This edition covers events and publications involving economists at Northwestern for the period of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Additional copies are available from the editor in Room 304, Andersen Hall

APPOINTMENTS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

RAQUEL BERNAL was appointed member of the Economia Journal Panel. Much in the spirit of the Brookings papers, Economia publishes policy-relevant papers after a presentation of pre-selected documents at a biannual conference with panel members and discussants. Economia is the most important peer-evaluated journal in Latin America. She continues to be associate editor of Ensayos de Politica Economica, the most important peer-reviewed journal in Colombia and published by the Colombian Central Bank.

RON BRAEUTIGAM is serving as Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and Advising in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. He served on the Scientific Committee of the annual meetings of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, Berlin, Germany in the fall of 2004.

LOUIS CAIN was appointed Visiting Co-Director of Research at the University of Chicago’s Center for Population Economics and Visiting Professor at the Graduate School of Business for the 2005-06 academic year.

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, 2004 through June 30, 2005. He was elected to the council of the Game Theory Society and the Econometric Society. He continues to serve as Editor of Econometrica.

JEFF ELY was named founding Co-Editor of a new Open-Access Journal, *Theoretical Economics*. He also joined the editorial boards of *Games and Economic Behavior* and *NAJEcon*. The Alfred P. Sloan foundation extended his Research Fellowship for the year 2005-2006. He was named to the organization committee for the 2006 Econometric Society Summer Meetings in Minneapolis.

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.

LUOJIA HU was appointed as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, starting July 2005. She received grants from the Searle Fund and the W.E. Upjohn Institute to study the racial and gender wage gap among displaced workers. She was awarded the Albert Rees Prize for Best Dissertation in Labor Economics from Princeton in the Last Six Years (awarded every two years) in 2005.

LYNNE KIESLING was a Visiting Professor of Economics at Université de Paris-Sud (Groupe Reseau Jean Monnet) in April 2005, where she gave a series of lectures on experimental economic research in electricity market design. In May 2005 she was appointed to the GridWise Architecture Council, a group providing the guiding principles for a Department of Energy-supported initiative to improve coordination between supply and demand, and enable a smarter, more efficient, secure and reliable electric power system, using better communication and updated information technology. She has also been chosen as a program co-chair for the 2006 meetings of the U.S. Association of Energy Economics.

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

CHARLES MANSKI began a term on the National Research Council's Board of Mathematical Sciences and their Applications.

KIMINORI MATSUYAMA was invited to give the 2005 Lawrence R. Klein Lecture. He was also invited to give a plenary speech in the First Annual Asian-Pacific Economic Association Meeting. He has also been chosen to give a plenary speech at next year's Midwest Macroeconomic Conference. He 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*.

ROSA L. MATZKIN gave an invited lecture on Heterogeneous Choice at the 9th World Congress of the Econometric Society, London, August 2005. She continued being associate editor of *Econonometrica* and of the *Journal of Econometrics*. Her research continued to be supported by two NSF grants, “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) and “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). She was also awarded a new grant, from the National Institute of Aging, for “Measuring the Effects of Aging on Perceptions and Behavior,” (joint with Daniel McFadden, Frank Caro, and Joseph Winter). She was a member of the 2005 American Economic Association (AEA) Nominating Committee and a member of the organizing committee for the 2005 World Congress of the Econometric Society. She was also appointed as an International Fellow at the Center for Microdata Methods and Practice, London.

JOEL MOKYR continues to serve as Sackler Professor (by special appointment) at the Eitan Berglas School of Economics at Tel Aviv University. He also continues to serve as chair of the advisory board of the Institutions, Organization, and Economic Growth of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, and on the executive committee of the Board of Directors of the National Bureau of Economic Research, as well as on its audit committee. He was appointed to serve on the nominating committee for new members (Economics section) at the American Academy of Sciences. He serves a second year on the selection committee to appoint “Academy Professors” by the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences. In Sept 2005, he served as a member of a review committee for the Institute of History and the Humanities at the University of Utrecht. In Oct. 2004, he gave the President’s Distinguished Lecture, University of Vermont. In April 2005, he gave the Tore Browald memorial lecture, University of Goteborg, Sweden.

ALEXANDER MONGE-NARANJO was a member of the organizing committee of the 2004 Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association. Jointly with Fabrizio Perri of NYU, he organized the 2005 Central Bank Institute on International Macroeconomics and Trade at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

CHIAKI MORIGUCHI was awarded the 2005 Abe Fellowship from the Social Science Research Council for her research project, “Historical Origins of Employment Systems in the United States and Japan: A Comparative Institutional Analysis, 1900-2000.” She completed her service as Chair of the Research in Economic History Committee for the Economic History Association.

DALE MORTENSEN was appointed a Research Associate of the NBER and was elected a Fellow of the Society for Labor Economics. In March, he gave the Landowne Lecture at the University of Victoria and in May was the keynote speaker at the IZA Conference on Transition Economies in Bologna. His research project, “Collaborative Research on Productivity Differences, Firm Evolution and Worker Reallocation” with former student Rasmus Lentz, was funded by NSF for the period July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008. In June he spent a week at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland as a Visiting Researcher. He was recently named the winner of the 2005 IZA Prize in Labor Economics, an honor he shares with co-author Christopher Pissarides of LSE.

ÉVA NAGYPÁL served on the program committee for the 2005 Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics in Budapest, Hungary.

WOJCIECH OLSZEWSKI received an NSF grant (as the Principal Investigator) for the project “Private Monitoring, Sets of Lotteries” for the period of 2005-2008.
ALESSANDRO PAVAN was appointed Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics at New York University (fall 2004). He was also awarded an NSF grant for the year 2005-2006 for his collaborative research on “Social Value of Coordination and Information” joint with G-M. Angeletos (MIT).

ROBERT PORTER continues as department chair. He is a Co-Editor of the forthcoming Volume 3 of the Handbook of Industrial Organization. He received a Searle Fund grant to study “Bid Rigging in Procurement Auctions.”

GIORGIO PRIMICERI received an honorable mention for the Arnold Zellner Thesis Award of the Journal of Business and Economic Statistics.

ADRIANO RAMPINI was appointed as a Consultant to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

In October 2004, MARK SATTERTHWAITE was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at a ceremony held in Cambridge at the Academy's home. NSF renewed the grant, "Foundations of Electronic Marketplaces: Game Theory, Algorithms, and Systems," of which Satterthwaite is one of six principal investigators located across three universities. He is also a co-principal investigator of the continuing Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant, "New Approaches to Identifying Hospital Market Power: Applications to Antitrust."

IAN SAVAGE was appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Regulatory Economics.

KATHRYN SPIER was awarded a Searle Grant for 2004-05 for her research on Litigation Policy and Tort Reform. She was elected to the board of directors of the American Law and Economics Association. She was a Visiting Professor of Law at the Northwestern Law School and taught "Business Strategy for Lawyers." Spier continues to serve on the editorial boards of The RAND Journal of Economics, The Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, and The International Review of Law and Economics.

BURTON WEISBROD completed his appointments as Chair of the Social Science Research Council Committee on Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector, and as a member of the National Research Council Committee on Measurement of Non-market Activity. He continues to serve on the IRS Statistics of Income Division, User Advisory Committee. With continuing support for his research from the Spencer Foundation and from Atlantic Philanthropies, he is completing work on a book on “Commercialization of the Higher Education Industry.”
RAQUEL BERNAL presented “Race Inequality in Health and Health Care in Colombia” at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., the paper “Employment and Childcare Decisions of Mothers and the Well-being of their Children” at the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank and the University of Chicago, “Child Care, Maternal Employment and Children’s Cognitive Development: The Case of Single Mothers” at Northern Illinois University, Arizona State University, the 2005 Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Workshop at the University of Wisconsin and the 2005 Econometric Society World Congress in London, and finally “Quasi-structural Estimation of a Model of Child Care Choices and Child Cognitive Ability Production” at the Conference on “Structural Models in Labor, Aging and Health” organized by the University of North Carolina and Duke University.

FRANCISCO BUERA presented seminars at Purdue University, the NBER Entrepreneurship Working Group, University of Pennsylvania, and the Midwest Macroeconomic Meeting at the University of Iowa.

LOUIS CAIN’s paper, co-authored with David Haddock, “Those Peculiar Sports Leagues: An Economic History of Transatlantic Contrasts,” was presented to the Southern Economics Association (Atlanta, Georgia) in November 2004, the Loyola University Chicago Departmental Workshop in March 2005, and to the Canadian Network in Economic History (Kingston, Ontario) in April 2005.

EDDIE DEKEL visited the Eitan Berglas School of Economics at Tel Aviv University, Israel. He presented a seminar at the Center for Rationality in the Hebrew University, Israel, and a series of workshops on his research at the Center of Excellence Research Center for the Relationship between Market Economy and Non-market Institutions at the University of Tokyo, and at the Institute for Economic Research at Seoul National University, Korea. He participated in the World Congress of the Econometrics Society in London, UK.

ANDREA EISFELDT presented “New or Used? Investment with Credit Constraints” (with Adriano Rampini) at MIT, University of Wisconsin, University of Maryland, the Census Bureau, and University of Illinois. She presented "Letting Go: Managerial Incentives and the Reallocation of Capital" (with Adriano Rampini) at the AFA annual meeting, and "Financing Shortfalls and the Value of Aggregate Liquidity" (with Adriano Rampini) at the SED annual meeting.

JEFF ELY was invited to present "Hierarchies of Belief and Interim Rationalizability" at the PIER-IGIER International Conference on Economic Theory and also at the University of British Columbia summer workshop in Economic Theory. Jeff also presented seminars at The University of Chicago, University of Illinois, Penn St. University, The Econometric Society World Congress in London, and the University of Michigan.

ROBERT J. GORDON during September 2004 participated in the 78th meeting of the Brookings Panel on Economic Activity and on the next day presented “Two Centuries of Economic Growth: Europe Chasing the American Frontier” at the annual meetings of the
Economic History Association in San Jose, California. In November he participated in the economic advisory panel meetings of the BEA and CBO and in addition presented “Why Was Europe Left at the Station When America’s Productivity Growth Locomotive Departed” to Industry Canada in Ottawa. His annual visit to OFCE in Paris included a talk on “The 2004 American Election: Econometrics, Economics, Politics, and Culture,” and another on “The Future of Social Security and Medical Care in the U. S.” In January he traveled on a NBER-arranged trip to India, where he visited the outsourcing industry in Bangalore and presented “Productivity Growth in the EU and US – Possible Lessons for India” at the Sixth Annual NBER-NCAER Neemrana Conference. Also during the winter he presented “Europe’s Standard of Living vs. the U. S.: Facts, History, and Diagnosis” at Columbia. During the spring he presented “Two Centuries of Economic Growth” at the MIT economics department and “Understanding Economic Growth: Rich vs. Poor Countries” at the IMF in Washington, and in addition served as a senior advisor to the Brookings Panel meeting in Washington in March, a BEA advisory panel meeting in May, and a CBO advisory panel meeting in June, and as a participant in the NBER Macro Annual Conference in Cambridge in April. He also participated in planning meetings for his project on “American Economic Competitiveness” at the Council on Foreign Relations in NYC. During the summer he presented “What Caused the Decline in U. S. Business Cycle Volatility?” at the Reserve Bank of Australia Conference on Business Cycles in Sydney, and he also participated in the NBER Summer Institute and in the Econometric Society World Congress in London.

DAVID HADDOCK traveled in early October to the meetings of the International Society for New Institutional Economics to present two papers, “Irrelevant Externality Angst,” and “Sovereign Powers; Sovereign Obligations: How Tribes Became Governments and What It Portends for Amerindian People.” He also organized and chaired a session on intellectual property at the ISNIE conference. Later that month, he traveled to the American Enterprise Institute in Washington where he presented “Sovereignty Can Be a Liability: How Tribes Can Mitigate the Sovereign’s Paradox,” and the next day presented “Irrelevant Externality Angst” at George Mason University. In November, he traveled to the Southern Economic Association Meetings in New Orleans to present “Similar Economic Histories, Different Industrial Structures: Transatlantic Contrasts in the Evolution of Professional Sports Leagues” (coauthored with Louis P. Cain), and to New York University to present “Irrelevant Externality Angst” at an Economics Department workshop. In February, he traveled to San Antonio to present “Irrelevant Externality Angst” at a Liberty Fund conference organized by Northwestern’s Lynne Kiesling. In April, he traveled to a conference on The Wealth of Nature in Chico, Montana, where he presented “Why Individuals Provide Public Goods.”

JOEL HOROWITZ organized and chaired a session on structural econometric modeling at the 55th session of the International Statistical Institute in Sydney, Australia. He gave a seminar entitled “Nonparametric Estimation in the Presence of Instrumental Variables” at the Department of Economics, University of Western Australia, Perth and the Weierstrass Institute for Applied Analysis and Stochastics in Berlin, Germany. He gave a series of lectures on semiparametric estimation at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, National University of Singapore. He presented “Asymptotic Normality of a Nonparametric Instrumental Variables Estimator” in seminars at the London School of Economics, the
University of Mannheim, and the Workshop on Statistical Inverse Problems at the Toulouse University of Social Sciences. He presented “A Nonparametric Test of Exogeneity” at University College London and the World Congress of the Econometric Society.

LUOJIA HU presented papers at the University of Virginia and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

LYNNE KIESLING presented "Investment Incentives and Dynamic Efficiency in Electricity Markets: An Experimental Analysis" (with Céline Jullien, Carine Staropoli, and Dean Williamson) at West Virginia University and at the Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science at George Mason University. She presented "Electric Network Reliability As A Public Good" (with Michael Giberson) at the Carnegie-Mellon University engineering and public policy conference on electric network reliability, and at the Université de Paris-Sud. She and Federico Boffa presented "Competitive Joint Venture Ownership As An Alternative to Natural Monopoly Regulation" at the Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science at George Mason University. She also served on the faculty of the Progress and Freedom Foundation's Institute for Regulatory Law and Economics in Aspen, Colorado. In February 2005, she organized and facilitated a one-day workshop on economic policy and reactive power in networks at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In June 2005, she testified to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Technical Conference on capacity market redesign in the PJM region.

CHARLES MANSKI gave the Labour Lectures in Rome and spoke at a semi-plenary session of the Congress of the International Institute of Sociology in Stockholm.

KIMINORI MATSUYAMA traveled, in December 2004, to Marseille and Barcelona to present several papers on aggregate implications of the credit market imperfections. In June 2005, he presented his paper, “The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: An Inquiry into the Causes and Nature of Credit Cycles,” at Prague-Budapest Macroeconomic Workshop, held at Czech Central Bank, in Prague. In July 2005, he presented “Strategic Complementarities: Some Macroeconomic Perspectives,” at European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory, held at Gerzensee, Switzerland. The same talk was also presented during his trip to Japan, this summer, at University of Tokyo, University of Kyoto, and also at the First Annual Meeting of the Asian-Pacific Region Economic Association Meeting, at Hitotsubashi University. During this trip to Japan, he also gave the 2005 Lawrence R. Klein Lecture, “Emergent Class Structure,” at Osaka University.

JOEL MOKYR presented papers and lectures at the following conferences: The Presidential Address at the Economic History Association meetings (San Jose, September 2004), The Accademia de Lincei Conference on “New Science, new industry, new challenges in Europe” (Rome, October 2004), Social Science History (Chicago, November 2004), Special conference of the historical foundations of IPR’s (Madison, Wis., November 2004), Conference on “Creativity and Human Society”, (London, November 29-30), Jena Workshop on Evolutionary Concepts in Economics and Biology, (December 2-4, 2004), Dibner Institute on “Reconceptualizing the Industrial Revolution” (MIT, April 2005), Mercatus Center special Conference on Jack A. Goldstone’s A Peculiar Path: The Rise of the West in Global Context, 1500-1860, Special colloquium on Knowledge and Academic IPR’s, University of Tel Aviv, May 2005, CEIR-World Bank conference “on R&D and Innovation in the Development Process. A New Look at Theory, Evidence and Policies” (May 2005), Society of Economic Dynamics conference (Budapest, June 2005). He also presented papers at seminars and workshops at Pompeu Fabreu University, the Recanati School of Business at the University of Tel Aviv, and the Federal Communications Commission.


CHIAKI MORIGUCHI presented “The Evolution of Income Inequality in Japan” (with Emmanuel Saez) at the Economic History Association Meeting in San Jose and the NBER Summer Institute in Cambridge.


ÉVA NAGYPÁL presented her work on “Worker Reallocation over the Business Cycle: The Importance of Job-to-Job Transitions” at invited seminars at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Carnegie Mellon University. She presented her paper “The Amplification of Labor Market Fluctuations: Why Don’t Vacancies Like to Hire the Unemployed” at invited seminars at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Indiana University, Purdue University, and the Central European University.

WOJCIECH OLSZEWSKI presented his paper “The Folk Theorem for Games with Almost-Perfect Private Monitoring” at New York University, Penn State University, and (as an invited talk) at the PIER-IGIER International Conference on Economic Theory, organized by
the University of Pennsylvania. He also presented “A Welfare Analysis of Arbitration” at Illinois State University, and “Preferences over Sets of Lotteries” at Princeton University.

ALESSANDRO PAVAN presented the paper “Information Dynamics and Equilibrium Multiplicity in Global Games of Regime Change” (joint with G-M. Angeletos and C. Hellwig) at New York University, Yale University, the 9th World Congress of the Econometric Society and the 1st Conference in tribute to Jean-Jacques Laffont. He was also invited to present the paper “Social Value of Information and Coordination” (joint with G-M. Angeletos) at the Isaac Newton workshop on beauty contests, the Bank of Italy, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

ROBERT PORTER presented a Cowles Lecture at Yale University, the 2005 Rosenthal Memorial Lecture at Boston University of Warwick, and a “State of the Art” Lecture at the 2005 Canadian Economics Association Meetings in Hamilton, Ontario. He made a presentation at the Conference on Auctions and Market Design: Theory, Evidence and Applications, in Rome, Roundtable on Tacit Collusion sponsored by the Canadian Competition Bureau. He also presented seminars at DePaul University, Stanford University, Yale University, and the Barcelona Economics Workshop on Auction Markets.

GIORGIO PRIMICERI presented the paper "Why inflation rose and fell: policymakers' beliefs and US postwar stabilization policy" at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and Johns Hopkins University, the paper "The time varying volatility of macroeconomic fluctuations" (with Alejandro Justiniano) at the Swedish Central Bank, and the paper "Intertemporal disturbances" (with Ernst Schaumburg and Andrea Tambalotti) at the annual meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics. In June, he taught a short course on Bayesian Inference in Dynamic Models at the European Central Bank.

ADRIANO RAMPINI presented "New or Used? Investment with Credit Constraints" at the University of Iowa, the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), London Business School, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the American Finance Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, the NBER Summer Institute on "Capital Markets and the Economy" and on Corporate Finance in Cambridge. He also presented "Markets as Beneficial Constraints on the Government" at Duke University (Fuqua), the Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings in Iowa City, the Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting in Budapest, Hungary, and the Minnesota Workshop in Macroeconomic Theory in Minneapolis. He was a rapporteur on "Capital Reallocation" at a conference on "Open Issues in Finance III" in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

MARK SATTERTHWAITE spoke on "Dynamic Double Auctions" (joint work with Art Shneyerov) at the University of Arizona's economic theory seminar in March, at the Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, Irvine and the Marschak Colloquium at UCLA in April, and at University of Bonn economic theory seminar and the Stockholm School of Economics in June. Satterthwaite also presented "Learning-by-doing and Organizational Forgetting" (joint work with David Besanko, Ulrich Doraszelski, and Yaroslav Kryukov) at the Harvard-MIT industrial organization seminar in February, at the Notre Dame economic theory seminar in April, and the Foundations of
Strategy Conference at Washington University in May.

KATHRYN SPIER presented her paper, "Strategic Judgment Proofing" (with Yeon-Koo Che) at the NBER Summer Institute and at the Stony Brook Law and Game Theory Conference. She presented "Manufacturer Liability for Harm Caused by Consumers to Others" (with Bruce Hay) at Stanford Law School, Northwestern Law School, and at Universite du Quebec a Montreal.

ANDREW SWEETING presented his work on “Coordination Games, Multiple Equilibria and the Timing of Radio Commercials” at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Toronto, the Society of Economic Dynamics Conference in Budapest, the European Summer Symposium on Economic Theory in Gerzensee, the Minneapolis Fed and the Econometric Society World Congress in London. He also presented his work on product differentiation and variety in music radio at Washington University at St. Louis, Cornell, Stanford GSB and the National Bureau of Economic Research.

BURTON WEISBROD was Visiting Scholar in the Economics Department of the University of California, San Diego, for the Winter Term. He presented a paper, “Nonprofit and For-Profit Organizations are the Same and are Different—But Why? The Case of the Hospital Industry”, at the UCLA School of Public Policy, and he accepted the invitation from the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management to give the Inaugural Lecture of its new Medical Industry Leadership Institute on “For-Profits and Nonprofits in Health Care: Does Ownership Form Matter?”

MICHAEL WHINSTON presented a series of lectures on vertical contracting and antitrust at the University of Texas – Austin in September. He presented seminars at the University of Chicago GSB, Princeton, and the University of Texas – Austin. He also served as a discussant at the NBER Summer Institute in Cambridge.

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/faclist.asp

RAQUEL BERNAL completed two new working papers entitled “Child Care, Maternal Employment and Children’s Cognitive Development: The Case of Single Mothers” (with Michael Keane) and “Quasi-structural Estimation of a Model of child Care Choices and Child Cognitive Ability Production” (with Michael Keane). The former study was featured in newspapers, publications and in spots on national radio, via outlets such as The Times (U.K.), AAP, Reuters Health and MSNBC.


JEFF ELY's paper with Johannes Horner and Wojciech Olszewski, "Belief-Free Equilibria in Repeated Games" was published in *Econometrica*. His joint paper with Bill Sandholm, "Evolution in Bayesian Games" was published in *Games and Economic Behavior*.


LYNNE KIESLING's paper, "Using Economic Experiments to Test Electricity Policy," was published in the *Electricity Journal* in October 2005.


WOJCIECH OLSZEWSKI published “Belief-Free Equilibria in Repeated Games” (with Jeff Ely and Johannes Hörner) in the March issue of Econometrica.


KATHRYN SPIER published "Information and Externalities in Sequential Litigation" (with Xinyu Hua) in the Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics (June 2005), and "Manufacturer Liability for Harm Caused by Consumers to Others," NBER Working Paper No. 10972.


MICHAEL WHINSTON completed his book *Lectures on Antitrust Economics*, which is forthcoming at MIT Press.

**VISITNING SPEAKERS**

Dilip Abreu – Princeton University, “Reputational War of Attrition with Complex Bargaining Postures”

Viral Acharya – London Business School, “Is Cash Negative Debt?”

Victor Aguirregabiria - Boston University, “Retail Stockouts and Manufacturer Brand Competition”

Joe Altonji - Yale University, “Work Hours, Wages, and Vacation Leave”


Nava Ashraf - Harvard University, “Tying Odysseus to the Mast: Evidence from a Commitment Savings Product in the Philippines”


David Autor – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Will Job Testing Harm Minority Workers?”


Christopher P.L Barkan – University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, “Optimizing the Design of Railway Tank Cars to Minimize Accident-Cased Releases”

Pierpaolo Battigalli - Università Bocconi, IEP and IGIER, “Dynamic Psychological Games”
Efraim Benmelech - Harvard University, “Asset Salability and Debt Maturity: Evidence from 19th Century American Railroads”

Bruce Benson - Florida State University, “Property Rights and the Buffalo Economy of the Great Plains”

Laura Beny - University of Michigan, “Do Insider Trading Laws Matter?”

Matthias Benz - University of Zurich, “Being Independent is a Great Thing: Subjective Evaluations of Self-Employment and Hierarchy”


Mark Bils - University of Rochester, “Studying Price Markups from Stockout Behavior”

Christopher Bingham - Stanford University, “Learning from Heterogeneous Experience: The International Expansion of Entrepreneurial Firms”


Michele Boldrin - University of Minnesota, “Fertility and Social Security”

Matilde Bombardini - Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Firm Heterogeneity and Lobby Participation”

Philip Bond - University of Pennsylvania, “Debt Restructuring and Voting Rules”

Charles Brown - University of Michigan, “Relatively Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces: Impacts on Children of Military Families”

Markus Brunnermeier - Princeton University, “Marketing Liquidity and Funding Liquidity”

Moshe Buchinsky - University of California, Los Angeles, “Using a Life-Cycle Model to Predict Induced Entry Effects of a $1 for $2 Benefit Offset in the SSDI Program”

Lawrence D. Burns – General Motors Company, Vice President of Research & Development and Strategic Planning, “Reinventing the Automobile”

Jeffrey Campbell - Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, “Rigid Prices: Evidence from U.S. Scanner Data”

Marco Casari - Purdue University, “Emergence of Endogenous Legal Institutions: Property Rights and Community Governance in the Italian Alps”

Benjamin Chabot - University of Michigan, “What Can Asset Prices Tell Us About Historical Business Cycles”

Yeon-Koo Che - University of Wisconsin, “Revenue Comparisons for Auctions When Bidders Have Arbitrary Types”

Xiaohong Chen - New York University, “Large Sample Sieve Estimation of Semi-Nonparametric Models”

James Choi - Harvard University, “Extrapolative Expectations and the Equity Premium”

Elisabeth Clemens - University of Chicago, “Making a Market in Education? Arizona’s Charter Schools as an Experiment in Institutional Change.”

Shawn Cole - Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Fixing Market Failures or Fixing Elections? Elections, Banks, and Agricultural Lending in India”

Olivier Compte - ENPC, Paris, “Bargaining over Randomly Generated Offers”

Arnaud Costinot - Princeton University, “Imperfect Contract Enforcement, Firm Size, and the Pattern of Trade”

Julie Cullen - University of California, San Diego, “Jockeying for Position: High School Student Mobility and Texas’ Top-Ten Percent Rule”


Julio Gonzalez Diaz - Tilburg University, “Sharing a Cake”

Matthias Doepke - University of California, Los Angeles, “Real Effects of Inflation: The Role of Redistribution Through Nominal Debt”

Steve Drucker - Stanford University, “Information Asymmetries and the Effects of Banking Mergers on Firm-Bank Relationships”

Mark Duggan - University of Maryland, “The Distortionary Effects of Government Procurement: Evidence from Medicaid Prescription Drug Purchasing”

William Easterly - New York University, “Reliving the ‘50s: Poverty Traps, the Big Push, and Takeoffs in Economic Development”

Liran Einav - Stanford University, “Estimating Risk Preferences from Deductable Choice”

Doris Entwisle – Johns Hopkins University, “First Grade and Educational Attainment by Age 22: A New Story?”

Marcel Fafchamps - Oxford University, “Wages and Labor Management in African Manufacturing”

Eduardo Faingold - University of Pennsylvania, “Building a Reputation Under Frequent Decisions”

Alex Field – Santa Clara University, “Twentieth Century U.S. Economic Growth Through the Prism of the Great Depression”

Mike Florian – Université de Montréal, “Calibration and Application of a Simulation-Based Dynamic Traffic-Assignment Model”

Reto Foellmi – University of Zurich, “Income Distribution and Demand-Induced Innovations”

Jeremy Fox - University of Chicago, “Complementarities and Collusion in an FCC Spectrum Auction”


Andrea Frazzini - Yale University, “The Disposition Effect and Under-Reaction to News”

Drew Fudenberg - Harvard University, “Steady State Learning and the Code of Hammurabi”

Xavier Gabaix - Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “The Granular Origins of Aggregate Fluctuations” and “Shrouded Attributes, Consumer Myopia and Information Suppression in Competitive Markets”

Adam Galambos - University of Minnesota, “Revealed Preference in Game Theory”

Joseph Galaskiewicz - University of Arizona, “The Role of Ownership Form in the Market for Youth Services: An Application of Hypernetwork Sampling”

Luis Garicano - University of Chicago, “Offshoring in a Knowledge Economy”

Robert Gertner - University of Chicago, “Organizing for Synergies”

Paolo Ghirardato - University of Iowa, “Ambiguity and Asset Prices: An Experimental Perspective”


Austan Goolsbee - University of Chicago, “How Do Incumbents Respond to the Threat of Entry? Evidence from Airlines”
Gita Gopinath - University of Chicago, “Fiscal Policy Amplified Cycles”

Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas - University of California, Berkeley, “International Financial Adjustment”

Gautam Gowrisankaran - Washington University, St. Louis, “Determinants of Price Declines for New Consumer Durable Goods”

Sanjeev Goyal - University of Essex, “Structural Holes in Social Networks”

Anna Grandori – Università Bocconi, “Governance and Organization: A Combinative Approach”

Mark Guillermo - University of Chicago, “The Role of Economists in World War II”

Faruk Gul - Princeton University, “The Canonical Type Space for Interdependent Preferences”

Fatih Guvenen - University of Rochester, “Learning Your Earning: Are Labor Income Shocks Really Very Persistent?”

Cathy Hafer - New York University, “Coordination and Standoff”

Andrei Hagiu - Princeton University, “Two-Sided Platforms: Pricing and Social Efficiency”

Robert E. Hall – Stanford University, “The Labor Market is the Key to Understanding the Business Cycle” and “Macro Volatility”


Christian B. Hansen - University of Chicago, “Finite Sample Inference in Econometric Models via Quantile Restrictions”

Henry Hansmann – Yale University, “Legal Entities, Asset Partitioning, and the Evolution of Organizations”

Jerry Hausman - Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Estimating a Semi-Parametric Duration Model without Specifying Heterogeneity”

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