

**Agricultural Economics 692**  
***Workshop in Applied Economics***

Fall 2007

Friday, 1:30-2:20

Rawls 2077

Professor Thompson

The objectives of the course are to improve the ability of graduate students in agricultural economics to communicate research results in a seminar setting and to foster critical thinking. This course is one credit and may be repeated. The course is open to M.S. and Ph.D. students and satisfies the seminar course requirement for Ph.D. students in Agricultural Economics.

Starting Friday September 7 and continuing every Friday until December 7 students in the class will present a research seminar based on a published piece of empirical research authored by a faculty member in our department. The student will present the paper as if he or she was the author. In preparation for the presentation, the student will work with the faculty member in preparing the presentation and in mastering the approach and findings of the research. The faculty member, along with any other interested members of the department, will come to the class, critique the student's presentation, and provide additional insights into the research to the class at the end of the student presentation. The student presentation should take no more than 30 minutes to leave ample time for questions and discussion of the presentation. All members of the course are also required to submit a question to me each week before class regarding the paper to be presented that week.

**Grading**

Course grade will be determined by the quality of the student's presentation (60%) and class participation (40%) including the weekly submission of questions.

**Suggested Readings:**

Edwards, Paul N. "How to Give an Academic Talk: Changing the Culture of Public Speaking in the Humanities." School of Information, University of Michigan, 2004. In your packet and available online at:  
<http://www.si.umich.edu/~pne/acadtalk.htm>.

Miller, Jane. E., *The Chicago Guide to Writing about Numbers*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004. Chapter 12 is highly recommended and included in your packet, but the whole book is a very valuable resource.

Date (TBD)	Professor	Citation
	Joe Balagtas	Balagtas, J.V., A.D. Smith, and D.A. Sumner. Forthcoming. "Effects of Milk Marketing Order Regulation on the Share of Fluid Grade Milk in the United States." <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> .
	John Connor	John M. Connor and Yuliya Bolotova. "Cartel overcharges: Survey and meta-analysis." <i>International Journal of Industrial Organization</i> 24 (2006) 1109–1137.
	Jim Binkley	Martin Benirschka and James K. Binkley, "Land Price Volatility in a Geographically Dispersed Market," <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> , Vol. 76, No. 2. (May, 1994), pp. 185-195.
	Jim Eales	Eales, J.S. and L.J. Unnevehr. "The Inverse Almost Ideal Demand System." <i>European Economic Review</i> . 38(1994):101-115.
	Tom Hertel	Thomas W. Hertel, Roman Keeney, Maros Ivanic and L. Alan Winters. "Distributional effects of WTO agricultural reforms in rich and poor countries," <i>Economic Policy</i> April 2007 pp. 289–337.
	Matt Holt	Lee A. Craig and Matthew T. Holt. Forthcoming 2007. "Mechanical refrigeration, seasonality, and the hog–corn cycle in the United States: 1870–1940," <i>Explorations in Economic History</i> .
	Paul Preckel, Allan Gray, and Mike Boehlje	Preckel, P.V., A.W. Gray, M.D. Boehlje, and S. Kim, 2004. "Risk and Value Chains: Participant Sharing of Risk and Rewards," <i>Journal on Chain and Network Science</i> , 1(2004):35-32.
	Paul Preckel	Boys, K., N. Li, P.V. Preckel, A.P. Schinckel, and K.A. Foster, 2006. "Economic Replacement of a Heterogeneous Herd," <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> , 89:24-35.
	John Sanders	Abdoulaye, Tahirou and John H. Sanders. "New technologies, marketing strategies and public policy for traditional food crops: Millet in Niger," <i>Agricultural Systems</i> 90(2006) 272-292.
	Sally Thompson	W. Bruce Canoles, Sarahelen Thompson, Scott Irwin, and Virginia Grace France. "An Analysis of the Profiles and Motivations of Habitual Commodity Speculators." <i>The Journal of Futures Markets</i> , 18(1998):765-801.
	Wally Tyner	Wallace E. Tyner and Farzad Taheripour. "Renewable Energy Policy Alternatives for the Future," Forthcoming in the <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> .
	Luc Valentin	Luc Valentin, Daniel J. Bernardo, Terry L. Kastens (2004). "Testing the Empirical Relationship between Best Management Practice Adoption and Farm Profitability," <i>Review of Agricultural Economics</i> 26 (4), 489–504.