

**University of Colorado at Boulder**  
**Department of Economics**

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Economics 8686: Graduate Labor 2, Spring 2015

University's network. Bring a copy (either paper or electronic) of the papers we are discussing with you to class. In addition, please prepare a ½ page summary of each paper and bring it with you

**The Final Exam** will cover all of the material after the first midterm. Our assigned time from the Registrar is 4:30-7:00 PM on Sunday, May 3, 2015. University policy provides students with three or more exams on the same day the right to reschedule exams following the first two.<sup>1</sup> Any student wishing to invoke this right should notify me as soon as possible and no later than February 15.

### **Final Letter Grades**

## Tentative Schedule

Topic	Tentative Dates
Introduction, Immigration Background	1/13, 1/15
Theory of Labor Demand	1/20, 1/22
Immigration and Migration	
Labor Demand Application: Immigration and Native Wages – Competing Estimates	1/27, 1/29, 2/3, 2/5*
Individual Migration Decision – Roy Model and Applications	2/10, 2/12, 2/17
The Minimum Wage	
Models of the Minimum Wage	2/19
Empirical Analysis of the Minimum Wage	2/24, 2/26, 3/3*
MIDTERM EXAM	3/5
Discrimination	
Models of Discrimination	3/10, 3/12
Blinder-Oaxaca and its limitations	3/17, 3/19
Spring Break – NO CLASS	3/24, 3/26
Other Empirical Estimates of Discrimination	3/31, 4/2, 4/7*
Unions	

What do Unions Do?

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