

**University of Houston-Rice University  
Empirical Microeconomics Seminar Series  
Spring 2008**

**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.

March 4 @UH	Gary Solon, Michigan State University "Trends in Men's Earnings Volatility: What Does the Panel Study of Income Dynamics Show?"
March 25 @ Rice	Dan Friedman, University of California, Santa Cruz "Preemption Games: Theory and Experiment"
April 1 @ Rice	David Bradford, Medical University of South Carolina "Advertising Search, Experience and Credence Characteristics: The Case of Prescription Pharmaceuticals"
April 8 @UH	Josef Zweimuller, University of Zurich "Culture and Unemployment"
April 15 @ Rice	David Howard, Emory University "The Impact of Quality Report Cards for In Vitro Fertilization on Patient Choice"
April 22 @UH	William Strange, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto Skills in the City" & "Urban Interactions: Soft Skills vs. Specialization"
April 29 @UH	Jordan Matsudaira, Cornell University "The Labor Market Effects of Minimum Staffing Legislation: Direct Tests for Monopsony Power in High and Low-Skilled Labor Markets"
May 6 @ Rice 3:00-4:30	Erdal Tekin, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University "Body Composition and Wages"

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