

University of Toronto  
Department of Economics

ECO332S: Economics of the Family  
Spring 2017  
RF: 9-11, MP 134

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Lectures: R9-11  
Tutorial: F9-11 (mandatory)

This course **USES MICROECONOMICS** to study the economics of the family, including marriage, divorce, children, single parenthood and gender roles.

\*\*\*\*\* Test and exam are open book. Also bring a calculator.\*\*\*\*\*

*Prerequisite:* [ECO200Y1](#)/[ECO204Y1](#)/[ECO206Y1](#);

*Grading scheme:* 1 midterm (25%), 1 final (50%), in class quizzes (25%)

*If you miss the midterm and filled out the UT illness verification form (<http://www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca>) and have a doctor's note, there will be a makeup midterm on Monday, Feb 27, 9-11am.at my office.*

All lecture notes and readings are in my public dropbox:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cbtjrbbtzhap6uy/AABz42k\\_vPShNfzSC7bOoTcqa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cbtjrbbtzhap6uy/AABz42k_vPShNfzSC7bOoTcqa?dl=0)

Reading schedule:

\*Readings will covered in tutorials

Facts:

Jones, Larry E., and Michele Tertilt. "An economic history of fertility in the US: 1826-1960." (2008).

Bailey, Martha J., Melanie E. Guldi, and Brad J. Hershbein. *Is There a Case for a" Second Demographic Transition"? Three Distinctive Features of the Post-1960 US Fertility Decline.* No. w19599. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2013.

Salcedo, Alejandrina, Todd Schoellman, and Michèle Tertilt. "Families as roommates: Changes in US household size from 1850 to 2000." *Quantitative Economics* 3.1 (2012): 133-175.

Jan 5 Investment in Children's human capital

Chetty, Raj, et al. *Where is the land of opportunity? The geography of intergenerational mobility in the United States.* No. w19843. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2014.

\*Oster, Emily, Ira Shoulson, and E. Dorsey. 2012. Limited Life Expectancy, Human Capital and Health Investments: Evidence from Huntington Disease. NBER

\*Hongbin Li & Mark Rosenzweig & Junsen Zhang, 2008. "Altruism, Favoritism, and Guilt in the Allocation of Family Resources: Sophie's Choice in Mao's Mass Send Down Movement," <http://ideas.repec.org/p/egc/wpaper/965.html>

Jan 12, 19 Children as public goods

Cáceres-Delpiano, Julio, and Eugenio Giolito. "The Impact of Unilateral Divorce on Crime." *Journal of Labor Economics* 30.1 (2012): 215-248.

\*Lundberg, Pollak and Wales (1997), "Do Husbands and Wives Pool their Resources?", *Journal of Human Resources*, p. 463-480

\*Duflo, E. "Grandmothers and granddaughters: Old-age pensions and intrahousehold allocation in South Africa"" *The World Bank Economic Review*, 17(2003), 1-2  
<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTAFRREGTOPGENDER/Resources/duflograndmothers.pdf>

Jan 26, Feb 2 Quantity and quality of children

Bailey & Collins: Electrification and the baby boom.  
<http://ideas.repec.org/a/aea/aejmac/v3y2011i2p189-217.html>

Albanesi and Olivetti: Baby boom II. <http://www.nber.org/papers/w16146>

\*Lewis, Joshua. *Fertility, child health, and the diffusion of electricity into the home.* working paper, 2012.

\* Lewis, Joshua. "Short-run and long-run effects of household electrification." *Economic History Workshop, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada*. 2014.

Feb 9 Nature versus nurture

Sacerdote. <http://www.dartmouth.edu/%7Ebsacerdo/wpapers/Adoption1.doc>

Feb 16 Mid term (open book and notes)

Mar 2, 3 Tutorials

Mar 9, 10 Gender Neutral Marriages I.

Brandt, Siow, Vogel. "Large Shocks and Small effects in the Marriage Market. "

\*Francis, Andrew M. "[Sex Ratios and the Red Dragon: Using the Chinese Communist Revolution to Explore the Effect of the Sex Ratio on Women and Children in Taiwan.](http://ideas.repec.org/a/spr/jopoec/v24y2011i3p813-837.html)". <http://ideas.repec.org/a/spr/jopoec/v24y2011i3p813-837.html>

\*Edlund, Lena, Elaine Liu, and Jin-Tan Liu. "Beqqar-Thy-Women: Domestic Responses to Foreign Bride Competition, the Case of Taiwan." *Unpublished paper* (2013).

Mar 16, 25 GNM II

\*Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfson (2000), "Till Death do Us Part: Effects of Divorce Laws on Suicides, Domestic Violence and Spousal Murder" <http://www.nber.org/papers/w10175>

Mar 30, Apr 6 Differential Fecundity & Marriage

\*Bertrand, Marianne, Claudia Goldin, and Lawrence F. Katz. "Dynamics of the gender gap for young professionals in the financial and corporate sectors." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (2010): 228-255.

\*Amalia Miller. "[The Effects of Motherhood Timing on Career Path](#)" *Journal of Population Economics*, July 2011, 24(3): 1071–1100.

\*Bailey. Pill and Female Earnings. [http://econpapers.repec.org/article/tprqjecon/v\\_3a121\\_3ay\\_3a2006\\_3ai\\_3a1\\_3ap\\_3a289-320.htm](http://econpapers.repec.org/article/tprqjecon/v_3a121_3ay_3a2006_3ai_3a1_3ap_3a289-320.htm)

Leonardo Bursztyrn, Thomas Fujiwara, and Amanda Pallais. 'Acting Wife': Marriage Market Incentives and Labor Market Investments, 2016 working paper.

Sheryl Sandberg, Barnard College Commencement Address 2011.

Atlantic, "Why women still can't have it all".