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M-RCBG awards John T. Dunlop Undergraduate Thesis Prize to Aden Barton

CAMBRIDGE MA The Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government (M-RCBG) at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government is pleased to announce the 2024 winner of the John T. Dunlop Undergraduate Thesis Prize in Business and Government.

Aden Barton has won for his thesis, *The Causal Effect of Welfare Retrenchment: Evidence from Medicaid and SNAP*. He is graduating from Harvard College this week with an A.B. in Economics.

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. The prize carries a \$2000 award.

This year's winning thesis by Mr. Barton examines the ongoing Medicaid Unwinding, in which millions have been removed from public insurance based on a state's caseload prioritization. He finds that disenrollment increases the likelihood of being on private insurance and of being uninsured, and reduces the likelihood of enrollees and disenrollees working in the last week by about 5 percentage points, as individuals likely reduced their labor supply to maintain eligibility. His findings also indicate an increased household financial strain, most

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In explaining why the Center chose to award the John Dunlop Prize TJETQ00000912 0 612 792 reWnBTF2 12 T