labor, Dunlop held many other government posts, including: director of the Cost of Living Council, (1973-74), chairman of the Construction Industry Stabilization Committee (1993-95), chair of the Massachusetts Joint Labor-Management Committee for Municipal Police and Firefighters (1977-2003) and Chair of the Commission on Migratory Farm Labor (1984-2003).

Dunlop served as the second director of the Center for Business and Government from 1987 to 1991. The Center, renamed in 2005 as the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, focuses on policy issues at the intersection of business and government. Dunlop died in 2003.