Eastern Economic Association 2009 Sessions
ISSUES IN POLITICAL ECONOMY - UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

Session I: Death, Terrorism & Crime (Friday, February 27th, 9am)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Meredith Mosko, Elon University

“Crime in the USA: A Panel Analysis”
Derrick Hermanson, Minnesota State University – Moorhead

“Surviving the Storm: Examining Characteristics Associated to Hurricane Related Fatalities in the U.S.”
Emily Kennedy, Austin College

"Youth Crime Rates Across States"
Amy Kemp, Minnesota State University - Moorhead

“The Rise of Religious Terror in Modern Society”
Sarah Hall, Sweet Briar College

"The Deterrent Effect of the Death Penalty"
Jonathan Fitch, University of Northern Iowa

“The Economic Determinants of Voting”
Rachel Sullivan, Sweet Briar College

Discussants:
Hillary G Darragh, College of Wooster
Harry Martin, Elon University
Michael Goodwin, John Jay College
Erin Beddingfield, University of Mary Washington
Jesse Zenthoefer, University of Central Missouri
Lisle O'Neill, Ursinus College
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Session II: Gender, Sex, and Women (Friday, February 27th, 11am)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Elaine Anderson, Elon University

“Women’s Labor Markets in Costa Rica”
Kelsey Rinehart, University of Northern Iowa

“Determinants of Self-Employment in the U.S.: Gender Differences and States’ Economic Freedom Levels”
Michael Bargar and Viktoriya Nikolova, Furman University

“Do Women Make Inferior Financial Decisions Compared to Men?”
Sarah E. Kemmer, Emmanuel College

“Marriage Aspirations and the Selection Among Gendered Capital”
Jacqueline Rau, College of Wooster

"Let’s Talk About Sex: American Household Savings Behavior "
Meredith Mosko, Elon University

Discussants:
Matthew Holzgrafe, Austin College
Zsofia Megyeri, Keene State College
Margaret Graybeal, University of Mary Washington
Derrick Hermanson, Minnesota State University – Moorhead
Alicia Kordistos, Washington and Jefferson College
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Session III: Wages, Income & Education (Friday, February 27th, 2pm)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Sarah Restaino, University of Mary Washington

"Stats or Studs: Does it Pay to be Good Looking? The Economic Effects of Lookism on Wages"
Lisle O’Neill, Ursinus College

“Measuring Permanent and Transitory Components of Income on their Marginal Propensity to Consume”
Joseph Mundy, University of Mary Washington

"Has Income for Young Adults Shifted? A Multiple Decade Comparison of Earnings, Compensation, and Other Income-Related Factors for Young Adults”
Margaret Graybeal, University of Mary Washington

“The Impact of Performance Based Pay Incentives on the Attrition of American Public School Teachers”
William Nicholson, American University

“College Graduates and Economic Downturns”
Marylynn Diallo, American University

“International Student Enrollment in Midwest Universities”
Vaneesha Dusoruth, Minnesota State University – Moorhead

Discussants:
Anoop Parik, College of Wooster
Viktoriya Nikolova, Furman University
Michael Liaw, John Jay College
Meredith Mosko, Elon University
Amy Kemp, Minnesota State University – Moorhead
Kelsey Rinehart, University of Northern Iowa
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**Session IV: Microfinance** (Friday, February 27th, 4pm)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: **Erika Lamanna**, Elon University

"Microfinance: Client Impact Study in Angola"
**Jose J.G. Domingos**, St. Lawrence University

“Measuring the Sustainability of Microfinance Institutions in India”
**Radhika Burman**, College Wooster

“Commercialization Model in Latin America: Empirical Analysis on Depth of Outreach of Microfinance Institutions in Latin America”
**Petra Dacheva**, Sweet Briar College

“Privitization in Theory and Practice: Assessing Argentina”
**Zsolt Megyeri**, Keene State College

“The Effect of Asymmetric Information on Efficiency Wage Format”
**Sierra Stoney**, University of Mary Washington

Discussants:
**Jacqueline J Rau**, College of Wooster
**Michael Bargar**, Furman University
**Chuan Shi**, Manhattanville College
**Drea Dorrow**, Elon University
**Vaneesha Dusoruth**, Minnesota State University – Moorhead
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Session V: Growth (Saturday, February 28th, 9am)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Harry Martin, Elon University

“Inflation and the Composition of Output and Employment”
Jack Luze, University of Northern Iowa

"Is Deflation Threatening the U.S. Economy? Lessons from 1929 and Japan"
Rahman Connelly, Franklin and Marshall College

“A Re-Examination of the Effects of Metropolitan Growth on Poverty During the 90’s”
Derrick Robinson, University of North Florida

“Comparative Advantage? - An Examination and Comparison of the Minskian Business Cycle and Endogenous Growth Models”
Steven Roy, Franklin and Marshall

“Defense or Non-Defense Spending: Which is Efficient Means to Growth?”
Todd Clifford, Keene State College

“An Environment for Innovation: the Relationship Between Intellectual Property Rights, R&D, and Innovation”
Hillary G. Darragh, College of Wooster

Discussants:
Janak Updhyay Jr., College of Wooster
Arthur Lyman Haskins, Franklin and Marshall College
Margaret Colbert, John Jay College
Joseph Mundy, University of Mary Washington
Jose J.G. Domingos, St. Lawrence University
Sierra Stoney, University of Mary Washington
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Session VI: Health & Happiness (Saturday, February 28th, 11am)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Margaret Graybeal, University of Mary Washington

“The Impact of Income Inequality on Happiness in a Cross-Section of Countries”
Sek Wai Michel Wong, Albright College

“Determinants of Happiness: A Cross-Country Analysis”
Kim-Anh Le, St Lawrence University

“Disparities in Health Based on Socioeconomic Status and Race: a Case Study of NYC”
Matthew Holzgrafe, Austin College

“Gymnastics Enrollment, Obesity, and Olympic Games”
Sarah Restaino, University of Mary Washington

“The Traveler’s Dilemma”
Drea Dorrow, Elon University

“A Study of Cross-State Effects of Smoking Bans on Gaming Revenues: The Delaware and New Jersey Experience”
Ines Quintana, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:
Emily Kennedy, Austin College
Sarah E. Kemner, Emmanuel College
Patrick Boyle, Franklin and Marshall College
Kimberly Blodgett, University of Mary Washington
Bill Woomer, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
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Session VII: Athletics (Saturday, February 28th, 12:45pm)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Chris Farnsworth, Elon University

“Grade Inflation and its Effect on College Athletics ”
Kathryn Davilli, Sweet Briar College

“When is the Best Time to Sell NFL Tickets on eBay®?: A Study of eBay® auctions leading up to the December 28th, 2008 Eagles vs. Cowboys Game in Philadelphia”
Bill Woomer, West Chester - University of Pennsylvania

“What is the Marginal Revenue Product of an FCS College Football Player?”
Josh Mahoney, University of Northern Iowa

“What Were They Thinking? An Examination of Decision Making in Major League Baseball”
Jesse Zenthoefer, University of Central Missouri

“How to Survive in the NHL? – Team Revenue Analysis”
Alicia Kordistos, Washington and Jefferson College

Discussants:
Tyler Case, American University
Patrick Tiangco, John Jay College
Kim-Anh Le, St. Lawrence University
Sarah Hall, Sweet Briar College
Jonathan Fitch, University of Northern Iowa
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Session VIII: Trade & Financial Crisis (Saturday, February 28th, 2pm)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Sierra Stoney, University of Mary Washington

“CDO’s, CDS, and Rating Agencies in the 2008 Financial Crisis: A Minskian Analysis”
Arthur Lyman Haskins, Franklin and Marshall College

“Globalization of U.S. Financial Crisis”
Margaret Colbert, John Jay College

“History Repeats Itself: Comparison of the U.S. and Japanese Financial Crisis”
Patrick Boyle, Franklin and Marshall College

Yinhan Zhang, California University of Pennsylvania

Qian Jiang, Bryant College

“International Trade and the Accumulation of Human Capital”
Janak Upadhyay Jr., College of Wooster

Discussants:

Marylynn Diallo, American University
Claire Lunieski, American University
Todd Clifford, Keene State College
Petra Dacheva, Sweet Briar College
Jack Luze, University of Northern Iowa
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Session IX: Employment (Saturday, February 28th, 4pm)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Kimberly Blodgett, University of Mary Washington

“The Effects of a Raised Minimum Wage on Employment: Differences Across States and Social Groups”
Mihnea Tudoreanu and Stefka Antonova, St. Lawrence University

“Structural Unemployment in the Fargo, ND-Moorhead, MN MSA”
Jacob Clasussen, Minnesota State University - Moorhead

“Employment Effects of High Human Capital Job Concentration”
Nathaniel Stevens, SUNY Geneseo

“Labour Migration: An Analysis of Labor Theory and Implementation of Migration Policies”
Charles Fox, Hamline University

“The Dust Bowl Migration to California in the 1930’s: An Application of the Todaro Model”
Anoop Parik, College of Wooster

Discussants:

William Nicholson, American University
Steven Roy, Franklin and Marshall College
Rachel Sullivan, Sweet Briar College
Josh Mahoney, University of Northern Iowa
Alicia Kordistos, Washington and Jefferson College
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**Session X: Culture, Globalization and Markets** (Saturday, February 28th, 5:30pm)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: **Erin Beddingfield**, University of Mary Washington

“**Irrational Behavior in an Experimental Asset Market**”
**Harry Martin**, Elon University

“**Trust and Reciprocity**”
**Elaine Anderson and Mike Boisvert**, Elon University

“**Individualism and Collectivism**”
**Yueqiao Li**, University of Missouri

“**Internationalization of the Security Markets’ Regulation**”
**Michael Liaw, Joanna Mercedes, Lizbeth McKeever and Robert Kowalczyk**, John Jay College

“**It’s Not a Small World After All: The Effect of Cultural Distance on the Transfer of Tacit Knowledge Multinational Corporations**”
**Phoenam Sadutshang**, Manhattanville College

Discussants:

**Rahman Connelly**, Franklin and Marshall College
**Mark Manganiello**, Keene State College
**Nikki Soulsby**, Sweet Briar College
**Derrick Ronbinson**, University of North Florida
**Mihnea Tudoreanu**, St. Lawrence University
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Session XI: Money, Macro & Finance, (Sunday, March 1st, 9am)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Drea Dorrow, Elon University

“The Budget Surplus of the Late 1990’s: Clinton’s Solution to the Crowding Out Problem”
Mark Manganiello, Keene State College

“All About Insider Trading”
Valerie Nova, Sherry Paredes, Steve Paredes, Marta Pawelic, Craig Pierre, Cagney Ramos, and Hurasho Smith, John Jay College

“Commodity Price Volatility and Monetary Policy Uncertainty”
Claire Lunieski, American University

“U.S. Stock Market Crashes and Limitations of Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation”
Michael Goodwin, D. Jaikaran, Joshua Fernandez, Jihye Kang, John Jay College

“IPO Underpricing in China”
Chuan Shi, Manhattanville College

“Insider Trading and Securities Act of 1933-34: Case Study of Purchase PRO”
Patrick Tiangco, Haseeb Syed, Alonso Smith, and Tanisha Matthews, John Jay College

Discussants:

Qian Jiang, Bryant University
Yinhuan Zhang, California University of Pennsylvania
Nathaniel Stevens, SUNY Geneseo
Yueqiao Li, University of Missouri Kansas City
Phoenam Sadutshang, Manhattanville College
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Session XII: Applied Microeconomics (Sunday, March 1st, 11am)

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Tina Das, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Joseph Mundy, University of Mary Washington

“The Bowie Effect: Investigating the Influence of Technology on Concert Ticket Prices”
Tyler Case, American University

“Give My Regards to Broadway”
Nikki M. Soulsby, Sweet Briar College

“An Economic Analysis of Assistance to Firefighters Grant Money Awarded to Pennsylvania Fire Companies in 2005”
Kimberly Blodgett, University of Mary Washington

“Analysis of Carbon Market Permit Allocation”
Erin Beddingfield, University of Mary Washington

“The Economic Benefit of a Potential Greenway along the Haw River in Alamance County, North Carolina”
Chris Farnsworth, Elon University

Discussants:

Radhika Burman, College of Wooster
Charles Fox, Hamline University
Sarah Restaino, University of Mary Washington
Jacob Clasussen, Minnesota State University – Moorhead
Kathryn Davilli, Sweet Briar College