Friday 7:45

[ILE] Undergraduate Student Research I: International Growth and Development (JEL Code O)
First of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Sam Waskowicz, University of Mary Washington

The Dynamics of the World Population Growth: Economic Implications of Population Aging
Constantine H. Grivoyannis, State University of New York at Binghamton

Natural Resources: A Blessing or a Curse
Hau Nguyen, St. Lawrence University

The Impact of Core Labor Standards on Economic Growth
Cora J. Wigger, College of Wooster

Official Development Assistance and "Official Development Assistance:" An Analysis of the Motivations Fueling Bilateral Aid Allocations and Their Distribution in Developing Countries
Courtney Meyer, Albion College

Ethiopian Currency Devaluation: for better or worse?
Emebet Tita, Manhattanville College

Discussants: Nicholas Fohey, University of Northern Iowa; Sean Walsh, Washington and Jefferson College; Kegan Reiswig, Minnesota State University Moorhead; Jaci Evans, University of Mary Washington; Brian J. Tetrud, Ithaca College
Friday 9:30

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research II: International Growth and Development II (JEL Code O)
Second of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Elyse Mendez, University of Mary Washington

The Impact of Microloans on Women's Decision-Making Power in India
Ishani Desai, American University

Trends in Foreign Direct Investment in Russia in the Period 1992-2009
Anton Bletsov, Saint Peter's College

Implications of High Unemployment in Afghanistan - Labor migration, Insurgency and Opium Poppy Production (2001-2008)
Mohammad Abid Amiri, St. Lawrence University

Incentivizing Interstate Cooperation: The effects of natural resource abundance on economic and political interdependence
Emilie S. O'Malley, College of Wooster

Discussants: Fiorella Villari, Manhattanville College; Trevor Boeckmann, University of Northern Iowa; Caroline Bowman, Furman University; Svetoslav I. Semov, Gettysburg College;
Friday 11:15

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research III: Urban Economics (JEL Code R)
Third of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Caitlin Payne, University of Mary Washington

The London Congestion Charging Scheme: A Cost-Benefit Analysis
Devin Bowen, Duquesne University

The Effect of Electricity Transmission Grid Access on Domestic Electricity Prices: An Empirical Analysis of Selected European Nations
Jacob Hochard, Gettysburg College

Influencing Factors Behind Urban Sprawl in the Unites States
Charlie Cowell, University of Northern Iowa

From Edison to Integrys: The Evolution of New York State Electric Utilities and Ithaca College
Brian J. Tetrud, Ithaca College

Discussants: Erika Beam, Washington and Jefferson College; Courtney Meyer, Albion College; Ella Krivitchenko, Furman University; Katelynn M. Benzing, St. Lawrence University
Friday 1:15

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research IV: The Financial Crisis and the Great Recession (JEL Code E)
Fourth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Keegan Reiswig, Minnesota State University Moorhead

The Policy Response in Financial Crises
Svetoslav I. Semov, Gettysburg College

Okun's Law and Its Relevance Today
Pooja K. Mevawala, Monmouth University

Unemployment trends and The Great Recession
Rachael L. Battis, Keene State College

Are College Towns Recession Proof?
Kelsey Scheer, University of Northern Iowa

Discussants: Caitlin Payne, University of Mary Washington; Kristen Slamar, Illinois Wesleyan University; Lauren Spirko, Muhlenberg College; Emebet Tita, Manhattanville College
Friday 3:00

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research V: International Issues (JEL Code F)
Fifth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Luke Sperling, Minnesota State University Moorhead

To Fear or Not to Fear: A Tale of Growth Interdependency
Fiorella Villari, Manhattanville College

The Impact of the Great Western Development Strategy on Northwestern China
Meredith Houck, University of North Carolina-Asheville; Jennie Welch, Bucknell University

Oil and the Macroeconomy: The Impact of Oil Prices on Output and Net Exports
Jaci Evans, University of Mary Washington

Characteristics and Determinants of Fiscal Policy in the GCC: An Empirical Investigation
Lubaina Balasinorwala, Furman University; Andy Shin, Furman University

Malthusian Economics in Rwanda
Sylvie V. McCarthy, Keene State College

Discussants: Elsy Mendez, University of Mary Washington; Lauren Tillstrom, Muhlenberg College; Alex Draftz, Furman University; Hannah L. Lique Naitove, Keene State College; Jacob Hochard, Gettysburg College
[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VI: Education (JEL Code I)
Sixth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Jaci Evans, University of Mary Washington

- Propensity of Parental Divorce and the Educational Attainment of Children
  Laura Vicinie, Duquesne University

- College Retention Rates and Metro Unemployment
  Luke Sperling, Minnesota State University Moorhead

- Educational Attainment: Factors to Contributing to Investment in Higher Education
  Abigail R. Hall, Bellarmine University

- The Determinants of Matriculation at Smith College
  Sara Gardephe, Smith College

Discussants: Matt Peterson, University of Northern Iowa; Meredith Houck, University of North Carolina-Asheville; Katherine M. Morris, Keene State College; Charlie Cowell, University of Northern Iowa
[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VII: Sports/Game Shows (JEL Code L)
Seventh of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Andrew Garrison, Elon University

Rational Decision-Making in the Face of Uncertainty: An Experiment in Jeopardy!
Trevor Boeckmann, University of Northern Iowa

Is the NFL Betting Market Efficient?
Nicholas Fohey, University of Northern Iowa

Does Winning Percentage Influence Attendance in Professional Sports?
Andrew Tiffany, Shippensburg University

What Affects the Price of a NFL Ticket Sale?
Michael J. Marmer, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

The Impact of Revenue Sharing on the Competitiveness of Major League Baseball
Kegan Reiswig, Minnesota State University Moorhead

Optimization of Total Score in Figure Skating: The Importance of Comparative Advantage in Artistic Ability
Kristen Slamar, Illinois Wesleyan University

Discussants: Brandon Hiscox, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Patricia Willingham Jones, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Sovita Hean, College of the Holy Cross; Rebecca Rotz, Shippensburg University; Kevin Sheridan, Elon University; Jordan Liz, Hartwick College
Saturday 9:15

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research VIII: Public Economics (JEL Code H)
Eighth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Ian Grady, Elon University

State and County Tax policy Effects on the Decisions of Entrepreneurs
Alex Draftz, Furman University; Ella Krivitchenko, Furman University

State laws and foreclosure rates: A brief analysis
Kevin Sheridan, Elon University

The Ineffectual Use of the Interest Rate to Influence Fixed, Non-Residential Investments
Caitlin Payne, University of Mary Washington

The Effect of Right-to-Carry Laws on Handgun Murders
Brandon Hiscox, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: Gregory Fiorentino, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Cora J. Wigger, College of Wooster; Andrew Tiffany, Shippensburg University; Stephanie Franz, Elon University
Saturday 11:00

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research IX: Labor Economics (JEL Code J)  
Ninth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)  
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington  
Session Chair: Kevin Sheridan, Elon University

CEO Salaries: Do They Make Sense?  
Sean Walsh, Washington and Jefferson College

Height and Higher Wages: An Econometric Analysis Using NLSY79 Data  
Katelynn M. Benzing, St. Lawrence University; David F.R. MacClaren III, St. Lawrence University

Decision, Decision, Decision: Retirement Status  
Rebecca Rotz, Shippensburg University

Homosexual Wage Discrimination  
Micah Boomer, Elon University

Determinants of Individual Player Earnings on the PGA Tour  
Bryan C. Samaha, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: Luke Sperling, Minnesota State University Moorhead; Michael J. Marmer, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Laura Vicinie, Duquesne University; Ishani Desai, American University; Andy Shin, Furman University
Saturday 2:00

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research X: Education II (JEL Code I)
Tenth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Stephanie Franz, Elon University

What Determines the Performance of Graduates? Selection vs. Quality: Evidence from Top Business Schools
Matt Peterson, University of Northern Iowa

Risk Factors for Baccalaureate Attainment and Realized Wages
Andrew Garrison, Elon University

The Value of a Private Education: Differential Returns and Selection on Observables
Sovita Hean, College of the Holy Cross

Analysis of Race to the Top Fund: Is there Hope for the Underdog?
Caroline Bowman, Furman University; Thomas Flood, Furman University

Discussants: Pooja K. Mevawala, Monmouth University; Bryan C. Samaha, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Sylvie V. McCarthy, Keene State College; Hau Nguyen, St. Lawrence University
Saturday 3:45

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research XI: Health and Welfare (JEL Code I)
Eleventh of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Micah Boomer, Elon University

An Empirical Analysis of Influential Factors of Country Happiness
Erika Beam, Washington and Jefferson College

The Impact of Risk-Preference on Health Costs in the United States
Gregory Fiorentino, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

The Influence of School on Childhood Weight Gain
Kaylyn Swankoski, Elon University

How Much Do Cigarette Tax Increases Improve the Public Health?
Joshua D. Tuliano, Keene State College

The Effect of Technology on Development
Jordan Liz, Hartwick College

Discussants: Sara Gardephe, Smith College; Marcus Shak, Yale University; Abigail R. Hall, Bellarmine University; Rachael L. Battis, Keene State College; Ayal Chen-Zion, American University
Saturday 5:30

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research XII: Health and Welfare II (JEL Code I)
Twelfth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Kaylyn Swankoski, Elon University

The Impact of Family Income in Dual Income Households on Birthrates in the U.S.
Elyse Menedez, University of Mary Washington

Obesity in the United States: A Study of Over Consumption and Agricultural Policy
Patricia Willingham Jones, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Factors Contributing to Childhood Obesity
Kaitlin E. O’Conner, Bellarmine University

Discussants: Micah Boomer, Elon University; Kelsey Scheer, University of Northern Iowa; Isaac E. Boring, Department of Economics Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Georgia State University
Sunday 9:45

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research XIII: Behavioral Economics (JEL Code Y)  
Thirteenth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)  
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington  
Session Chair: Micah Boomer, Elon University

The Intertemporal Choice of Subprime Borrowing  
Ian Grady, Elon University

Moon Phase Effect in Stock Returns  
Sergiy Sorokolat, Manhattanville College

Why is Generation Millennial Reluctant to Save?  
Hannah L. Lique Naitove, Keene State College

How Can Our Economy Control Crime?  
Lauren Spirko and Lauren Tillstrom, Muhlenberg College

Charity and Religiosity: A Dictator Game Analysis  
Ayal Chen-Zion, American University

Discussants: Joshua D. Tuliano, Keene State College; Kaylyn Swankoski, Elon University; Constantine H. Grivoyannis, State University of New York at Binghamton; Victor Nordenson, Manhattanville College; Devin Bowen, Duquesne University
Sunday 11:15

[IPE] Undergraduate Student Research XIV: Macroeconomics (JEL Code E)
Fourteenth of Fourteen Sessions Sponsored by Issues in Political Economy (IPE)
Session Organizers: Steve DeLoach and Micah Boomer, Elon University; Steve Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington
Session Chair: Kevin Sheridan, Elon University

Where is the Customers' Collateral? An Historical Perspective on Rehypotheciation and the Repo Market
Marcus Shak and Derek Walker, Yale University

Are Newspapers Disappearing? The demand for print edition newspapers in the ether of the internet
Katherine M. Morris, Keene State College

Sweden and the Euro an Economical Standpoint of a Political Union
Victor Nordenson, Manhattanville College

A Re-examination of the Environmental Kuznets Curve: A Cross-Country Analysis of the Impact of Trade and Economic Growth on Water Pollution
Stephanie Franz, Elon University

Growth Empirics and Economic Convergence in the European Union
Isaac E. Boring, Department of Economics Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Georgia State University

Discussants: Sergiy Sorokolat, Manhattanville College; Andrew Garrison, Elon University; Anton Bletsov, Saint Peter's College; Emilie S. O'Malley, College of Wooster; Ian Grady, Elon University