

HENRY G. MANNE PROGRAM IN LAW & ECONOMICS STUDIES
LAW & ECONOMICS CENTER, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Workshop on Empirical Methods for Law Professors
Monday, May 21 through Friday, May 25, 2012

All Class Sessions in Room 215 at 3301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201

Agenda

MONDAY, May 21

- 8:00 – 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 am **Welcome and Introduction**
Joshua D. Wright, Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law
Jonathan Klick, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- 9:00 - 10:30 am **Class 1: Research Design**
Lecture by Eric Helland, Robert J. Lowe Professor of Economics, Claremont McKenna College
Reading Assignment:
Helland, et al, "The Measure of Vice and Sin: A Review of the Uses, Limitations and Implications of Crime Data"
"Mostly Harmless Econometrics" packet
- 10:30 – 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Class 2: Finding Data - Helland**
Reading Assignment:
Continuation of previous assignment
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm **Class 3: Descriptive Statistics - Helland**
Readings Assignment:
Kennedy, *A Guide to Econometrics* (4th ed.): Chapter 1
- 3:00 - 3:30 pm Break
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm **Class 4: Applied Session - Helland**
- 6:00 pm **Reception and Dinner**
Uncle Julio's Rio Grande Café
4301 Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA

TUESDAY, May 22

- 8:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 – 10:00 am **Class 5: Basic Probability Theory**
Bruce H. Kobayashi, Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law

Reading Assignment:

Kennedy, A Guide to Econometrics (4th ed.):
Appendix A, B, C;
Chapter 2

10:00 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30am – 12:00 pm

Class 6: Formulating Testable Hypotheses - Kobayashi

Reading Assignment:

Rubinfeld, "Econometrics in the Courtroom", 85 Colum. L. Rev. 1048 (1985);

Ashenfelter, et al, "Econometric Methods in Staples", Princeton Law and Public Affairs Working Paper Series, No 04-007 (Spring 2004)

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Class 7: Inference - Kobayashi

Reading Assignment:

Kaye and Friedman, "Reference Guide on Statistics", from Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence (2nd ed.) (Federal Judicial Center, 2000), pp 83-178;

Rubinfeld, "Reference Guide on Multiple Regression ", from Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence (2nd ed.) (Federal Judicial Center, 2000), pp 179-227.

Both available at:

http://www.fjc.gov/public/home.nsf/autoframe?openform&url_l=/public/home.nsf/inavgeneral?openpage&url_r=/public/home.nsf/pages/610

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Class 8: Applied Session - Kobayashi

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Reception

Eventide Restaurant (rooftop deck)
3165 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA

WEDNESDAY, May 23

8:00 – 8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 am

Class 9: Specification - Wright

Reading Assignment:

Kennedy, A Guide to Econometrics (4th ed.):
Chapter 5;
Chapter 6.1 – 6.3;
Chapters 14-16.

10:00 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30am – 12:00 pm

Class 10: Cross-Sectional Regression Analysis - Wright

Reading Assignment:

Baye & Wright, "Is Antitrust Too Complicated for Generalist Judges? The Impact of Economic Complexity and Judicial Training on Appeals" 54 J. Law & Economics 1 (No.1, 2011).

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00pm - 2:30 pm

Class 11: Time Series Regression Analysis – Wright

Reading Assignment:

Bittlingmayer & Hazlett, "DOS Kapital: Has Antitrust Action Against Microsoft Created Value in the Computer Industry?", 55 J. Fin. Econ. 329 (2000).

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Class 12: Applied Session - Wright

THURSDAY, May 24

8:00 – 8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 am

Class 13: Panel Data Techniques - Klick

Reading Assignment:

Klick and Stratmann, "Medical Malpractice Reform and Physicians in High Risk Specialties", 36 J. Legal Studies 5121 (2007)

10:00 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Class 14: Sensitivity Analysis – Klick

Reading Assignment:

Helland and Klick, "Legal Origins and Empirical Credibility"

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Class 15: Applied Session - Klick

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Break

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Class 16: Wrap-Up - Klick

FRIDAY, May 25

8:00 – 8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 am

Class 17: Optional Participant Paper Sessions

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 - 12:00 pm

Class 18: Optional Participant Paper Sessions

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