A Newsletter of the Economics Graduate Program

Calendar Events

Academic Calendar for Graduate Students
www.ncsu.edu/grad/faculty-and-staff/calendars.html.

Mon. Sept 2, Holiday (Labor Day) University closed
Tues, Sept. 3, All day, Classes resume
Wed. Sept. 4, Census Day

Announcements, Recognitions and Awards

Sept. 3: Preparing for the Academic Job Market, session 1, 3:00, N 4210 (geared toward this year’s PhD job market candidates; focuses on what to expect at interviews; I'll be seeking attendance from faculty particularly those who’ve participated on search committees or who’ve recently been through the job search process themselves)

Sept. 6: Academic Integrity workshop, Office of Student Conduct (3pm, location TBA), attendance required by all incoming students and any current students who have not attended in the past.

Oct. 4: Career Planning for masters students, meeting with Kelly Laraway from NCSU Career Development Center (all new and current masters students who will seek employment post-graduation should attend)

Wally Thurman interview on the Stossel show: BEE-POCALYPSE

Here's the link to the Stossel show clip:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIUSQYItbE0

New Faculty in Economics

Umut Dur joins the faculty as an assistant professor. Professor Dur recently received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas – Austin. His research focuses on microeconomic theory, and he will be teaching graduate courses in that area.

James Nason, the Jenkins Chair in Economics, joins the faculty from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Professor Nason’s has a distinguished publication record in the areas of monetary economics, open-economy macroeconomics, and applied time series. He will be teaching graduate courses in these areas.
Paul Cwik is a new adjunct professor in the department. He received his Ph.D. from Auburn University, and he will be teaching the BB&T funded courses on capitalism.

Publications


Presentations
None to report.

Milestones

Students passing the final oral for Ph. D. in Economics
Xingyi Su Puckett, August 15, 2013

Students passing the preliminary oral for Ph. D. in Economics
Xuan Chi, August 15, 2013

Congratulations!

Fall 2013 Workshops

Agricultural Economics Workshops

September 24 (Tuesday): Kevin Crooks, University of East Anglia, UK: Enhancing Agricultural Training: Is Network Targeting the Solution?

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

None to report.
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.

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**


The titles and papers will be available at [http://www4.ncsu.edu/~dpellet/workshop](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](http://www4.ncsu.edu/~dpellet/workshop/index.html)

None to report.

**Finance Workshops Series**

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Organizer: Mark Walker

None to report.

**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 and Ivan Kandilov (International Trade)

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

Ivan Kandilov, email: ivan_kandilov@ncsu.edu

**John W. Pope Lecture Series**

None to report.

**The Tree Seminar Series**

- September 5th: **Paulina Oliva**, University of California at Santa Barbara
- September 19th: **Matt Adler**, Duke University
- October 3rd: **Art Van Bentham**, University of Pennsylvania
- October 31st: **Clair Null**, Emory University
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). Please note that we expect to add one more seminar in November. If you would like to subscribe/unsubscribe to this list, please email [env_econ@ncsu.edu](mailto:env_econ@ncsu.edu). We look forward to seeing you at the seminars, Chris Timmins ([christopher.timmins@duke.edu](mailto:christopher.timmins@duke.edu)) & Roger von Haefen ([rhaefen@ncsu.edu](mailto:rhaefen@ncsu.edu)).

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](mailto:george.vanhoutven@rti.org) of RTI International, and Marty Smith of Duke University.

**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**
Additional information contact Lee Craig, Lee_Craig@ncsu.edu

**Wells Fargo Executive Lecture Series**

**10/2/13 James H. Speed Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company**

A Certified Public Accountant, [James Speed](mailto:jspeed@ncmutual.com) joined North Carolina Mutual, the oldest and largest insurance company in America with roots in the African-American community, in 2002, following a successful career with Hardee’s Food Systems. He helped to guide the company’s strategic development plan and was named to his current role in 2004. In addition, he serves on the boards of several financial, civic and philanthropic organizations.
11/6/13 Christopher B. Curtis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Electric
For over 15 years, Chris Curtis has been guiding the strategy, growth and evolution of Schneider Electric and is a key thought leader in Intelligent Energy, driving the company’s comprehensive range of “right-now” energy solutions. He is actively involved in the Alliance to Save Energy and serves on Board of Governors for the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, among other organizations. He has been in his current role in 2008.

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

The NCSU Libraries offer a variety of services tailored to graduate students’ needs: subject specialist librarian consultation services, GIS and data services, graduate workshops, graduate study rooms, and many others. Let us know how we can help you.

http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/gradstudents/.

Please submit newsletter items to Robin Carpenter at robin_carpenter@ncsu.edu