

**University of Houston-Rice University**  
**Empirical Microeconomics Seminar Series**  
**Spring 2013**

**When and Where: Every Tuesday (unless otherwise indicated) from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at UH (McElhinney Hall Rm 212) or Rice (Baker Hall Rm 116) as indicated.**

Tuesday, February 26 @ UH	John Strauss (USC) "Health, Height, Height Shrinkage and SES at Older Ages: Evidence from China"
Tuesday, March 5	No seminar
Tuesday, March 12	No seminar
Tuesday, March 19 @ UH	Peter Savelyev (Vanderbilt) "Developmental origins of health: effects of childhood personality and college education on health, health behaviors, and longevity"
Tuesday, March 26 @ Rice	Johannes Schmieder (BU) "The Effect of Unemployment Insurance on Reemployment Wages"
Tuesday, April 2 @ UH	Michael Frakes (Cornell Law School) "The Failed Promise of User Fees: Empirical Evidence from the US Patent and Trademark Office "
Tuesday, April 9 @ Rice	Jason Abaluck (Yale) "Negative Tests and the Efficiency of Medical Care: Investigating the Determinants of Imaging Overuse"
Tuesday, April 16 @ UH	Justin Sydnor (Wisconsin School of Business) "Incentives, Commitments and Habit Formation in Exercise: Evidence from a Field Experiment with Workers at a Fortune-500 Company"
Tuesday, April 23 @ Rice (*different room: Rush Conference Room*)	Marika Cabral (UT Austin) "Externalities and Taxation of Supplemental Insurance: A Study of Medicare and Medigap "
Tuesday, April 30 @ Rice (*different room: Rush Conference Room*)	Bill Evans (Notre Dame) "The White/Black Educational Gap, Stalled Progress, and the Long Term Consequences of the Emergence of Crack Cocaine Markets"

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