A Newsletter of the Economics Graduate Program

Calendar Events

**Academic Calendar for Graduate Students**
[www.ncsu.edu/grad/faculty-and-staff/calendars.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/faculty-and-staff/calendars.html).

- Apr. 9, Final Error Free ETD, Lindsay Gentile
- Apr. 17 - Apr 18, Spring Holiday; no classes
- Apr. 21 – Apr. 25 Last week of classes
- Apr. 23, Last day of classes & ETE Committee Approval Deadline
- Apr. 24, ETD workshop 1:30-4pm, ITTC Lab, D.H. Hill Library
- Apr. 28 – May 6, Final Examinations
- May 10, Spring Commencement

**Announcements, Recognitions and Awards**

**Alexander Gill** was awarded an NCSU Graduate Student Association Teaching Assistant Award for 2014.

**Summer Prelim Exams**

- **Macro**, July 16th, 10-2pm, Room-TBA
  Committee: Nora Traum & Giuseppi Fiori
- **Micro**, July 23rd, 10-2pm, Room-TBA
  Committee: Bob Hammond & Roger von Haefen

**2014 AAEA annual meeting in Minneapolis on July 27-29**

The following Students will be presenting Papers or Posters:


**Dallas Wood**, Selected Paper: “Don’t Farm So Close to Me: Testing Whether Spatial Externalities Contributed to the Emergence of Glyphosate-Resistant Weed Populations”.

  Selected Poster: ""Has GMO Crop Technology Backfired?: Exploring whether increasing glyphosate application rates among U.S. Corn Growers has been driven by the spread of glyphosate-resistant weeds"."
Xiaojie Xu, Paper 1: “Causality and Price Discovery in U.S. Corn Markets: An Application of Error Correction Modeling and Directed Acyclic Graphs” (Xiaojie Xu, Walter Thurman)

Paper 2: “Price Discovery in U.S. Corn Cash and Futures Markets: The Role of Cash Market Selection” (Xiaojie Xu, Walter Thurman).

Tsung Yu Yang, Selected Poster: “Do the manufacturing industries in Taiwan transfer their polluting production via foreign direct investment?”.

Yiyang Yin, Selected Poster: “Factors Influencing Entry and Exit Rate of US Farms”.

Publications


Grennes, Thomas, and Andris Strazds. 2014. "Does the West Have Economic Levers to Influence Russian Foreign Policy?". EconoMonitor March 18.


Presentations

None to report.

Milestones

Students passing the preliminary oral for Ph. D. in Economics
Huijie Yu, March 19, 2014

Congratulations!

Fall 2013 Workshops

Agricultural Economics Workshops

- April 1 (Tuesday): Rodolfo Nayga, University of Arkansas: TBA

All workshops are in Nelson 4210, 3:00-4:15 unless otherwise specified. Graduate students: We have a pre-workshop meeting the day before each workshop to discuss the coming paper. If you are interested in participating, contact: Tom_vukina@ncsu.edu.
Web page: http://www.ag-econ.ncsu.edu/faculty/vukina/vukina.htm

Papers will be posted as they become available at the Ag. Econ. Workshop web page: http://www.ag-econ.ncsu.edu/index.html
Applied Microeconomics & Industrial Organization Workshop

Apr 2 (Sustainability Seminar): Joshua Rauh, (Stanford University), TBA
Apr 23 (Sustainability Seminar): Lawrence Aushubel (University of Maryland), TBA
Apr 30 Yan Chen (University of Michigan), TBA

Organizers: Melinda Morrill, Melinda_morrill@ncsu.edu; Bob Hammond, Robert_hammond@ncsu.edu; Thayer Morrill, Thayer_morrill@ncsu.edu.

All workshops will be held in Nelson 4210, 3:00-4:15pm on Wednesdays. A happy hour immediately following the seminar which all are encouraged to attend.
Webpage: http://www4.ncsu.edu/~rghammon/workshop.html

CEnREP Lunch Colloquium

None to report.

All talks are from noon to 1pm, and feel free to bring your lunch. Boris will lead off this Friday, although the chaos that comes with the start of the school year has prevented me from securing a workshop room. I will pass along this information as soon as I have it, hopefully by the end of the day Tuesday.

The latest semester schedule will soon be posted to the CEnREP web page: http://www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/workshops/colloquia.php.

The schedule for this semester's colloquium sponsored by the Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy (CEnREP). This lunch-time colloquium is designed to give students and faculty a forum for presenting and receiving early feedback on work relating to environmental and natural resource management. The colloquium is also a great opportunity for students to learn about the research relating to environmental and natural resource economics that is ongoing by students and faculty at NCSU.

Laura O. Taylor, Director, Center for Environmental and Resource Economics Policy (www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/) Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, NCSU

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Econometrics Workshop

Spring 2014

April 10 (Duke): Sokbae (Simon) Lee (Seoul National University).
April 17 (TEW, hosted by NCSU): Rohit Deo (NYU).
April 24 (Duke): Alexandre Poirier (University of Iowa).

The titles and papers will be available at http://www4.ncsu.edu/~dpellet/workshop as they become available. The NCSU regular workshop is held in the usual room, i.e. Nelson 4210, from 3:00pm to 4:15pm. As for the Triangle Econometrics Workshop (TEW), it is back to the National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS) from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Driving directions are available on the website.

Copies of the papers, when available, will be posted on the Econometrics workshop’s webpage http://www4.ncsu.edu/~dpellet/workshop/index.html

Finance Workshops Series
None to report.

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Organizer: Karlyn Mitchell

Graduate Student Academic Year Workshop

Fridays from 3-4:15pm in Nelson 4210.

To sign up for a slot, please email Prof. Melinda Morrill (melinda_morrill@ncsu.edu) with your preferred date(s), the type of presentation (30 minute or 1 hour 15 minute), your main advisor(s), and your title/topic. The schedule will be posted at (http://www4.ncsu.edu/~msmorril/NCSU_GradWorkshop.html) and will be updated continuously.

Graduate students are encouraged to present work at any stage. For very early-stage work, students should elect for 30 minute slots. The 1 hour 15 minute slots are reserved for work that is closer to completion. For either type of workshop, students are required to prepare slides and a formal presentation.

Students must register for a slot at least two weeks in advance so that the classroom can be reserved. Prior to signing up for a slot, students should consult with at least one faculty member. Students are responsible for making sure their main advisor and at least one other faculty member in their area of interest are available and willing to attend *prior* to requesting a date.

A schedule of all student presentations will be posted. Students presenting should send out one email advertising their talk about 4 days in advance. The email should be sent to graduate students and faculty members in the Economics and ARE departments.
Macro/International seminar

None to report.

Organizers: (Macro) Nora Traum & Giuseppe Fiori and (International Trade) Ivan Kandilov

All seminars start at **3:00 p.m. in 4210 Nelson Hall** unless otherwise indicated.

Nora Traum, email: njtraum@ncsu.edu, Giuseppe Fiori email: Giuseppe_fiori@ncsu.edu & Ivan Kandilov, email: ivan_kandilov@ncsu.edu

The Tree Seminar Series

April 10, 2014, Jennifer Alix-Garcia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**All seminars are at 3:15pm on the RTI campus.** Papers and further details for each seminar will be posted as soon as possible at the TREE website: [http://www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/workshops/TREE/index.php](http://www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/workshops/TREE/index.php). If you would like to subscribe/unsubscribe to this list, please email env_econ@ncsu.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at the seminars, Marty Smith (marsmith@duke.edu), Roger von Haefen (rhhaefen@ncsu.edu) & Chris Timmins (christopher.timmins@duke.edu) if you have any questions.

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CEnREP has joined with RTI International and Duke University to present the Triangle Resource and Environmental Economics Seminar Series. Support for the workshops is provided by the Department of Agricultural and Resources Economics and the Department of Economics at NC State University, RTI International and Duke University. Prominent speakers are brought in from universities throughout the nation as well as government agencies to speak on topics of current interest. Workshops are held on the campus of RTI International in Research Triangle Park ([map](http://www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/workshops/TREE/index.php)). The workshops are coordinated by Dan Phaneuf, CEnREP Associate Director, George Van Houtven of RTI International, and Marty Smith of Duke University.

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**WARNING ABOUT SECURITY PROCEDURES AT RTI!** The gates at the two main entrances are working 24/7 (instead of just after office hours). Visitors should use the intercom at the gate and tell the security person they are at RTI for the TREE seminar. That should be enough to get them inside the campus and from there everything should be business as usual. If there are any problems at the gate, visitors should ask for Melissa Jessup (x7137) or for George Van Houtven (x7150).

For the most current information please visit the CEnREP website: [http://www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/workshops/TREE/index.php](http://www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/workshops/TREE/index.php)
Triangle Economic History Workshop

None to report.

Additional information contact Lee Craig, Lee_Craig@ncsu.edu

Wells Fargo Executive Lecture Series

April 2, 2014, Wednesday

Tom Pike, Chief Executive Officer, Quintiles

Presentation topic: “A Picture of Health: A New Model for Biopharma’s Continued Success”

4:30pm-5:30pm, Nelson Hall 3400

http://poole.ncsu.edu/index-exp.phe/wells-fargo/

Free parking in the Dan Allen Deck after 3:00 pm

Dean Weiss strongly urges you to please encourage your students and colleagues to attend this lecture. If you are interested in offering extra credit for your students to attend the lecture, please contact me so we may work out the details.

The Poole College of Management’s Wells Fargo Executive Lecture Series provides insight into the personal and professional careers of the leaders from some of our nation’s top companies. The series was created especially for students of the Poole College of Management and other colleges at NC State University, and is also open to faculty and staff at NC State, alumni, and members the business community.

Contact Information: Phone 919-515-0391, email: Vicki_burrows@ncsu.edu
**NCSU Library workshops**

Econ Grad Students:
Over the course of your studies and research, if you find that our library is lacking any resources that would be beneficial to graduate students in the economics department, please contact me with your suggestions. I'm the econ graduate student library representative, and it's my job to make sure the library has what we (graduate students in economics) need.

Keep in mind that the NCSU Libraries offer a variety of services tailored to the needs of faculty, graduate students and researchers. The services include research consultation service, workshops, GIS and data services, dedicated spaces, and many others.

**Registration for our Fall 2013 Research Workshops is now open!**
http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/researchworkshops

Best,
Irina Pritchett

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