

Economics Department Newsletter

April 29, 2013

[Note: the April 30th talk by Dina Pomeranz that was in the initial draft of the newsletter has been canceled due to illness. We'll try to reschedule her for a later date.]

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1. Monday April 29: POEC 402 presentation on Immigration Reform

On **Monday, April 29**, at 4:00PM, in Griffin 3, senior Political Economy majors Ces Antista, Joe Haddad, Eric Rubino, and Tommy Wohlwender will give a public presentation on their POEC 402 final project on Immigration Reform.

2. Tuesday, April 30: POEC 402 presentation on Gun Control.

On **Tuesday, April 30**, at 4:00PM, in Griffin 3, senior Political Economy majors Alison Hart, Laura Henry, Grace Horwitz, and Emily Steinberg will give a public presentation on their POEC 402 final project on Gun Control.

3. Wednesday, May 1: Anand Swamy, Williams College “Protecting the Borrower: An Experiment in Colonial India.”

On **Wednesday, May 1**, at 4:00PM, in Griffin 7, [Anand Swamy](#), Williams College, will present an Economics Department Seminar on his paper [Protecting the Borrower: An Experiment in Colonial India](#), co-authored with Latika Chaudhary. From the abstract: “We study an attempt to protect borrowers from predatory lenders in late nineteenth century India following a crisis in which debtors ‘rioted’ against creditors. Critics of the intervention argued that it would do little to protect the borrower, and would hurt the economy by contracting credit. We find to the contrary that while borrowers were indeed better protected, economic growth was, if anything, facilitated. Our findings are consistent with models in which credit markets work well if lenders have ‘skin in the game.’ Our description of the evolution of the law also shows how the European legal tradition being imported, à la La Porta et al. (1998), was only one determinant of what was eventually a hybrid entity.”

4. Thursday, May 2: POEC 402 presentation on Medicaid Expansion.

On **Thursday, May 2**, at 4:00PM in Griffin 3, senior Political Economy majors Jillian Schwiep and Ben Kuelthau will give a public presentation on their POEC 402 final project on Medicaid Expansion.

Summer internship opportunities

5. Christine Quinn’s campaign for NYC Mayor seeks summer interns

Christine Quinn’s campaign for New York City mayor is looking for interns and fellows for their summer internship program. For more information, see:

<http://beam.to/NYCINTERNSMAYORAL>

Post-graduation job opportunities

6. San Francisco Fed seeks to hire Research Associates to begin this summer

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco seeks to hire Research Associates to begin work this summer. For more information, see:

<http://www.frbsf.org/careers/>

(click search for jobs and look for job number 231538).

Opportunities for graduate study

7. UMass Amherst masters program in Resource Economics seeks applicants for fall 2013

The University of Massachusetts Amherst masters program in Resource Economics seeks applicants for funded study starting fall 2013. For more information, see:

[http://web.williams.edu/williams-](http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/April2013_04/UMass-Masters-Program.pdf)

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8. Barcelona Institute of Economics seeks applicants for Ph.D. scholarships for fall 2013

The IEB (Barcelona Institute of Economics) invites applications for 2 PhD Scholarships, for a period of 3 years, starting from September 2013. The yearly amount of the salary is 15.000€ The scholarships are funded by the Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) and the University of Barcelona (UB). We are looking for students who graduated after 2009 and who aim at enrolling in the PhD program in Economics (University of Barcelona).

The candidates must have a Master in Economics completed by summer 2013 and fulfill the admission requirements of the PhD program in Economics at University of Barcelona (<http://www.ub.edu/ubeconomics/phd-in-economics/>). A very good academic record and a good English level are also required for the position.

About the newsletter

9. How to get items into the newsletter and how to unsubscribe

We send out the economics department newsletter approximately once per week when school is in session. Recipients include Economics and Political Economy faculty and majors, as well as any student who has manifested an interest in the field by taking an economics class at least once during their time at Williams. Please contact [Jon Bakija](#) with any news, events, or other information that you would like to send around to this list of recipients, or if you would prefer to unsubscribe.