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The Economics Department and Omicron Delta Epsilon congratulate **Milena Nikolova**, winner of the 2008 Dwight D. Eisenhower Society / R.M. Hoffman Family Memorial Prize in Economics. The Eisenhower/Hoffman Prize is awarded to the economics student writing the best quantitative paper or project with public policy implications. Milena’s paper, “The Effects of Intermarriage on the Earnings of Female Immigrants in the United States,” is the lead article in this issue of the Gettysburg Economic Review.

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