

University of Toronto
Department of Economics

ECO332S: Economics of the Family
Winter 2018
EM 119: RF9-11

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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. *****

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 Tuesday, Mar 5, 8-10 am at my office.

Lecture notes and readings are posted on:

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 10 L1: 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>

Jan 17, 24 L2: 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

*Black, Sandra E., Paul J. Devereux, and Kjell G. Salvanes. "The more the merrier? The effect of family size and birth order on children's education." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 120.2 (2005): 669-700.

Jan 31, Feb 7 L3 Quantity and quality of children

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

L4: Albanesi and Olivetti: Baby boom II. <http://www.nber.org/papers/w16146>

* Joshua Lewis,

["Infant Health, Women's Fertility, and Rural Electrification in the United States, 1930-1960,"](#) *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 78, No. 1 (March 2018): 118-154.

Feb 14 L5: Nature versus nurture

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

Feb 28 Mid term (open book and notes)

Mar 7 L6: 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. "Beggar-Thy-Women: Domestic Responses to Foreign Bride Competition, the Case of Taiwan." *Unpublished paper* (2013).

Mar 14, 21 L7: 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 28, Apr 4 L8: Marriage and gender

*Sheryl Sandberg, Barnard College Commencement Address 2011.

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

L9: 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.

*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.