

Economics Department Newsletter

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Seminars and events

1. Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants in Northern Cities and Labor Markets

On Thursday, April 17, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in Griffin 6, [Leah Platt Boustan](#) of UCLA will present an Economics Class of 1960 Scholars Seminar on her forthcoming book, [Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants in Northern Cities and Labor Markets](#). The book presents new empirical evidence on the great migration of African-Americans from the U.S. South to industrial cities in the U.S. North during the mid 20th century, and the lasting impacts on the economic progress of African-Americans and on northern cities.

2. The War on Work

On Thursday, April 17, at 7:30pm in Physics 203, [Richard Vedder](#) of Ohio University will discuss the negative effects of federal government policies on the incentive work, and why he believes Walmart is a force for good. The talk is sponsored by the [Uncomfortable Learning](#) initiative.

On-campus employment opportunities

3. Apply to be an economics teaching assistant (deadline: April 18).

If you are interested in being a teaching assistant for the Economics Department in Fall 2014, please apply using the link below by Friday, 4/18 at noon (12pm). We will not accept late applications. We will need TAs in Econ 110, 120, 205, 251, 252, 255, 361, 381, 471, 501, 502, 503, 504, and POEC 253. We will also be looking for a computer TA to help with the departmental website. There may also be TA positions open in other economics classes.

Please apply through the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fall-2014-econ-ta>

If you have difficulty completing the application or questions about the process, please contact Professor Schmidt (lschmidt@williams.edu).

Off-campus employment opportunities and internships

4. Job opportunities for graduating seniors at Epic, a health care software company

Williams alum Will Slack '11 writes: "Interested in a meaningful and challenging career after graduation? I am on campus this weekend and happy to discuss career opportunities with [Epic](#). Our team works with some of the nation's most respected healthcare organizations and collaborates with the best minds in medicine. The challenges we tackle on a day-to-day basis impact the lives of more than 172 million patients and 295,000 providers in the U.S. alone, and we're committed to the common goal of improving healthcare. We're searching for smart, passionate people who want to achieve great things and have opportunities for all majors. If you are interested, get in touch with me at wls1@williams.edu!"

5. U.S. Geological Survey seeks applicants for its student trainee program

For information see: <http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2014042/USGS.pdf>

Conferences for undergrad economics students

6. Public Choice Outreach Conference

The economics department at George Mason University is hosting a conference in the Washington, DC area on June 6-8 for students interested in learning more about Public Choice, a field of economics that applies economic theory to political science questions. For information, see: http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2014042/GMU_PublicChoice.pdf

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Please contact [Jon Bakija](#) with any news, events, or other information that you would like to send around to Economics and Political Economy faculty and majors, as well as anyone who has manifested an interest in the field by taking a class in either department this semester, or if you would prefer not to receive the newsletter and want to unsubscribe.