**Friday 8:00 - 9:20 AM**

**[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research I: Economics of Poverty and Wages**

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

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch, Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Jen Smith, Elon University

**Tracking the Work Histories of Low-Wage Workers**

*Kirk Reese, Texas A&M University*

**Viva La Gini Revolution: An Empirical Consideration of a Maximum Wage Policy to Help Battle Income Inequality**

*Spencer Carl Barnes, Andrew Kennedy, Gaëlle Deslandes, Belmont University*

**Investigating Impact of Verbal Motivation and Pay Cuts on Worker Performance**

*Matt Trogdon, Elon University*

**The Effect of the Minimum Wage on Hours of Work**

*Alex Masucci, Texas A&M University*

**Job Market Polarization in the United States, A Driver of Income Inequality?**

*Jennifer Street, St. Lawrence University*

Discussants: Conor Norris, Saint Francis University; Thomas Cullen, University of Northern Iowa; Daniel Doherty, Stonehill College; Priyanka Datta, The College of Wooster
Friday 9:30-10:50

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research II: Sports Economics 1
Second of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Matt Trogden, Elon University

Has the Emergence of the Two Running-back System Brought Success?
Conor Norris, Saint Francis University

Baseball Wages and College Attendance
Thomas Cullen, University of Northern Iowa

Closing the Gap: A Salary Comparison of Major League Baseball Closers and Primary Relief Pitchers
Daniel Doherty, Stonehill College

Fan Loyalty and Team Performance in English Premier League Football
Priyanka Datta, The College of Wooster

Let’s Build a Ballpark
Anthony Coccuza, The College of New Jersey

Discussants: Margo Worman, Minnesota State University-Moorhead; Jason Hellinger, Stonehill College; Zach Kalmbach, Texas A&M University; Brendan Dubov, The College of New Jersey; Cameron Branning, University of Mary Washington
Friday 11:00-12:20

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research III: Health Economics 1
Third of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch, Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Jordan Grover, Elon University

The Demand for Individual Health Insurance Coverage in a Post-ACA World
Margo Worman, Minnesota State University-Moorhead

The Connection Between Health Expenditures and Life Expectancy
Jason Hellinger, Stonehill College

The Effect of Ridesharing Services on Drunk Driving
Zach Kalmbach, Texas A&M University

The Economics of the Heroin and Painkiller Epidemic, Medical Marijuana, and Naloxone
Brendan Dubov, The College of New Jersey

Alcohol and the Economy
Cameron Branning, University of Mary Washington

Discussants: Anthony Coccuza, The College of New Jersey; Alex Masucci, Texas A&M University; Spencer Carl Barnes, Andrew Kennedy, Gaëlle Deslandes, Belmont University; Matt Trogdon, Elon University; Jennifer Street, St. Lawrence University
Friday 1:00-2:20

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research IV: Gender and Household Studies

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

Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch, Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington

Session Chair: Kate Smith-Lin, Elon University

Married to the job: allocation of time and household production for fully employed couples

Jen Smith, Elon University

Household Debt and Marital Break-up

Henry Surjono, Azuza Pacific University

Understanding Wage Determination for Behaviorally Gay and Lesbian People: Estimating the Effect of Masculinity Traits

Emily Ellis, American University

Momma Knows Best: Family Structure and Higher Education

Daniel Handy, American University

Gender Discrimination Effects on Women's Career Choices

Annie Barker, Elon University

Gender Discrimination and Duration of Bankruptcy Proceedings in Maryland, 1961-1975

John Pedersen, American University

Discussants: John Pedersen, American University; Michael Basset, American University; Lauren DiRago-Duncan, University of Mary Washington; Katherine Welch, Elon University; Firdavs Abdunazarov, Hartwick College; Stephanie George, University of Mary Washington
Friday 2:30-3:50

[IPe] Undergraduate Student Research V: International Economics 1
Fifth of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch, Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Katherine Welch, Elon University

Losing the Free Trade Monopoly: Mexico and the end of the MFA
Jordan Grover, Elon University

Refugees and the Battle of the Economy
Shahrazan Isa, Manhattanville College

Effects of Colonizing Countries on Colonies Economic Growth
Erica Pabst, University of Northern Iowa

The Impact of Formal Banking Institutions on Indonesian Households’ Saving Behavior
Kate Smith-Lin, Elon University

Effects of Religion on Economic Growth
Parash Upreti, University of Northern Iowa

Discussants: Santiago Mancheno, Manhattanville College; Jen Smith, Elon University; Henry Surjono, Azuza Pacific University; Emily Ellis, American University; Annie Barker, Elon University
Friday 4:00-5:20

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VI: Economics of Education
Sixth of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch, Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Caroline Crew, Elon University

The Impact of College Major Choice on Earnings: A Longitudinal Study
Michael Bassett, American University

The Weight of Inequality
Lauren DiRago-Duncan, University of Mary Washington

From Cronkite to Williams: The Effect of TV News Coverage on the Number of Students Graduating with STEM Majors
Katherine Welch, Elon University

The Effect of College Ranking on Mid-Career Salary of Graduates
Firdavs Abdunazarov, Hartwick College

Corruption and Investment in Education: Why Ignorance May Not Be Bliss
Stephanie George, University of Mary Washington

How do differences in the quality of primary education of respective countries affect their GDP per capita when compared to each other
Santiago Mancheno, Manhattanville College

Discussants: Jordan Grover, Elon University; Daniel Handy, American University; Shahrazan Isa, Manhattanville College; Erica Pabst, University of Northern Iowa; Kate Smith-Lin, Elon University; Parash Upreti, University of Northern Iowa
Saturday 8:00-9:20

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VII: International Economics 2
Seventh of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Annie Barker, Elon University

Political Regimes and Financial Crises: Does Macroeconomic Instability Differ Over Government Structures?
Amy Handlan, George Mason University

Is All Foreign Aid the Same? : An Empirical Comparison of the Effect of Multilateral and Bilateral Aid on Growth
Scott Jeffrey, Davidson College

Estimating Misalignment of the Chinese Yuan
William Wilkinson, University of Mary Washington

Does Tourism Alleviate Poverty? Evidence from UNESCO World Heritage Sites
Caroline Crew, Elon University

Knowledge spillovers and entrepreneurial activity: an agent-based approach to modeling Schumpeterian growth for developing countries
Kevin Roberts, Davidson College

Discussants: Zach Burns, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Sara Barker, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Krishnadev Addanki, Manhattanville College; Blake Baldwin, Furman University; Daniel Miller, The College of Wooster
Saturday 9:30-10:50

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VIII: Economics of Politics and Criminal Activity
Eighth of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Stephanie George, University of Mary Washington

An Experimental Study of Citizens United Effects on Campaign Finance and Election Markets
Shannon Brobst, Gettysburg College

Campaign Contributions in the 2012 Congressional Elections
Jesse Perkins Stephens, Keene State College

Firearms and Crime
John Joseph Hazenstab IV, Saint Francis University

Lowering the Age on Crime: Raising the Bar on Safety?
Brenton Cooper, Texas A&M University

The Effects of Racino Gaming on Casino Revenue
John Martin II, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: Chad Scott, Furman University; Amy Handlan, George Mason University; Scott Jeffrey, Davidson College; William Wilkinson, University of Mary Washington; Caroline Crew, Elon University
Saturday 11:00-12:20
[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research IX: Economics of Transportation and the Environment
Ninth of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: William Wilkerson, University of Mary Washington

Public Transportation: What Drives Ridership?
Zach Burns, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

The Effects of Natural Resources on Education Spending
Blake Baldwin and Chad Scott, Furman University

The Effects of Competition, Distance, and Southwest Airlines on Airline Ticket Prices
Sara Barker, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

The Future of Coal Under the Clean Power Plan: A Tale of Three Regions
Krishnadev Addanki, Manhattanville College

An econometric Analysis of the Endangered Species Act
Lea Martindil, The College of New Jersey

Discussants: Shannon Brobst, Gettysburg College; Jesse Perkins Stephens, Keene State College; John Joseph Hazenstab IV, Saint Francis University; Brenton Cooper, Texas A&M University; John Martin II, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Saturday 12:30-1:50

[COPE] Undergraduate Student Research X: Economics of Public Policy
Tenth of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (COPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch, Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Cameron Branning, University of Mary Washington

Going on Holiday in the Natural State: An Analysis of the Impact of Sales Tax Holiday
Andrew Haught, University of Arkansas Fort Smith

The Relative Prices of Consumer Goods Over the Business Cycle
Trent Baker, University of Northern Iowa

Crime in Chicago Neighborhoods: The Influence of Social Interactions
Daniel Miller, The College of Wooster

Digital Divide: Broadband Access Versus Internet Use
Matthew J. Scott, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Defining Success at the Barberton Community Development Corporation
Bailey Connor, The College of Wooster

Demand for Cigars
John Snider, Keene State College

Discussants: John Snider, Keene State College; Clay Collins, Berry College; Josiah Reiswig, Minnesota State University-Moorhead; Miguel Purgimon, North Central College; Trevor Draisey, University of Northern Iowa; Kevin Roberts, Davidson College
Saturday 2:00-3:20

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research XI: Health Economics 2
Eleventh of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch, Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Lauren DiRago-Duncan, University of Mary Washington

Intergenerational Transmission of Obesity
J.D. Monge, Azusa Pacific University

Antibiotics: The Determinants of Over Prescription
Marissa A. Taylor, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Healthcare and Corruption, a Cross country Analysis
Neil Nadpara, The College of New Jersey

Effects of the Affordable Care Act and Other Factors on Entrepreneurship
Geoffrey Ford, Saint Francis University

The Earned Income Tax Credit and Fertility
Wahid T. Khan, Ithaca College

Discussants: Andrew Haught, University of Arkansas Fort Smith; Trent Baker, University of Northern Iowa; Bailey Connor, The College of Wooster; Matthew J. Scott, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Saturday 3:30-4:50

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Undergraduate Student Research XII: Financial Economics
Twelfth of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch, Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Trevor Draisey, University of Northern Iowa

Does split arbitrage exist in stock splits?
Shan Du, Manhattanville College

Capitalizing on the Abnormal Returns of the Earnings Season
Jeremy Merich, Saint Francis University

The Debt Debate Revisited: A Pooling Approach
David J. Romero, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Subsidiaries, Parents and Reputational Losses
Philip Coyle, American University

The Estimated Impact of the Federal Reserve’s Quantitative Easing on Regional Housing Markets
Nicholas Schwartz, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: Leonardo Pedicelli, American University; Kenneth Sullivan, Keene State College; Marissa A. Taylor, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Neil Nadpara, The College of New Jersey; Geoffrey Ford, Saint Francis University
Saturday 5:00-6:20
[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research XIII: Sports Economics 2
Thirteenth of Thirteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Katherine Welch Elon; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Garrett Mann, Elon University

The Effect of Long-Term Guaranteed Contracts in the NBA: A Case for Moral Hazard
Leonardo Pedicelli, American University

Sports Tourism in Small Cities: The Case of Rome, Georgia
Clay Collins, Berry College

The Effect of International Players on Domestic Competition in European Soccer
Josiah Reiswig, Minnesota State University Moorhead

To what extent was the ‘Olympic Effect’ positive in Brazil: a study on the city of Rio de Janeiro
Miguel Purgimon, North Central College

The Determinants of NFL Player Salaries
Trevor Draisey, University of Northern Iowa

The microeconomics of NBA salaries
Kenneth Sullivan, Keene State College

Discussants: Wahid T. Khan, Ithaca College; Shan Du, Manhattanville College; Jeremy Merich, Saint Francis University; David J. Romero, Ramapo College of New Jersey; Philip Coyle, American University; Nicholas Schwartz, West Chester University of Pennsylvania