This edition covers events and publications involving economists at Northwestern for the period of September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004. Additional copies are available from the editor in Room 350, Andersen Hall.

APPOINTMENTS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

RON BRAEUTIGAM has been appointed Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Ron was also selected to the Associated Student Government Faculty/Administrator Honor Roll for 2004.

LOUIS CAIN completed his term as President of the Illinois Economics Association in October 2003 and continued as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cliometric Society. In January 2004, he was appointed an assistant editor of Macmillan’s *The History of World Trade Since 1450*.

EDDIE DEKEL’s NSF grant “Assessment via Contests: (1) Persistence in Occupation Choice; (2) Over/Underconfidence and Interaction Levels,” was renewed for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Dekel continues to serve as Editor of *Econometrica*.

JEFF ELY was awarded a Research Fellowship for the years 2003-2004 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. In addition, the NSF extended funding for his project “CAREER: Economic Theory at Northwestern” for the year 2004. Jeff was named to the editorial boards of *Journal of Economic Theory* and BE Press *Journal of Theoretical Economics*.

ROBERT J. GORDON has been reappointed as a Senior Member of the Brookings Panel on Economic Activity, as a member of the economic advisory panels of the Congressional Budget Office and the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and as a research affiliate of OFCE in Paris.

JOEL HOROWITZ was elected as a Fellow of the American Statistical Association. He was appointed as an Associate Fellow of the research center CIREQ at the University of Montreal.
and was reappointed as an International Fellow of the research center CEMMAP at University College London. He received an NSF grant entitled “Semiparametric and Nonparametric Methods in Econometrics.”

LYNNE KIESLING, in collaboration with Vernon Smith, established the Center for Applied Energy Research at the International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE), to perform applied experimental research and policymaker outreach and education in energy policy. Through the center she was awarded a grant from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to study the investment effects of automatic mitigation procedure bid caps. She was also awarded a Searle Fund for Policy Research grant for a second year, to perform experimental economic policy research on the interaction of investment markets and output markets and on electricity market design issues in retail markets. In 2003 she was appointed to the Academic Advisory Board of the Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics at the Progress & Freedom Foundation, and the Academic Advisory Council of the Institute of Economic Affairs (UK).

PETER KLIBANOFF was a Visiting Professor of Economics at Universite Paris I in October 2003 and April 2004 and delivered a series of lectures there on “Foundations of Dynamic Choice.”

ARVIND KRISHNAMURTHY received the Western Finance Association’s award for best paper in corporate finance for “Corporate Finance and the Term Structure of Interest Rates” (with James Dow and Gary Gorton).

HILARIE LIEB continues to serve as a board member for the Illinois Economic Association.

KIMINORI MATSUYAMA continues to serve as Associate Editor for Journal of Economic Theory, and Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, and Foreign Editor of the Review of Economic Studies. He is also currently an External Associate of EOPP (Programme for the Study of Economic Organization and Public Policy), STICERD (The Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economic and Related Disciplines), London School of Economics and Political Science.

ROSA L. MATZKIN was appointed associate editor of Econometrica. In Argentina, she was appointed member of the Honorary Academic Council of Universidad Di Tella. This council advises and helps nominate the Board of Directors of the University. She was also appointed as a member of the 2005 American Academic Association (AEA) Nominating Committee, a member of the organizing committee for the 2005 World Congress of the Econometric Society, and a member of an NSF advisory panel for a Mathematical Social and Behavioral Science competition. She continues being associate editor of the Journal of Econometrics. Her NSF grant for “Collaborative Research on the Formulation, Estimation, and Identification of Hedonic Pricing, Demand and Supply Models” (joint with J.J. Heckman, L.P. Nesheim, and L.R. Scott) was renewed for a period of one year. She was also awarded a new NSF grant, for a period of three years, for the project entitled “Hedonic Models of Location Decisions with Applications to Geospatial Micro-Data” (joint with L. Anselin, G.A. Boyd, J.J. Heckman, and L.P. Nesheim).

ESPEN R. MOEN was appointed as editor of The Scandinavian Journal of Economics in July 2004, and will start January 1, 2005. He has been advisor for the Norwegian government on
organization of the welfare services, financing of the Norwegian Church, and for the Norwegian Treasury on long-term planning.

JOEL MOKYR was appointed Sackler Professor by special appointment at the Eitan Berglas School of Economics at Tel Aviv University. He was elected as a foreign member of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei. He completed his service as President of the Economic History Association and now serves as chair of its nominating committee and chair of the standing committee on the management of the Journal of Economic History. He continues to serve as chair of the advisory board of the Institutions, Organization, and Economic Growth of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. He also continues to serve on the executive committee of the Board of Directors of the National Bureau of Economic Research as well as its audit committee. He was appointed to a selection committee to appoint “Academy Professors” by the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences. In May 2004, he served as Kreitman distinguished visitor at Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva, Israel and in August 2004 he served as Woodward summer visitor at the University of British Columbia.

CHIAKI MORIGUCHI received a grant from the Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, to study the impact of New Deal labor reforms on human resource management policies.


ÉVA NAGYPÁL served on the program committee for the 2004 Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics in Florence, Italy, and on the program committee for the 2004 Congress of the European Economic Association in Madrid, Spain.

ROBERT PORTER assumed the reins of department chair. He stepped down as an Editor of the RAND Journal of Economics after nine years.

ADRIANO RAMPINI received a grant from the Searle Fund for work on “Barriers to Reallocation” for 2003-04 as well as a renewal grant for 2004-05 and was a visiting scholar at the Institute for Empirical Macroeconomics at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

IAN SAVAGE was promoted from Assistant Chair to Associate Chair of the Economics Department. He also received the Best Paper Award at the 45th Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Forum in March 2004 for his co-authored paper “Why Has Safety Improved at Rail-Highway Grade Crossings?” He was also re-elected to a three-year term on the organizing committee of the Transportation Research Forum.

ANDREW SWEETING was awarded the Robert M. Solow Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Research and Teaching at MIT.
BURTON WEISBROD continues to serve on the National Research Council Panel on Measurement of Nonmarket Activity, which is producing a book on approaches to improving measurement of economic activity. He also continues as Chair of the Social Science Research Council’s Committee on Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector, which works to advance research on nonprofit organization issues. Weisbrod was newly appointed to the IRS-Statistics of Income Division Users Advisory Committee. He received a major grant from the Spencer Foundation for a study of “Commercialization of the Higher Education Industry.” He also received extensions of grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and from The Atlantic Philanthropies, which supported his research on behavior of organizations in institutionally-mixed industries such as hospitals, nursing homes, day care, and the arts.

TRAVELS

RAQUEL BERNAL presented seminars at the 2004 North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society in San Diego and at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

RON BRAEUTIGAM attended the IDEI/CSIO conference on Industrial Organization hosted at Northwestern in May. He also attended the First Conference on Railroad Industry Structure, Competition, and Investment, jointly organized by the University of Toulouse and the Transportation Center at Northwestern, held at Toulouse, France, in November 2003. Ron served on the scientific committee for the annual conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, held in Helsinki, in September and in October he attended the Second Annual Duke/Northwestern/Texas IO Theory Conference at Northwestern.

FRANCISCO BUERA presented "A Dynamic Model of Entrepreneurship with Borrowing Constraints" at the University of Chicago, UCLA, Stanford University, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, CEMFI, University of Maryland, Boston University, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Northwestern University.

JAMES D. DANA, JR. presented “Buyer Groups as a Strategic Commitment” at the 2004 International Industrial Organization Society meetings in Chicago, Illinois.

EDDIE DEKEL visited the Eitan Berglas School of Economics at Tel Aviv University, Israel. He presented seminars at the Center for Rationality in the Hebrew University, Israel, and at the Technion, Israel, and participated in the European Meeting of the Econometrics Society in Madrid, Spain.

JEFF ELY visited Gerzensee, Switzerland where he organized the section on “Models of Reputation” at the 2003 European Summer Symposium on Economic Theory (ESSET). There he presented the paper “Hierarchies of Belief and Interim Rationalizability” co-authored with Marcin Peski. In June Jeff was invited to the Cowles Foundation conference on “Robust Mechanism Design” at Yale University. In the spring he visited Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona. He presented the paper “Foundations of Dominant Strategy Mechanisms,” joint with Kim-Sau Chung, at UPF, Boston University, Brown University, Duke University, UCLA, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard-MIT, Pittsburgh, Texas A&M, and the University of Chicago. In addition, he presented “Belief-Free Equilibria in Repeated Games,” joint with Johannes Horner and Wojciech Olszewski, at the University of Minnesota.

ROBERT J. GORDON during the fall of 2003 presented “Exploding Productivity Growth: Context, Causes, and Implications” at the Brookings Panel in Washington, as well as “A Century of Downward Bias in the Most Important Component of the CPI: The Case of Rental Shelter, 1914-2003,” at a CRIW-RNBER Conference in Bethesda, MD. He presented “Two Centuries of Economic Growth: Europe Chasing the American Frontier,” in Oviedo, Spain and “Why was Europe Left at the Station when America’s Productivity Locomotive Departed?” in Seville, Spain, and later he presented both of these papers at OFCE in Paris. In Madrid he discussed a paper on depreciation and participated in a panel session on housing prices. At the SF Fed, he discussed a paper on productivity growth methodology. In the winter he presented and discussed papers on macroeconomics and economic history at the ASSA meetings in San Diego, and then made presentations at several sessions at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. In the spring he presented “The 1920s and 1990s in Mutual Reflection” at an economic history conference at Duke, presented “Network Hubs vs. Point-to-Point, Is There a Problem?” at an Airline Economics Seminar organized by George Washington University, participated in the Brookings Panel and NBER Macro Annual Conferences, and discussed a paper on investment accounting and economic growth at a CRIW conference at the Fed in Washington. In late April he delivered a keynote speech at “competition day” of the EU in Dublin on the occasion of the enlargement of the EU from 15 to 25 nations. He spoke as well at the Institute for Fiscal Studies in London, and in May-June participated in the BEA Advisory Panel meeting in Washington where he made a presentation on the U.S. productivity growth explosion at the CBO Advisory Panel meeting. During the summer he presented “Apparel Prices 1914-93 and the Hulten-Bruegel Paradox” at a CRIW-NBER Conference in Vancouver, BC. He also spoke in Amsterdam on the European productivity growth retardation and discussed several papers at the NBER summer institute in Cambridge, MA.

DAVID HADDOCK in November presented “Facets of Sovereignty: Institutions that Spur and Institutions that Retard Tribal Development” at the Southern Economic Association Meetings in
San Antonio, and in July presented “Those Peculiar Sports Leagues: An Economic History of Transatlantic Contrasts [coauthored with Louis Cain]” at the World Cliometrics Conference in Venice. He also presented “Irrelevant Externality Angst” at Emory University in December.

JOEL HOROWITZ gave a short course in econometric theory at Wuhan University in China. He presented a paper entitled “Nonparametric Methods for Inference in the Presence of Instrumental Variables” at the Department of Economics, Beijing University and at the conference “Semiparametrics in Rio” in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He presented “Testing a Parametric Model against a Nonparametric Alternative with Identification through Instrumental Variables” in the Department of Economics at University College London and the Department of Statistics at the University of Pennsylvania.

LUOJIA HU presented the paper “Estimation of Discrete Time Duration Models with Grouped Data” at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the 11th International Conference on Panel Data in College Station, Texas, and the 2004 NSF/NBER/UCLA Conference on Panel Data Analysis in Los Angeles, California.

LYNNE KIESLING presented a working paper at the International Society for New Institutional Economics annual meetings in Budapest and at the annual meetings of the International Association for Energy Economics in Mexico City. She also served on the faculty of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's Summer Study Session in Portland, the Progress & Freedom Foundation's Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics in Aspen, and the Mercatus Center's Congressional Chief of Staff Retreat in Philadelphia. Most recently she traveled to Dallas to present a working paper on an experimental examination of the interaction of investment markets and output markets at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

PETER KLIBANOFF presented “A Smooth Model of Decision-Making Under Ambiguity” at the University of British Columbia. He presented “Subjective Recursive Expected Utility” at the conference “Mathematical Models in Decision Theory” at CERMSEM, Universite Paris I and at the FUR XI conference on the Foundations and Applications of utility, risk and decision theory. He was the main organizer for the Risk, Uncertainty and Decision 2004 conference held at the Kellogg School of Management in June, sponsored by the Zell Center for Risk Research.

ARVIND KRISHNAMURTHY presented “Equilibrium Investment and Asset Prices under Imperfect Corporate Control” (with James Dow and Gary Gorton) at the AFA meetings, MIT, Wharton, and the University of Iowa. He presented “Limits of Arbitrage: Theory and Evidence from the Mortgage Backed Securities Market” (with Xavier Gabaix and Olivier Vigneron) at the NBER Asset Pricing meeting, MIT Sloan, University of Chicago, UBC, and the CEPR’s summer meeting at Gerzensee. He presented “Fiscal Policy and Financial Depth” (with Ricardo Caballero) at the NBER Summer Institute.

HILARIE LIEB was a discussant at the Economic Education Session at the Illinois Economic Association Meetings in November. She was also one of the judges for the Illinois Economic Association Doctoral Student Paper Competition.
CHARLES MANSKI taught a short course on program evaluation at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in December and a short course on partial identification of probability distributions at University College London in March. In June, he delivered the Econometric Institute Lectures at Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Last September, KIMINORI MATSUYAMA visited the Institute for International Economic Studies at Stockholm University for three weeks. During his stay, he presented “Good and Bad Investments: An Inquiry into the Causes of Credit Cycles,” at the Institute, and “Financial Market Globalization, Symmetry-Breaking, and Endogenous Inequality of Nations,” at Stockholm School of Economics, Helsinki School of Economics, and Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration at Bergen. He then visited the London School of Economics. During his stay, he attended the business meeting of the *Review of Economic Studies*, held at the London Business School, where he presented a talk, “Dynamic General Equilibrium Implications of Imperfect Credit Markets.” In December, he visited University College London and University of Zurich, where he gave a lecture series on macroeconomics of imperfect credit markets. In February, he visited the Center for the International Research on the Japanese Economy at the University of Tokyo, and he presented “Credit Traps and Credit Cycles.” In March, he visited the International Economics Section at Princeton University for one week. In August, he traveled to Madrid to attend the European Economic Association Meeting and presented in one of its Invited Sessions, “Credit Market Imperfections and Patterns of International Trade and Capital Flows.”

ROSA L. MATZKIN presented a Rolf Mantel Lecture, at Universidad de San Andres (Argentina) on the topic “Estimation of Preferences: Methods and Applications.” She presented her paper “Unobservable Instruments” at Ohio State University, the joint NSF/NBER/UCLA Conference on Panel Data, the Invitational Choice Symposium, and at the University of Chicago. She presented the paper “Nonparametric Estimation of Nonadditive Hedonic Equilibrium Models” at Di Tella University, Universidad de San Andres, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and at the Workshop on Mathematical Structures in Economic Theory and Econometrics. She presented the paper “The Browser War: Econometric Analysis of Markov-Perfect Equilibrium in Markets with Network Effects,” (written jointly with Mark Jenkins, Paul Liu, and Daniel McFadden) at the Annual Conference of the International Industrial Organization Society, and the paper “Identification and Estimation of Response Functions in the Presence of Response Errors,” at the CEDA/NIA/RAND Workshop on Response Errors in Surveys of the Elderly.

ESPEN R. MOEN has over the last year presented papers at the University of Oslo, the Norwegian School of Management in Oslo, The Norwegian School of Economics in Bergen and at the SED annual meeting in Florence.

JOEL MOKYR presented papers and lectures at the following institutions and events: in October 2003, he gave the Henry George bi-annual lecture at Williams College and the I.W. Arthur Memorial lecture at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. In November, he gave the keynote address at the European Association for Evolutionary and Political Economy in Maastricht, the Netherlands. That same month he presented the annual Eitan Berglas lecture at Tel Aviv University. In December, he gave the all-Washington DC seminar in economic history and a lecture at the Inter-American Bank for Development. In March 2004, he gave department
seminars at the University of Western Ontario and Dalhousie University. In April he gave an invited lecture at the Bank of Italy in Rome. He also gave a college-wide lecture at Reed College in Portland. In May he gave the Kreitman lecture at Ben Gurion University as well as a departmental seminar and a lecture at the Ben Gurion Academy in Sdeh Boker and a lecture at the department of economics at the Hebrew University (agricultural economics) in Rehovot, Israel. In June, he gave a plenary address to the Finnish Economic Association at its annual meeting in Jyvaskila, Finland. He also attended a special Mercatus conference on John Nye’s forthcoming *Wines, Wars, and Taxes* in Charlottesville, Virginia. In July, he presented a paper at the joint Northwestern-Tokyo conference on Macroeconomics in Tokyo, Japan. In August, he was an invited commentator at the conference on the History of Science in Halifax, Canada [read in his absence due to ill health]. He also was an invited commentator to the Federal Reserve of Kansas’s annual conference on Macroeconomics in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

CHIAKI MORIGUCHI presented the paper “Did American Welfare Capitalists Breach their Implicit Contracts during the Great Depression?” at the University of Toronto, the University of Michigan, and at the joint MIT/Harvard Organizational Economic workshop. She also presented her work at the American Economic Association Annual Meetings in San Diego.

DALE MORTENSEN presented his paper “Productivity Growth and Worker Reallocation” at the Goldwater Conference on Labor Markets, held at the ASU Tempe, AZ campus in March, and at the Klein Lecture at the University of Pennsylvania in April. He served as a discussant at the conference on Models of Monetary Economies II at the University of Minnesota in May. He also presented “Growth, Unemployment and Labor Market Policy” in June at the Society for Economic Dynamics meeting held in Florence, Italy, and in August at the conference on Labor Market Models and Matched Employer-Employee Data in Sandbjerg, Denmark. The paper was also the basis for and title of his Marshall Lecture at the European Economic Association meeting in Madrid, Spain, held in August.

ÉVA NAGYPÁL presented her work on “Applications with Incomplete Information” at the Conference on Matching Models held at the University of Toronto. She presented her papers on “Worker Reallocation over the Business Cycle: The Importance of Job-to-Job Transitions” at New York University, the University of Chicago, Georgetown University, the Federal Reserve Banks of Richmond, Saint Louis, and Chicago, the NBER Summer Institute, the Annual Congress of the European Economic Association in Madrid, and at the 2004 Labor Market Models and Matched Employer-Employee Data conference held in honor of Dale Mortensen in Denmark. She presented her work on “Patterns of Occupational Mobility” at the 2004 Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics in Italy.

WOJCIECH OLSZEWSKI presented the paper “Belief-Free Equilibria in Repeated Games” (with Jeffrey Ely and Johannes Hörner) at the Harvard-MIT Theory Workshop. He also presented the paper “The Folk Theorem for Games with Almost-Perfect Private Monitoring” (with Johannes Hörner) at the 2nd World Congress of the Game Theory Society in Marseilles, and (in an invited plenary session) at the 15th Summer Festival on Game Theory in Stony Brook.

ALESSANDRO PAVAN presented the paper "On the Optimality of Privacy in Sequential Contracting," (with G. Calzolari) at New York University, UCLA, Universite’ Catholique de
Leuven, and II International Industrial Organization Conference; the paper “Coordination and Policy Traps” (with M. Angeletos and C. Hellwig), at Tilburg University, and the University of Bologna; the paper “Information Dynamics and Multiplicity in Global Games of Regime Change” (with Angeletos and Hellwig) at Berkeley, UCLA, the Society for Economics Dynamics, and the II Summer Theory Workshop, University of British Columbia; the paper “The Value of Information and Coordination in Economies with Investment Externalities” (with Angeletos) at Northwestern University. He was a discussant at the CSIO-IDEI 2004 conference, the Duke-Northwestern-Texas 2003 Industrial Organization Conference, and the 2004 International Industrial Organization Conference. He worked in the Program Committee of the 2004 Econometric Society European Meeting, in Madrid.

ROBERT PORTER presented the inaugural Leverhulme Lecture at the University of Warwick, a keynote talk for the International Industrial Organization Conference in Chicago, and the Rogers Clark Lecture at North Carolina State University. He made a presentation at the Roundtable on Tacit Collusion sponsored by the Canadian Competition Bureau. He presented seminars at the Johns Hopkins University, the London School of Economics, the University of Chicago, and the Summer Institute in Competitive Strategy at Berkeley. He also discussed a paper at the Industrial Organization meetings of the National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute.

GIORGIO PRIMICERI presented “Why Inflation Rose and Fell: Policymakers’ Beliefs and U.S. Postwar Stabilization Policy” at Princeton University, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, Columbia University, Federal Reserve Board, University of California, San Diego, the Workshop on Dynamic Macroeconomics (Milan, Italy), NBER Summer Institute, Monetary Economics Workshop (Cambridge) and NBER Economic Fluctuations and Growth Research Meeting (Cambridge).

ADRIANO RAMPINI presented the paper “Capital Reallocation and Liquidity” (with Andrea Eisfeldt) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, New York University, the University of Basel, the London School of Economics, the University of Zurich and the University of Lausanne. He presented the paper “Anonymous Markets and Optimal Policy” (with Alberto Bisin) at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and the University of Texas at Austin. He also presented “Managerial Hedging and Portfolio Monitoring” (with Alberto Bisin and Piero Gottardi) at the London School of Economics. Furthermore, he presented “New or Used? Investment with Credit Constraints” (with Andrea Eisfeldt) at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics in Florence, Italy. Finally, he was a discussant at the ASSA meetings in San Diego and at the NBER Summer Institute “Capital Markets and the Economy.”

IAN SAVAGE presented a paper on the United States’ experience of deregulation and safety in the transportation industries in an October European Union workshop in Brussels to define best practices for the recently liberalized rail industry. His paper co-authored with Shannon Mok, an Economics/MMSS undergraduate honors student, on “Why has Safety Improved at Rail-Highway Grade Crossings?” has been presented a number of times including at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board in Washington, DC, in January; the
Transportation Research Forum meetings here in Evanston in March 2004; and to industry
groups in Houston (April), St. Louis (May) and San Antonio (July).

ANDREW SWEETING presented “Coordination Games, Multiple Equilibria and the Timing of
Radio Commercials” at Berkeley, Chicago GSB, Duke, the London School of Economics, NYU,
Penn, Princeton and Stanford. He presented “Music Variety, Station Listenership and Station
Ownership in the Radio Industry” at the IDEI/CSIO Conference on Industrial Organization and
discussed papers at the International Industrial Organization Conference in Chicago.

BURTON WEISBROD presented the paper, “Behavior of Nonprofit Organizations in For-Profit
Markets,” (with Maxim Sinitsyn), at the Midwest Economics Association, St. Louis, April 2003,
at the November 2003 meetings of ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit
Organizations and Voluntary Associations), in Denver and at the AEA/ASSA meetings in San
Diego, January 2004. The paper, “Nonprofit and For-Profit Behavior in the Hospice Industry”
(with Richard Lindrooth) was presented at the January 2004 AEA/ASSA meetings and at the
First Southeastern Health Economics Conference, November 2003. Weisbrod also spoke at the
Harvard Kennedy School’s Hauser Center on Nonprofit Organizations conference in December
2003. Weisbrod was invited to lecture at Washington University (St. Louis), University of
Lugano (Switzerland), University of Padova (Italy), and the International Health Economics
Association.

MICHAEL WHINSTON presented “Antitrust Policy in Innovative Industries” at the Federal
Trade Commission, Harvard, Penn, and the 2003 International Industrial Organization
Conference. This past spring he also presented a series of lectures to economists at the
Department of Justice on vertical contracting issues in antitrust.

PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

Papers may be found at each author’s web site by looking at:
www.econ.northwestern.edu/people/index.html

or
www1.kellogg.northwestern.edu/facdir/falist.asp

RON BRAEUTIGAM published the textbook: *Microeconomics: An Integrated Approach*,

FRANCISCO BUERA published "Optimal Maturity of Government Debt without State
Contingent Bonds" (with Juan Pablo Nicolini) in the *Journal of Monetary Economics*, April
2004.

LOUIS CAIN published "From Big Shoulders to Big Macs," in the October 2003 issue of
*American Behavioral Scientist; "Public Goods Provision: Lessons from the Tellico Dam


LUOJIA HU published the paper “On the Performance of Some Robust Instrumental Variables

LYNNE KIESLING had two articles published: "Analyzing the Blackout Report's Recommendations: Alternatives for a Flexible, Dynamic Grid" in the *Electricity Journal* (co-authored with Michael Giberson), and "The North American Blackout and Electricity Policy: Alternatives to Transmission Construction," in *Economic Affairs*. She also co-authored a public interest comment filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the Midwest Independent System Operator's proposed payment for providing reactive power, as well as a Reason Public Policy Institute policy study entitled "A Federal Ethanol Mandate: Is It Worth It?"


JOEL MOKYR’s *Gifts of Athena* came out in paperback edition, and the Italian translation was published by Il Mulino as *I Doni di Atena*. His chapter “Accounting for the Industrial Revolution,” in Paul Johnson and Roderick Floud, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of


ÉVA NAGYPÁL’s discussion presented at the 2004 NBER Macroeconomics Annual Meeting is published in the proceedings of the meeting.


IAN SAVAGE published a paper “Management Objectives and the Causes of Mass Transit Deficits” in Transportation Research A 38(3):181-199, and co-authored with Burgess Scott the paper “Deploying Regional Jets to Add New Spokes to a Hub” in the Journal of Air Transport Management 10:2:147-150. Finally, he continues to write the annual reviews of aviation and transportation that appear in the World Book Year Book.


MICHAEL WHINSTON completed a new working paper “Antitrust in Innovation Industries.” He also completed the first half of his book Lectures on Antitrust Economics which will be published by MIT Press. These chapters are available on the CSIO website.

VISITING SPEAKERS

Jaap Abbring – Free University, Amsterdam, "Social Experiments in Real Time"

Donald W. K. Andrews – Yale University, "Cross-Section Regression with Common Shocks"

Jennifer Arlen – New York University School of Law, "Malpractice Liability for Physicians and Managed Care Organizations"
Scott Ashworth – Harvard University, "Revising Constituency Service and the Incumbency Advantage"

John Asker – Harvard University, "Measuring Cost Advantages from Exclusive Dealing: An Empirical Study of Beer Distribution"

Ian Ayres – Yale University Law School, "To Insure Prejudice: Racial Disparities in Taxicab Tipping"

Laurence Baker – Stanford University, "Medicaid Managed Care in California and Health Care for Newborns"

Nick Barberis – University of Chicago, "Individual Preferences, Monetary Gambles and the Equity Premium"

Alan Bester – Duke University, "Random Field and Affine Models for Interest Rates: An Empirical Comparison"

Sandra Black – University of California, Los Angeles, "Why the Apple Doesn’t Fall Far: Understanding Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital"

Bruce Blonigen – University of Oregon, "Evolving Discretionary Practices of U.S. Antidumping Activity"

Simon Board – Stanford University, "Dynamic Monopoly"

Dan Bogart – University of California, Irvine, "Why was the British Turnpike System Successful? A Test of Free-Rider Hypothesis"

Audra Bowlus – University of Western Ontario, "Domestic Violence, Employment and Divorce"

Kenneth D. Boyer – Michigan State University, "Truck Drivers and Ballerinas: The Baumol Hypothesis and Trucking Productivity 1977-1997"

Francisco Buera – University of Chicago, "A Dynamic Model of Entrepreneurship with Borrowing Constraints"

Francesco Caselli – Harvard University, "Dynastic Management"

Bogachan Celen – New York University, "Final Offer Arbitration with Multiple Issues"

Raj Chetty – University of California, Berkeley, "Consumption Commitments, Unemployment Durations, and Local Risk Aversion"
In-Koo Cho – University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, "Monotonicity and Rationalizability in a Large First Price Auction"

Michael Chwe – University of California, Los Angeles, "Statistical Game Theory"

Steve Coate – Yale University, "Pareto Improving Campaign Finance Policy"

Matthias Dahm – University of Alicante, Spain, "The Political Economy of Interest Groups: Pressure and Information"

Luca Dedola – Bank of Italy, "International Risk-Sharing and the Transmission of Productivity Shocks"

Wouter Dessein – University of Chicago, "The Demand for Coordination"

Avinash Dixit – Princeton University, "Lawlessness and Economics" and "Arbitration and Information"

Uli Doraszelski – Stanford University, "Advertising Dynamics and Competitive Advantage"

Zvi Eckstein – University of Minnesota, "From Farmers to Merchants: A Human Capital Interpretation of Jewish Economic History"

Lena Edlund – Columbia University, "The Importance of Deciding Whom to Marry"

Chris Edmond – University of California, Los Angeles, "Information and the Limits to Autocracy"


Ronald Ehrenberg – Cornell University, "Who Bears the Growing Cost of Science at Universities?"

Kir Eliaz – New York University, "Group Decision-Making in the Shadow of Disagreement"

Winand Emons – University of Bern, Switzerland, "Subgame Perfect Punishment for Repeat Offenders"

Hanming Fang – Yale University, "Assessing the Impact of Welfare Reform on Single Mothers"

Chris Farrell – University of Queens, "Joint Production at the Workplace: Evidence from Norwegian Establishment Data"

Joe Farrell – University of California, Berkeley, "A Simple Price_Theory Model of Exclusive Dealing"
Robert Feenstra – University of California, Davis, "Ownership and Control in Outsourcing to China"

Ernst Fehr – University of Zurich, "Fairness and the Power of Competition"

Mark Fey – University of Rochester, "May’s Theorem with an Infinite Population"

Xavier Gabaix – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "A Theory of Large Fluctuations in Stock Market Activity"

Jiti Gao – University of Western Australia, "Model Selection in Nonparametric and Semiparametric Regression" and "Empirical Comparisons in Short-term Interest Rate Models Using Nonparametric Methods"

Nicola Gennaioli – Harvard University, "Contracting in the Shadow of the Law"

Matthew Gentzkow – Harvard University, "Valuing New Goods in a Model with Complementarity: Online Newspapers"

Bob Gibbons – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Governing Adaptation: Control Rights and Relationships in Firms, Contracts, and Other Governance Structures"

Donna Gilleskie – University of North Carolina, "A Dynamic Model of Medical Care Consumption during the Health Insurance Year"

Nora Gordon – University of California, San Diego, "Do State and Local Governments Undo the Redistribution of Court-School Finance Equalizations?"

Paul Gregory – University of Houston, "The Political Economy of Stalinism"

Avner Grief – Stanford University, "Institutions and Impersonal Exchange: The European Experience"

Jeff Grogger – University of California, Los Angeles, "Welfare Transitions in the 1990’s: The Economy, Welfare Policy, and the EITC"

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