

**Economics 8784: Economic Development**

Spring 2012

M/W 12:00-1:15 PM

Room: Economics 5

Class Website through CULearn: <https://culearn.colorado.edu/>

No Class: 3/26-3/28 (Spring Break)

3. You will make two in-class, computer-based, presentations of selected articles from the reading list. Each presentation should last about 30 minutes and should both summarize the article focusing on the empirical strategy and provide the basis for a critical discussion of the article in class.
4. You will write a 7-10 page (double-spaced) research proposal on a topic of your choice, related to the themes explored in this class. Over the course of the semester, you will meet with me individually to discuss your proposal idea and we will discuss your research progress in class as well wo-45

Unless otherwise noted, assignments are due in class at the beginning of lecture on the dates specified. Following a 15-minute grace period, your assignment grade will be lowered by one grade level for every day that the assignment is late (with a zero being the minimum obtainable score). It is important that you demonstrate that you are thinking independently as I will compare your responses to those of other students in the class.

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**c. Gender and Distribution**

Deaton, Angus. 1989. "Looking for Boy-Girl Discrimination in Household Expenditure Data."  
*The World Bank E*

Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo. 2006. "Addressing Absence." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 20(1): 117–132.

### Background

Glewwe, Paul and Michael Kremer. 2006. "Schools, Teachers, and Education Outcomes in Developing Countries." *Handbook of the Economics of Education*, Vol. 2, Ch.16.

Card, David. 1999. "The Causal Effect of Education on Earnings." *Handbook of Labor Economics*, Vol. 3, Ch. 30.

Kremer, Michael. 2003. "Randomized Evaluations of Educational Programs in Developing Countries: Some Lessons." *The American Economic Review*, Papers and Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Washington, DC, January 3-5, 2003, 93(2): 102-106.

Foster, Andrew D. and Mark R. Rosenzweig. 1996. "Technical Change and Human Capital Returns and Investments: Evidence from the Green Revolution." *The American Economic Review*, 86(4): 931-953.

Duflo, Esther, Rema Hanna and Stephen Ryan. 2007. "Monitoring Works: Getting Teachers to Come to School." BREAD Working Paper No. 103.

## **IV. Health, Disease, and Mortality**

### **a. Randomized Evaluations & Experiments**

Miguel, Edward and Michael Kremer. 2004. "Worms: Identifying Impacts on Education and Health in the Presence of Treatment Externalities." *Econometrica*. 72(1): 159-217.

Thornton, Rebecca L. 2008. "The Demand for, and Impact of, Learning HIV Status" *American Economic Review*, 98 (5): 1829-63

Cohen, Jessica and Pascaline Dupas. 2009. "Free Distribution or Cost Sharing? Evidence from a Randomized Malaria Prevention Experiment." Forthcoming,



Jayachandran, Seema. 2008. "Air Quality and Infant Mortality: Evidence from Indonesia's Wildfires." Forthcoming, *Journal of Human Resources* 44(4).  
(Available at [http://www.stanford.edu/~jayachan/indo\\_fires.pdf](http://www.stanford.edu/~jayachan/indo_fires.pdf) )

**c. Missing Women**

Oster, Emily. 2005. "Hepatitis B and the Case of the Missing Women." *Journal of Political Economy*



Banerjee, Abhijit and Andrew Newman. 1993. "Occupational Choice and the Process of Development." *The Journal of Political Economy*, 101(2): 274-298.

Morduch, Jonathan. 1999. "The Microfinance Promise." *Journal of Economic Literature*, 37(4): 1569-1614.

Karlan, Dean and Jonathan Morduch. 2009. "Access to Finance." *Handbook of Development Economics*, vol.5. Eds. Dani Rodrik and Mark Rosenzweig.

(Available at [http://karlan.yale.edu/p/HDE\\_June\\_11\\_2009\\_Access\\_to\\_Finance.pdf](http://karlan.yale.edu/p/HDE_June_11_2009_Access_to_Finance.pdf))

Paxson, Christina H. 1992. "Using Weather Variability to Estimate the Response of Savings to TransitoryTr2008-6(A)2(c)4(x)-1owenae(j)-2nTJ (15Dc)4-(16-[. V)-2(t)-M(t)-x(nd)-po2(t)-u4(h. V)- R

- Shleifer, Andrei and Robert W. Vishny. 1993. "Corruption." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 108(3): 599-617.
- Mauro, Paolo. 1995. "Corruption and Growth." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 110(3): 681-712.

## **X. The Future of Development Economics**

- Banerjee, Abhijit, Pranab Bardhan, Kaushik Basu, Ravi Kanbur (editor), and Dilip Mookherjee. 2005. "New Directions in Development Economics: Theory or Empirics? A Symposium in *Economic and Political Weekly*." Boston University Working Paper No.28. (Available at <http://www.arts.cornell.edu/poverty/kanbur/NewDirectionsDevEcon.pdf>)
- Banerjee, Abhijit V. and Esther Duflo. 2008. "The Experimental Approach to Development Economics." NBER Working Paper No. 14467.
- Deaton, Angus. 2009. "Instruments of development: Randomization in the tropics, and the search for the elusive keys to economic development." Keynes Lecture, British Academy, October 9, 2008. (Available at [http://www.princeton.edu/~deaton/downloads/Instruments%20of%20development%20v1d\\_mar09\\_all.pdf](http://www.princeton.edu/~deaton/downloads/Instruments%20of%20development%20v1d_mar09_all.pdf))
- Heckman, James J. and Jeffrey A. Smith. 1995. "Assessing the Case for Social Experiments." *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 9(2): 85-110.

### Background

- Heckman, James. 1991. "Randomization and Social Policy Evaluation." NBER Technical Working Paper No. 107.
- Rosenzweig, Mark R. and Kenneth I. Wolpin, 2000. "Natural 'Natural Experiments' in Economics." *Journal of Economic Literature*, 38(4): 827-874.

### Economics 8784 Tentative Course Outline, Spring 2012

Week	Dates	Material
1	Jan 18	Poverty --Poverty in the developing world --Poverty traps and income mobility
2	Jan 23-25	The Family/Household --Agricultural households --Modeling the household
3	1/30-2/1	The Family/Household, continued