

**Friday 8:30**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research I: Education**

**First of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Grace Foster**, Elon University

Catholic Schools, Competition, and Public School Quality

**Juliana Carattini & Rachel Sederberg**, Stonehill College

The Effect of Single-Sex Schooling on Short-term and Long-Term Extracurricular Participation

**Grace Foster**, Elon University

Undergraduate Retention Rates across Regional Public Universities

**Marissa Peterson**, Minnesota State University

How Much Congestion is too Much Congestion?

**Joe Patterson**, Elon University

Discussants: **Benjamin Shoemith**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington; **Tyler Zoda**,

Elon University; **William Murphy**, Rhode Island College; **Kevin Machia**, St. Lawrence  
University

**Friday 10:15**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research II: Labor**

**Second of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Sam Waskowicz**, University of Mary Washington

Determinants of Youth Employment in America

**Nathan Klyn**, University of Northern Iowa

An Analysis of the Gender Wage Gap among Lawyers

**Emily Scholtes**, University of Northern Iowa

Gender Discrimination Across U.S. States: What has changed over the past thirty years?

**Joshua Balance**, Bryant University

Discussants: **Rachel Sederberg**, Stonehill College; **Giordon Gill**, Rhode Island College; **Sylvie McCarthy**, Keene State College

**Friday 1:00**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research III: International**

**Third of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington

Brewing Profits or Poverty?: A Comparison of Fair Trade's Impact on Ethiopian and Nicaraguan  
Coffee Producers

**Kevin Machia**, St. Lawrence University

Genocide in Rwanda: Malthusian pressures, the World Bank and the IMF

**Sylvie McCarthy**, Keene State College

Demographics and Global Imbalances

**Thomas Whyel**, Elon University

Should Today's Global Economy Adopt a Single Currency?

**Alyssa Coughlan**, Manhattanville College

Discussants: **Sam Waskowicz**, University of Mary Washington; **Alex Spitz**, Elon University;  
**Joe Patterson**, Elon University; **Grace Foster**, Elon University

**Friday 2:30**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research IV: Applied Micro**

**Fourth of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Alex Spitz**, Elon University

How do Economic Incentives Encourage College-Educated Women to Postpone Childbearing?  
**Katie Morris**, Keene State College

An Examination of the Impact of Police Expenditures on Arrest Rates  
**Benjamin Shoemith**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Incorporating Coastal Erosion into the Tourist Economy  
**William Murphy**, Rhode Island College

Blown Away: A Look At How Wind Power Can Help Rhode Island Meet Its Regional  
Greenhouse Gas Initiative Obligation  
**Giordon Gill**, Rhode Island College

Discussants: **Thomas Whyel**, Elon University; **Alyssa Coughlan**, Manhattanville College;  
**Timothy Reiss**, Keene State College; **Julie Weisz**, Gettysburg College

**Friday 4:00**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research V: Energy**

**Fifth of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Johnathan Blake**, University of Mary Washington

The Relationship Between Price Adjustment of Retail Gasoline and Crude Oil  
**Neil Sullenberger**, Washington and Jefferson College

Impact of oil price shocks on Russia's stock market  
**Elena Plesco**, Smith College

Effects of Price Information on Residential Demand For Electricity in Demand-Side  
Management Programs  
**Julie Weisz**, Gettysburg College

Factors that Affect a University's Decision to Adopt a Sustainability Program  
**Maureen O'Shea**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: **Guangye Cao**, Smith College; **Juan Magaña**, West Chester University of  
Pennsylvania; **Nicole Riviuccio**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; **Katie Morris**, Keene  
State College

**Saturday 8:15**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VI: Social  
Sixth of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Joe Patterson**, Elon University

The Talking Generation

**Giovanna Carannante**, Shippensburg University

Predicting the Volume of Microbreweries by State

**Andrew DuVall**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Obesity Epidemic in the United States

**Juan Magaña**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Commuting and Crime in the Port City: An examination of crime incidents and proximity to bike paths

**Lee Charles Parton**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

The Impact of When a Person Start to Smoke on Psychological Factors

**Nicole Riviuccio**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: **Alexander Snyman**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; **Elizabeth Lawton**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington; **Emily Scholtes**, University of Northern Iowa; **Erica Kaplan**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; **Zach Fairlie**, University of Northern Iowa

**Saturday 9:45**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VII: Entertainment**

**Seventh of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Thomas Whyel**, Elon University

Celebrity Appearances and Box Office Performance

**Elizabeth Lawton**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

To Reboot or Not to Reboot? Analyzing the Performance of Movie Franchises

**Alex Spitz**, Elon University

Fresh Flicks: Determinants of a Movie's Success in the U.S. Film Market

**Zoë VanDerPloeg**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Factors in Student Retention at West Chester University

**Erica Kaplan**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: **Rosanna Novas**, Manhattanville College; **Maureen O'Shea**, West Chester University; **Daniel Sexton**, Stonehill College; **Lee Charles Parton**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

**Saturday 1:00**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VIII: Political Economy**

**Eighth of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Tyler Zoda**, Elon University

Analysis of Market Concentration with Regard to Political Rent Seeking  
**Sam Waskowicz**, University of Mary Washington

The Role of Government Housing Policies in the Recent Financial Crisis  
**Rosanna Novas**, Manhattanville College

The Impact of Political Parties on Education Quality  
**Daniel Sexton**, Stonehill College

A Comparative Study of the Efficient Market Theory and Behavioral Finance – In Support of  
Financial Regulation  
**Emil Sjöberg**, Manhattanville College

The Effect of Comorbidities on Household Income  
**Alexander Snyman**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: **Joslyn Sailer**, University of Northern Iowa; **Johnathan Blake**, University of Mary  
Washington; **Andrew DuVall**, West Chester University of Pennsylvania;  
**Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington; **Nathan Klyn**, University of Northern Iowa

**Saturday 2:30**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research IX: Macro**

**Ninth of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Alex Spitz**, Elon University

Why Did Ben Bernanke Think that Quantitative Easing Would Stimulate the US Economy?  
**Timothy Reiss**, Keene State College

The Creative Class: Effects on Economic Growth  
**Zach Fairlie**, University of Northern Iowa

Exploration of the Modern Search & Matching Theory  
**Johnathan Blake**, University of Mary Washington

Behavior of Modern Unemployment: Analysis of the Growing Disparity between Output Growth  
and Employment Growth  
**Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington

Discussants: **Sarah Gustavsson**, Manhattanville College; **Joshua Balance**, Bryant University;  
**Julie Weisz**, Gettysburg College; **Zoë VanDerPloeg**, University of North Carolina at  
Wilmington

**Saturday 4:00**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research X: Sports**

**Tenth of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Grace Foster**, Elon University

The Effect of Offense on Attendance in Major League Baseball  
**Emily Helming**, Stonehill College

Salary Discrimination in Major League Baseball: Revisited  
**Kate Krupa**, St. Thomas Aquinas College

Who are the Millionaires of Major League Baseball?  
**Phillip Wigfield**, Shippensburg University

Can T. Boone Pickens Buy Smarter Students?: The Effect of Athletic Spending on Football  
Championship Subdivision Academic Institutions  
**Tyler Zoda**, Elon University

Discussants: **Chris Picardi**, Furman University; **Marissa Peterson**, Minnesota State University;  
**Juliana Carattini**, Stonehill College; **Ryan Leech**, Furman University

**Sunday 9:45**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research XI: Banking and Monetary Policy  
Eleventh of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Joe Patterson**, **Elon University**

Mobile Banking and Domestic Remittances  
**Abigail Cook**, St. Lawrence University

Monetary Policy during an Economic Crisis in the United States and the European Union – So  
Similar, Yet So Different Approaches  
**Sarah Gustavsson**, Manhattanville College

Commercial banks and their effect on MFI outreach  
**Ryan Leech & Chris Picardi**, Furman University

Differences in State Unemployment Rates during the Great Recession  
**Joslyn Sailer**, University of Northern Iowa

Discussants: **Kate Krupa**, St. Thomas Aquinas College; **Joseph Goldman**, Austin College;  
**Barbara Gonzalez**, Manhattanville College; **Vitch Jean-Jacques**, Fairfield University

**Sunday 11:30**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research XII: International II**

**Twelfth of Twelve Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)***

Session Organizers: **Steve Greenlaw** and **Patrick Marek**, University of Mary Washington;  
**Steve DeLoach**, Elon University

Session Chair: **Thomas Whyel**, Elon University

Financial Liberalization and Income Inequality A comparative study between Latin America and Asia

**Guangye Cao**, Smith College

Living the Good Life: Indicators of Human Development and Migration in the European Union

**Joseph Goldman**, Austin College

Economic Costs of War During Iraq & Afghanistan Military Operations

**Barbara Gonzalez**, Manhattanville College

Depth of Integration, the Euro Crisis, and the Future Path of the European Experiment

**Vitch Jean-Jacques**, Fairfield University

Discussants: **Abigail Cook**, St. Lawrence University; **Elena Plesco**, Smith College; **Neil**

**Sullenberger**, Washington and Jefferson College; **Emily Helming**, Stonehill College;