

School of Public Policy Newsletter

Oregon State University – 10-01-2010

Announcements

Research Colloquium

Department

Economics
School of Public Policy

Birthdays

Carol Tremblay - 11/06

Announcements - Research Colloquium

Amy Below will be speaking on 11/19 about "Cutting the Melon: Gender Scripts and Social Class in Damascus, Syria" in Fairbanks 304 from 3:45-4:45



Economics

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Seminar

Next week we have a seminar

The Effect of Gambling on Health:
Evidence from Canada

Jane Ruseski, University of Alberta

Friday, November 5, 2010

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Kelley Engineering Center, Room 1001

The abstract is available

at <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/econ/seminars>

The paper will be available early next week.

Chairs and Directors Meeting

Not much news from the Chairs and Directors meeting this week; there was some discussion about clarifying the P&T process, which is described in the attached notes from the meeting. The most critical thing for the School is to start thinking about creating position descriptions that describe our responsibilities in some specificity. See attachment for further details.

Research Opportunity

There is a research opportunity for grad students, post-docs, and faculty at the Center for Jewish History. Please see attachment for details.

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School of Public Policy Newsletter

Oregon State University – 10-04-2010

Announcements

Category 1 Proposals

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Birthdays

Category I Proposals

Reminding folks to get any comments regarding the Category I proposal for the SPP by Friday, October 8 to Denise Lach.



Economics

SEMINAR

Tuesday, Oct 5, 3:30 pm, Owen Hall 103

Friedrich Breyer, Professor of Economics, Univ of Konstanz, Germany

"Aging and health care expenditure: the role of life expectancy"

Friedrich is coming as part of the OUS exchange with German universities with intent to explore exchange possibilities with Oregon Universities, especially graduate student exchanges in Political Science and Economics.

Please contact Laura Relyea if you are interested.

Sociology

Statewide media attention given to Mark Edwards and MPP grad student Sue Porter

Sue Porter (MPP) and Mark Edwards (Sociology) released a brief report summarizing the most central points of her MPP essay (under "Research" on the MPP website). Associated Press and many other newspapers, and tv and radio stations carried the story once OSU New and Research Communications sent out a press release. The focus of the report was on evidence of the effects of the recession, looking at characteristics of households receiving SNAP (food stamps).

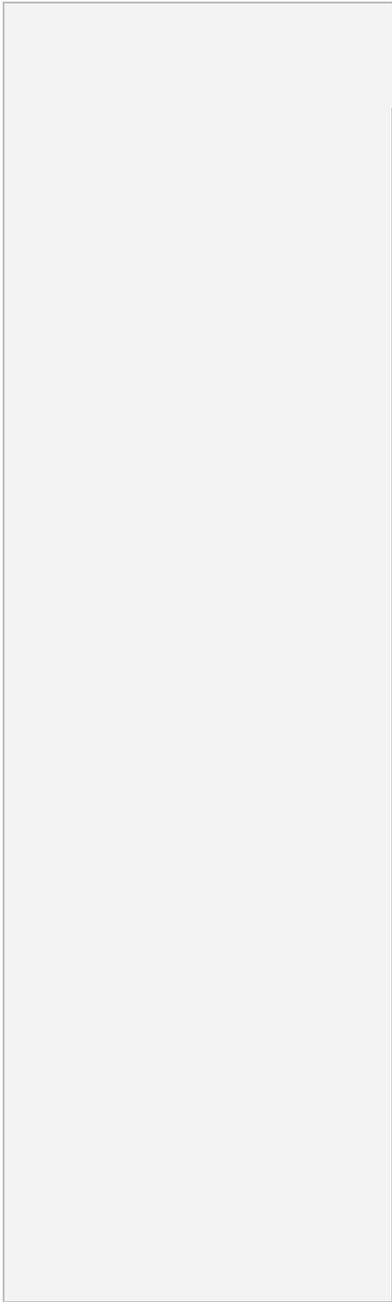
To give you an example of the coverage so far, please follow the links. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#), [Link 6](#), [Link 7](#), [Link 8](#), [Link 9](#), [Link 10](#)
The original news release: [Link 0](#)

Sociology

NBER Household Finance Working Group Call for Research Proposals 2010

The Household Finance (HHF) Working Group at the National Bureau of Economic Research aims to advance understanding of household financial behavior and to provide a firm foundation for related policy discussions. The working group defines household finance broadly, to include the many financial decisions made by households, including the financial functions of payments, saving and investing/portfolio-choice, borrowing/credit, and risk management, as well as related decisions by businesses and government.

Please see attachment and contact Mark Edwards for further details.



School of Public Policy Newsletter

Oregon State University – 10-11-2010

Announcements

Winter Book Orders Due

Department

Economics
Sociology

Birthdays

Announcements

Fall term is underway! It just started, but it's time to start thinking about winter term orders. Winter term orders are due October 26th. You can submit those orders at <http://www.osubookstore.com/FacultyOrderForm.asp>.



Economics

Faculty productivity of OSU Economics faculty compared to Economics Departments with PhD programs

Oregon State University Economics ranked 24th in the nation compared to other colleges and universities with PhD. Please see the attachment for details.

Sociology

Faculty Meeting

Sociology department has a faculty meeting on Wednesday (13th) from 3:00-5:00 in Fairbanks 304. This will be the first faculty meeting for the year so there will be a lot to talk about, so be there and be square (better yet, be square and be there!)

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School of Public Policy Newsletter

Oregon State University – 10-18-2010



Announcements:

MPP Executive Committee Meeting

Winter Term Orders

Departments:

Grants

Attachments:

Notes from the Chairs and Directors Meeting

Category 1 Update and Hiring Decisions

School of Public Policy Research Colloquium

Birthdays:

Marc Hellman - 10/24

Announcements

MPP Executive Committee Meeting
October 29 (Friday), 12:00 to 1:00, Political Science Library 302 Gilkey.

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Attachments

School of Public Policy Research Colloquium

School of Public Policy will be having speakers during fall and winter term about varying topics. See attachment for details.

Notes from the Chairs and Directors Meeting

Here are the notes taken at the Chair and Directors meeting on 10-18-2010. For details see the attachment.

Category 1 Update and Hiring Decisions

Information about the inputs for improving the Category 1 proposal to create the School of Public Policy. See attachment for details.

Grants

Recent Research Awards:

Roger Hammer and Brent Steel are participating in a recently-awarded \$1.5 million NSF grant on wildfire. Denise Lach is a Principal Investigator in a \$1.5+million projects on climate change funded by NOAA. Brent Steel also received notice that he was successful in a \$320,000 grant from the USDA for international conferences for graduate students. In addition to support for faculty and students, these and other grants are likely to bring us more than \$70,000 in indirect recovery this year. These funds should be used to invest in our research infrastructure, so start thinking about how we need to upgrade our facilities, equipment, and other resources to increase our ability to do funded research. I've been dreaming of creating a "decision theater" to study how people make decision in groups...

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School of Public Policy Newsletter

Oregon State University – 10-25-2010

Announcements

Announcements

No new announcement this week.



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Sociology

Birthdays

Sociology

Influential Faculty

Roger Hammer, Sociology, is co-author of one of the most cited papers in this interdisciplinary field (see attachment for full text). He and his co-authors framed the national discussion related to fires in the wildland-urban interface right at the beginning of a large influx of federal funding from multiple agencies. This kind of intellectual and policy influence is matched by only a few faculty at OSU (including some in our own School). Congratulations, Roger!

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