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"Human Capital and Economic Development" is the twenty-ninth Annual Public Lecture Series organized by the Department of Economics at Western Michigan University. This year’s series, which aims to explore the role of Human Capital in Economic Development from the national and international dimensions, is co-directed by Professors Sitay Asela and Wei-Chiao Huang 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 Professor Asela at 387-5545 or Professor Huang at 387-5547, or the WMU Economics Department at 3161 387-5535.

The guest scholars also participate in a seminar for graduate and advanced undergraduates. The seminar 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 36A (about 2 miles) at Stadium Drive. Travel east on Stadium Drive to the 4th traffic light, at Howard (about 2 miles). 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 East [far] end of the parking lot, opposite the Waldo Library clock tower.

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Wednesday January 13, 1993
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauz Hall
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"Specialization, Human Capital, and Economic Growth"

Dr. Kevin M. Murphy
Professor of Business Economics
and Industrial Relations
University of Chicago

Dr. Murphy received his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1986. He was an Assistant Professor [1986-1988], Associate Professor [1988-1992], and has been Professor of Business Economics and Industrial Relations at the University of Chicago since 1992. He is also a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Professor Murphy has authored or co-authored numerous articles, most of them appearing in prestigious journals such as American Economic Review, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Political Economy, and Quarterly Journal of Economics. He is considered to be one of the leading researchers in the areas of the new growth theory, the analysis of earnings structures, and the theoretical and empirical analysis of rational addiction.

He has been awarded several fellowships including the Earhart Foundation Fellowship [1989-90], [1990-91], [1991-92], the Friedman Fund Fellowship [1981-83], and the Storrs Foundation Fellowship [1989-90].

Professor Murphy will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauz Hall.

Wednesday February 17, 1993
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauz Hall
WMU

"Can America's Human Resources System Survive Global Competition?"

Dr. Peter D. Doeringer
Professor of Economics
Boston University

Dr. Doeringer earned his Ph.D. at Harvard University in 1966, and remained at Harvard as an Instructor [1966-67], and Assistant Professor of Economics [1967-73], and an Associate Professor of Political Economy [1972-74]. He has been Professor of Economics at Boston University since 1974. In addition to holding professorial positions, he has held important administrative posts, including the Directorship of the Institute for Employment Policy at Boston University [1977-87], and the Directorship of the Harvard University Institute in Manpower Administration [1975-82].

Professor Doeringer has authored or edited 10 books and 4 monographs, and published numerous articles and book chapters. He is an expert in manpower economics, local economic development, and internal and international labor markets.

Dr. Doeringer has received grant support from several government agencies and non-profit foundations, including the W. E. Upjohn Institute. He has also been active as a labor arbitrator, fact finder, and member or chairperson of a number of manpower advisory committees at the state and national levels. He is also a member of the editorial board of Review of Economics and Statistics, and a referee for the National Science Foundation and numerous scholarly journals.

Professor Doeringer will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauz Hall.

Wednesday March 17, 1993
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauz Hall
WMU

"Workplace Training in the United States: Is It Underproduced?"

Dr. Ann P. Bartel
Professor of Economics & Director of the Center for Human Resource Management Studies
Columbia University


Professor Bartel has received support for her research from the U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Alfred Sloan Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, and National Institute of Education. She has also served as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Economics and Business, as an referee for many scholarly journals, and as an expert witness in sex, race and age discrimination cases.

Professor Bartel will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauz Hall.
The Birth Death, Aging, and the Economy: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?

Wednesday
September 23, 1992
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauss Hall
WMU

Dr. Richard A. Easterlin
Professor of Economics
University of Southern California

Dr. Easterlin is Professor of Economics at the University of Southern California. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1953. Prior to his current position, he was William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania (1978-82) where he was on the faculty for more than three decades and served as Chairman of the Department of Economics for several years. He is a past President of the Population Association of America. Professor Easterlin has written numerous professional journal articles in the fields of population economics, demography, economic development and related areas. He is on the editorial board of several scholarly journals such as Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Population Economics, and Exploration in Economic History. His articles have appeared in leading professional journals including American Economic Review, Population and Development Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Economic History, Quarterly Journal of Economics, and Review of Economics and Statistics. He has received many professional honors and fellowships including Guggenheim Fellow (1988-89), Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1978), Fellow of the Econometric Society (1983), and Ford Foundation Research Fellowship (1965-66).

Professor Easterlin will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauss Hall.

Can There Be Too Much Human Capital? Is There a World Population Problem?

Wednesday
October 21, 1992
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauss Hall
WMU

Dr. D. Gale Johnson
Eliakin Hastings Moore Distinguished Service Professor of Economics and Director of the Undergraduate Program in Economics
University of Chicago

Dr. Johnson is Eliakin Hastings Moore Distinguished Service Professor of Economics and Director of the Undergraduate Program in Economics at the University of Chicago. He earned his Ph.D. at Iowa State College in 1944. Professor Johnson's professional career at the University of Chicago includes being chairman of the Department of Economics (1971-75), Dean of the Division of Social Sciences (1960-70) and Provost (1974-80). He has published in leading professional journals such as American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Political Economy, and American Economic Review. He is the editor of Economic Development and Cultural Change. He has served as a consultant and economic advisor to numerous agencies including the Rand Corporation (1953-71), U.S. Department of State (1946, 1957-69), and U.S. Council on International Economic Policy (1972-76).

Dr. Johnson has held positions with several organizations. He was the Director of the Social Science Research Council (1963-66) and Vice-President (1953-54) and President (1964-65) of the American Farm Economic Association.

Professor Johnson is a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Johnson will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauss Hall.

Human Capital Accumulation, the Family and Economic Development

Wednesday
November 18, 1992
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauss Hall
WMU

Dr. Mark R. Rosenzweig
Professor of Economics and Research Associate of the Population Studies Center
University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Rosenzweig is Professor of Economics and Research Associate of the Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University with distinction in 1973. Prior to his current position, he was Professor of Economics at the University of Minnesota, where he also served as Co-Director of the Economic Development Center. Professor Rosenzweig has authored or co-authored several articles in the fields of economic development, human capital, and related fields. His articles have appeared in leading professional journals such as American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, International Economic Review, and Journal of Human Resources. He is the co-author or co-editor of five books which include his most recent book, The New Chosen People: Immigrants in the United States, Russell Sage Foundation, N.Y. (1990). He is the associate editor of the Journal of Development Economics and a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Economic Literature and the World Bank Economic Review.

He has been awarded several fellowships including the Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship (1972-73), the National Institutes of Health Research Service Award (1977), and the Social Science Research Council Research Training Fellowship (1976-77). Professor Rosenzweig will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauss Hall.