

University of Houston-Rice University

Empirical Microeconomics Seminar Series

Spring 2012

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.

<i>Tuesday, February 7 @ Rice</i>	<i>Ryan Bubb (NYU)</i> "States, Law, and Property Rights in West Africa"
<i>*THURSDAY*, February 9 @ UH</i> Joint w/ UH Macro Workshop	<i>Yona Rubinstein (LSE)</i> "Using Federal Minimum Wages to Identify the Impact of Minimum Wages on Employment and Earnings Across the U.S. States"
<i>Tuesday, February 14 @ UH</i>	<i>Dan Polsky (University of Pennsylvania)</i> "Competition and Quality in Home Health Care Markets"
<i>Tuesday, February 21 @ UH</i>	<i>Lori Beaman (Northwestern University)</i> "Minding Small Change: Attention Constraints among Small Firms in Kenya"
<i>Tuesday, February 28</i>	<i>Rice Spring Break, no seminar</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 6 @ Rice</i>	<i>Michelle White (UCSD)</i> "Fiscal Zoning and Sales Taxes: Do Higher Sales Taxes Lead to More Retailing and Less Manufacturing?"
<i>Tuesday, March 13</i>	<i>UH Spring Break, no seminar</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 20 @ Rice</i>	<i>Dan Black (University of Chicago Harris School)</i> "The Impact of the Great Migration on Mortality of African Americans: Evidence from the Deep South"
<i>Tuesday, March 27 @ UH</i>	<i>Gordon Dahl (UCSD)</i> "Social Interaction Effects in Program Take-up: Regression Discontinuity Evidence for Parental Leave" (note: abstract only, full paper not yet available)
<i>Tuesday, April 3 @ Rice</i>	<i>No Empirical Micro Seminar scheduled, Rice Energy Seminar speaker is Kenneth Gillingham (Yale University)</i>
<i>Tuesday, April 10 @ UH</i>	<i>Eric Verhoogen (Columbia University)</i> "Enlisting Workers in Monitoring Firms: Payroll Tax Compliance in Mexico"
<i>Tuesday, April 17 @ UH</i>	<i>Vivian Ho (Rice University)</i> "Explaining the Volume-Cost Relationship for Cancer Surgery"
<i>Tuesday, April 24 @ Rice</i>	<i>Anup Malani (University of Chicago Law School)</i> "Unintended Consequences of Products Liability: Evidence from the Pharmaceutical Market"
<i>Tuesday, May 8 (note date change, NOT May 1) @ UH</i>	<i>Leah Boustan (UCLA)</i> "Have the poor always been less likely to migrate? Evidence from inheritance practices during the Age of Mass Migration"

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