

Economics Department Newsletter

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1. Tuesday, May 7: Dietrich Earnhart, "Effect of Enforcement Approach on Environmental Management: Coercive vs. Cooperative Enforcement"

On **Tuesday, May 7**, at 4:00PM in Griffin 6, [Dietrich Earnhart](#) of the University of Kansas will present an Economics Department Seminar on his paper "[Effect of Enforcement Approach on Environmental Management: Coercive vs. Cooperative Enforcement.](#)" From the abstract: "A spirited debate explores the comparative merits of two different approaches to the enforcement of environmental law: the coercive approach, which emphasizes the deterrence of noncompliance through sanctions, and the cooperative approach, which emphasizes the inducement of compliance through flexibility. For all the debate, theoretical research does not directly inform the full debate and very little empirical research directly compares the two approaches. This study constructs a simple theoretical framework in order to generate testable hypotheses and empirically tests these hypotheses by analyzing the effect of the enforcement approach on environmental management linked to compliance with wastewater discharge limits imposed on chemical manufacturing facilities. For this analysis, we view the enforcement approach as representing a relationship between a regulator and a regulated entity that is measured in multiple dimensions. The empirical results reveal that, in general, a cooperative relationship induces better environmental management and, in particular, a more stable and higher quality relationship improves environmental management, while a completely fair relationship impedes better environmental management."

Post-graduation job opportunities

2. Kansas City Fed seeks applicants for Assistant Economist position in its Denver office

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has openings for an Assistant Economist position in our Denver branch, and we are seeking students who are in the process of completing a Bachelors or Masters Degree in Economics or a related field. This is a great opportunity for those who are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics. For more information, please see:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/May2013_01/Kansas-City-Fed-Job-Listing.pdf

About the newsletter

3. 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.