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EC 407/507
Friday 3-4:30 pm
Portland State University

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And by Appointment

PSU Economics Department Seminar (1 credit per term)

Economics majors, graduate students and other students currently enrolled in an economics course may earn one credit per term for enrollment in the PSU Economics Department Seminar. Students will be expected to attend four economics seminars in a term, submitting a short, written discussion of each. There is no limit to the number of terms for which students may enroll in the Economics Seminar; however only 4 credits of seminar may be applied toward an undergraduate economics major or minor. Economics graduate students are expected to enroll in the seminar, but seminar credits will not count toward the master's degree.

The four seminars will be presented by PSU faculty, faculty from other academic institutions or professional economists, from a variety of approaches and on a wide range of topics. Students will therefore be exposed to the breadth of economics in practice at an advanced level, rather than a coherent study of a particular field or topic.

Undergraduates will be required to

- * attend all four seminars; and
- * submit a 1-2 page summary and discussion of each seminar, to be submitted as an Assignment on Blackboard within 7 days of the seminar;

Graduate students will be required to

- * attend all four seminars; and
- * submit a 2-3 page summary and discussion of each seminar that draws on your broader knowledge of economics, to be submitted as an Assignment on Blackboard within 7 days of the seminar.

I will use Blackboard and e-mail to communicate with you about the schedule of speakers. Please update the e-mail address PSU has for you, need be.

Friday, April 10th, Abigail Wozniak, Assistant Professor, Notre Dame
“Employer Drug Screening and Employment Outcomes”

Friday, April 17th, Bruce McGough, Associate Professor, Oregon State University
“Learning to Optimize”

Friday, May 15, Alok Ray, Visiting Faculty, Portland State University
“India and Globalization”

Friday, May 29, Denise Hare, Economics Department, Reed College
“Does the Provision of Public Goods Correspond to Local Demand: Evidence from Rural China.”