

**Economics 3710**  
**Economic Analysis of Canadian Public Issues**  
**Fall 2003**  
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**Reading List**

**I. Topics in Labour Economics**

- A. Labour Market Discrimination (September 9, 11 & 16)
- \* Drolet, Marie, "New Evidence on Gender Pay Differentials: Does Measurement Matter?" *Canadian Public Policy*, Vol. 28, No. 1 (March 2002).
  - \* Hum, Derek, and Wayne Simpson, "Wage Opportunities for Visible Minorities in Canada," *Canadian Public Policy*, Vol. 25, No. 3 (September 1999).
  - \* Bertrand, Marianne, and Mullainathan, Sendhil, "Are Emily and Greg More Employable than Lashika and Jamal?" MIT, Department of Economics Working Paper, No. 03-22 (May 2003). (Available at papers.ssrn.com.)
  - \* Nakhaie, M. Reza, "Gender Differences in Publication among University Professors in Canada," *Canadian Review of Anthropology and Sociology*, Vol. 39, No. 2 (May 2002), 151-79.
- B. Income Distribution (September 18)
- \* Heisz, Andrew, et al., "Distributional Outcomes in Canada in the 1990s," *The Review of Economic and Social Progress: The Longest Decade: Canada in the 1990s*, Ed. Keith Banting, et al. Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, 2001.
- C. Poverty (September 23)
- \* Sarlo, Chris, "Measuring Poverty in Canada," *Critical Issues Bulletin*, Fraser Institute, July 2001.
  - \* Corak, Miles, "Are the Kids All Right? Intergenerational Mobility and Child Well-Being in Canada," in Banting, et al.
- D. Canada-U.S. Migration (September 25)
- \* Finnie, Ross, et al., "The Brain Drain: Myth and Reality," *Choices* (Institute for Research on Public Policy), Vol. 7, No. 6 (November 2001).
- E. Immigrants in the Economy (September 30)
- \* Borjas, George J., "An Evaluation of the Foreign Student Program," John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Working Paper RWP02-026 (July 2002).
  - \* Green, Alan G., and David A. Green. "The Economic Goals of Canada's Immigration Policy, Past and Present," *Canadian Public Policy*, Vol. 25, No. 4 (December 1999).

**III. Selected Social Issues**

- A. The Economics of Crime (October 2 & 7)
- \* Reid, Scott, "Should We End Prohibition?" *Policy Options*, October 2001.
  - \* Erickson, Patricia G., "Addicted to Law: For a Health Directed Drug Policy," *Policy Options*, October 1998.
  - \* "The Economic Costs of Illicit Drugs and Drug Enforcement," *Policy Options*, October 1998.
  - \* Hall, Wayne, "Creating Space for a More Reasoned Debate About Drug Policy," *Policy Options*, October 2002.
  - \* Clement, Douglas, "A Punishing Debate: Does the Death Penalty Deter Homicide?" *The Region*, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, June 2002.
- B. Health Care Economics (October 9)
- \* Donaldson, Cam, et al., "Managing Medicare: The Prerequisite to Spending or Reform," C.D. Howe Institute Commentary, No. 157, January 2002.
  - \* Monique Bégin, et al., "How I'd Fix Health Care," *Policy Options*, May 2000.
  - \* Cutler, David M., et al., "Why Have Americans Become More Obese?" Harvard Institute of

Economic Research, Discussion Paper No. 1994, January 2003.

- C. The Economics of Education (October 14 & 16)
  - \* Burbridge, J. T., et al., "The Education Premium in Canada and the United States," *Canadian Public Policy*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (June 2002).
  - \* Shearmur, Richard, "Is More Education Really a Good Thing?" *Policy Options*, April 2000.
  - \* Laidler, David, "Renovating the Ivory Tower: An Introductory Essay," in *Renovating the Ivory Tower: Canadian Universities and the Knowledge Economy*. Ed. David Laidler. Toronto: C.D. Howe Institute, 2002.

#### **IV. Issues in Environmental Economics (October 21 & 23)**

- \* Bailie, Alison, et al., "The Bottom Line on Kyoto: Economic Benefits of Canadian Action," prepared by the Tellus Institute and MRG & Associates for the David Suzuki Foundation and the World Wildlife Fund, April 2002.
- \* McKittrick, Ross, "Why Kyoto Will Fail," *Policy Options*, March 2002 (book review).
- \* *Policy Options*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (December 2002 – January 2003), various papers.
- \* Day, Kathleen, and R. Quentin Grafton, "Economic Growth and Environmental Degradation in Canada," in Keith Banting, et al.

#### **V. Issues in International Economics**

- A. International Trade (October 28)
  - \* Coughlin, Cletus C., "The Controversy Over Free Trade: The Gap Between Economists and the General Public," *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review*, Vol. 84, No. 1 (January/February 2002).
  - \* McCallum, John, "Two Cheers for the FTA," *Policy Options*, June 1999.
  - \* Jackson, Andrew, "From Leaps of Faith to Lapses of Logic," *Policy Options*, June 1999.
  - \* Courchene, Thomas J., "FTA at 15, NAFTA at 10: A Canadian Perspective on North American Integration," *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (August 2002), 263-85.
- B. Foreign Aid (October 30)
  - \* Goldfarb, Danielle, "Trade as Aid: Freeing Access to Canada's Markets for the World's Poor," C. D. Howe Institute Backgrounder, No. 60, May 2002.
- C. Globalization (November 4)
  - \* Helliwell, John, "Globalization: Myths, Facts, and Consequences," C.D. Howe Institute, Benefactors Lecture, October 2000.

#### **V. Other Current Economic Issues**

- A. Culture and Economics (November 6)
  - \* Palmer, John T., "Bread and Circuses: The Local Benefits of Sports and Cultural Industries," C.D. Howe Institute Commentary, No. 161, March 2002.
  - \* Coates, Dennis, and Brad R. Humphreys, "Professional Sports Facilities, Franchises and Urban Economic Development," University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Working Paper 03-103, 2003.
  - \* Barro, Robert J., and Rachel M. McCleary, "Religion and Economic Growth," NBER Working Paper 9682, May 2002.
- B. Issues for Canadian Aboriginal Peoples (November 13)
  - \* Flanagan, Tom, and Christopher Alcantara, *Individual Property Rights on Canadian Indian Reserves*, Public Policy Sources, Number 60, Vancouver: Fraser Institute, 2002.
  - \* Kuhn, Peter, and Arthur Sweetman, "Aboriginals as Unwilling Immigrants: Contact, Assimilation and Labour Market Outcomes," *Journal of Population Economics*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (May 2002), 331-55.
- C. Market Failures (November 18)

- \* White, Michelle J. "The "Arms Race" on American Roads: The Effect of Heavy Vehicles on Traffic Safety and the Failure of Liability Rules," NBER Working Paper 9302, October 2002.
- \* Udry, Christopher, "Child Labor," Yale University, Economic Growth Centre Discussion Paper No. 856 (June 2003).
- D. Miscellaneous Economic Issues (November 20)
  - \* Slack, Enid, "Municipal Finance and the Pattern of Urban Growth," C.D. Howe Institute Commentary, No. 160, February 2002.
  - \* Hamermesh, Daniel S., and Amy M. Parker, "Beauty in the Classroom: Professors' Pulchritude and Putative Pedagogical Productivity," NBER Working Paper 9853, July 2003.

**VI. Student Term Paper Presentations** (November 25 – December 4)

**Note: This reading list is subject to change.**