

## Publishing/Conferences:

**Amir Kia** presented a paper (written with **Norm Gardner**) “Analyzing the Fiscal Process Under a Stochastic Environment: Evidence from Egypt” at the World Bank Conference. This conference allows only Economic Research Forum Fellows to present their accepted papers. This research fellowship is one of the most prestigious. Not many scholars in the world can have this fellowship, as the qualifications are very high.

**Susan Madsen** has recently had two papers accepted for presentation and proceeding publication in the *Academy of Human Resource Development Research Conference of the Americas* (February, 2009) in Washington, D.C. The papers include 1) Developing leadership throughout life: The experiences of Emirati women leaders in the United Arab Emirates; and 2) Preparing for future leadership development efforts in the United Arab Emirates: Studying the transformational learning experiences of women college students in Abu Dhabi.

**Harry Taute** presented his article “A Preliminary Examination of Emotional Information Management in Gift Giving and Receipt” at the Society for Marketing Advances.

**Letty Workman** was contacted and interviewed by an author of the Salt Lake Weekly magazine regarding her dissertation research. This story is currently featured at [www.slweekly.com](http://www.slweekly.com). Please scroll down mid-page (under the Body Worlds ad) to the featured article, “Shopaholic: Once Buried in Debt, These Shopping Addicts Are Digging Themselves Out.”

## Update on Marty Val Hill

Marty begins an experimental immunotherapy-based treatment on December 20<sup>th</sup>. He will receive this treatment at the Clinical Center Hospital of the National Cancer Institute located in Bethesda, Maryland. He will return on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, spend a week and a half recuperating, then return for another treatment between January 11-20. Marty will receive high doses of a substance called IL2 every 8 hours around the clock for 12 cycles. IL2 triggers an immune response wherever it is present in the body. If the treatment is effective, Marty’s hyperactive immune system will simultaneously attack every melanoma cell anywhere in his body---even the concentrations that are too small to be detected by MRIs or CT scans. Marty, we truly hope to hear your body positively responds to these treatments!!

