The Economics of Discrimination

Wednesday evenings 8:00 p.m.
The public is cordially invited to attend
3750 Knauss Hall
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1989-90 Lecture Seminar Series
Department of Economics
Western Michigan University

Fall Semester
Edward P. Lazear
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University of Wisconsin—February 21
Marianne A. Ferber
University of Illinois—March 21

Dr. Edward P. Lazear
Laureate Brown and Clastics J. Brown Professor of Urban and Labor Economics
University of Chicago

Dr. Edward P. Lazear is the Laureate Brown and Clastics J. Brown Professor of Urban and Labor Economics at the University of Chicago. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He earned his Ph.D. at Harvard University in 1974 and has been at the University of Chicago since then. He is the Editor of the Journal of Labor Economics, and a Fellow of the Econometric Society. His research is currently supported by the National Science Foundation.

Professor Lazear is the author of three books: Allocation of Income within the Household (with R. Michael), Microeconomics: Theory (with J. Coeck), and Issues in Contemporary Retirement (with R. Ricardo-Campbell). He has written over 50 articles, which have appeared in such leading journals as the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy, and the Journal of Labor Economics.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Lazear will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3700 Knauss Hall.

Dr. Paul J. Taubman
Professor of Economics
University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Paul J. Taubman is Professor of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania in 1965. He subsequently taught at Harvard University, and was on the staff of the Council of Economic Advisers, before returning to the University of Pennsylvania in 1986. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and a Fellow of the International Society for Twin Studies. He is the Director of the Program on Economics of Drugs at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

He has authored 6 books and over 40 articles, which have appeared in such leading journals as the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy, and the Journal of Labor Economics.

Professor Taubman is particularly well known for his research using data on identical twins reared apart, which has contributed significantly to understanding the relative effects of environment versus genetics on economic success.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Taubman will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3700 Knauss Hall.

Dr. Barbara L. Wolfe
Professor of Economics and Preventive Medicine
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Dr. Barbara L. Wolfe is Professor of Economics and Preventive Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a Research Affiliate at the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin. Professor Wolfe earned her Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania in 1973. She subsequently taught at Bryn Mawr College, and was a consultant to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. She has been at the University of Wisconsin since 1976.

Professor Wolfe has received support for her research from numerous government agencies and non-profit foundations, such as the National Science Foundation, and currently the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Professor Wolfe has written over 40 articles which have appeared in such leading journals as the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy, and the Journal of Economics. Her research spans the fields of health economics, labor economics, public economics, and economic development.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Wolfe will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3700 Knauss Hall.
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“The Economics of Discrimination” is the twenty-sixth Annual Public Lecture Series organized by the Department of Economics at Western Michigan University. This year’s series is directed by Dr. Emily P. Hoffman of the WMU Economics Department, and is co-sponsored by the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. All lectures are open to the public and no admission is charged. A question and answer session will follow each lecture. For further information, please contact Dr. Hoffman at (616) 387-5540, or the WMU Economics Department at (616) 387-5525.

The guest scholars also participate in a seminar for graduate students and advanced undergraduates. The seminar, which is supervised by Professor Hoffman, is offered for academic credit to students enrolled at Western Michigan University. Interested guests are also welcome.

Directions: From I-94, take U.S. 131 (North) to Exit 8A (about 2 miles) at Stadium Drive. Travel east on Stadium Drive to the 4th traffic light (Howard Street). Turn left onto Howard Street, and take the second right onto the WMU campus. Follow the signs to the Wood Hall parking lot. Knauz Hall is the tan brick building beyond the concrete steps at the back (far) end of the parking lot. See maps on other side of this panel.

“Race, Class, and Economic Inequality”

Wednesday
January 17, 1990
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauz Hall
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Dr. William A. Darby, Jr.
Professor of Economics
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. William A. Darby, Jr. is Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Darby earned his Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978. He has taught at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Utah, and the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has conducted research at the National Urban League Research Department, at the Southern Center for Public Policy Studies at Clark College, and at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve. He has been a Dartmouth Scholar and a Marshall Scholar. He was the President of the National Economic Association in 1986. He is the Chair of the Board of Editors of the Review of Black Political Economy.

Professor Darby is the editor (with S. Shultzman) of The Question of Discrimination, and the author (with B. L. Nett) of The Lean Pumps: The Role of Commercial Banks in the International Debt Crisis. He is the author of over 50 articles in such leading journals as the American Economic Review, the Southern Economic Journal, and the Journal of Human Resources.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Darby will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauz Hall.

“Impact of Affirmative Action”

Wednesday
February 7, 1990
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauz Hall
WMU

Dr. Johnathan S. Leonard
Associate Professor
University of California, Berkeley

Dr. Johnathan S. Leonard is an Associate Professor in the School of Business Administration at the University of California, Berkeley. He is also a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1983.

Professor Leonard has published 17 articles in such leading journals as the American Economic Review, the Journal of Labor Economics, and the Review of Economics and Statistics. He is the editor of Industrial Relations, and co-editor of the Journal of Human Resources. He is the editor (with K. Lang) of Unemployment and the Structure of Labor Markets (1987). He has been a consultant to many organizations including the U.S. Employment Opportunity Commission, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Leonard will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauz Hall.

“What Does Economics Contribute to the Theory and Evidence of Discrimination?”

Wednesday
February 21, 1990
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauz Hall
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Dr. Glen G. Cain
Professor of Economics
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Dr. Glen G. Cain is Professor of Economics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he has been on the faculty since 1963. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1964. He has directed the Social Systems Research Institute at the University of Wisconsin, advised the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the Seattle-Deer Park Income Maintenance Experiment, edited the Journal of Human Resources, and currently serves as advisor to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Professor Cain is the author of three books, and 40 papers which have appeared in such leading journals as the American Economic Review, the Journal of Labor Economics, and the Journal of Political Economy. He is currently writing a book, Work in America, which analyzes trends in work and earnings among the major demographic groups in the U.S. from 1890 to 1980.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Cain will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauz Hall.

“Evidence of Labor Market Discrimination”

Wednesday
March 21, 1990
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Dr. Marianne A. Ferber
Professor of Economics
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dr. Marianne A. Ferber is Professor of Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1984, and has taught at the University of Illinois since 1984.

Professor Ferber is the author (with F. Blau) of The Economics of Women, Men, and Work (1986), and Women and Work, Paid and Unpaid: An Annotated Bibliography (1987). She has written 35 articles which have appeared in such leading journals as the American Economic Review, the Review of Economics and Statistics, the Journal of Human Resources, and the Review of Income and Wealth.

Professor Ferber was the Director of Women’s Studies at the University of Illinois from 1980 to 1983. She was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Research on Women at Stanford University in 1984.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Ferber will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauz Hall.