

University of Toronto
Department of Economics

ECO332S: Economics of the Family
Fall 2017
RF: 9-11, R BL205; F SS1073

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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, Oct 30, 9-11am.at my office.

Lecture notes and readings are posted on:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2op4vk41xrkc3x5/AABBTgPrSa0tdPXQPxOV_Yx9a?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.

Sept 14 Investment in Children's human capital

*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>

Sept 21, 26 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>

Oct 5,12 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. "Short-run and long-run effects of household electrification." *Economic History Workshop, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada*. 2014.

Oct 18 Nature versus nurture

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

Oct 26 Mid term (open book and notes)

Nov 2 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).

Nov 16, 23 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>

Nov 30, Dec 7 Marriage and gender

*Azmat, Ghazala, and Rosa Ferrer. "Gender gaps in performance: Evidence from young lawyers." *Journal of Political Economy* (2017).

*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

Leonardo Bursztyn, 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".