

Empirical Law and Economics
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1. Subject Matter: Modern law and economics scholarship is becoming increasingly empirically oriented. This course will provide a background for the critical consumption of the modern econometric law and economics literature. Further, we will discuss issues such as the development of testable hypotheses from (usually indeterminate) theory, research design strategies, and causal inference.
2. Course Materials: All materials covered in the course are described in the reading schedule below.
3. Requirements: You are required to write a research paper that reviews the empirical literature in an area of law and economics. You should critically evaluate the research designs used in the studies you review. You must submit this paper to me at jklick@law.upenn.edu by October 1, 2011.
4. Availability: I will be available for student meetings before and after class. My email is jklick@law.upenn.edu
5. Schedule:

Monday

Statistics in 4 hours

David H. Kaye and David A. Freedman (2000). "Reference Guide on Statistics" in Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, 2nd ed., Federal Judicial Center, 83-178 available for free download at [http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/sciman00.pdf/\\$file/sciman00.pdf](http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/sciman00.pdf/$file/sciman00.pdf)

Daniel L. Rubinfeld (2000). "Reference Guide on Multiple Regression" in Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, 2nd ed., Federal Judicial Center, 179-227 available for free download at [http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/sciman00.pdf/\\$file/sciman00.pdf](http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/sciman00.pdf/$file/sciman00.pdf)

Tuesday

1. Cross Sectional Analysis

Eric Helland and Jonathan Klick (2007). "The Effect of Judicial Expedience on Attorney Fees in Class Actions." Journal of Legal Studies, 36(1): 171-188 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/36JLS171.pdf>

Jonathan Klick (2006). "Salvation as a Selective Incentive." *International Review of Law and Economics*, 26(1): 15-32 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/26IRLE15.pdf>

2. Time Series Analysis

Jonathan Klick and Robert Sitkoff (2008). "Agency Costs, Charitable Trusts, and Corporate Governance: Evidence from Hershey's Kiss-Off." *Columbia Law Review*, 108(4): 749-838 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/108CLR749.pdf>

Wednesday

Panel Data, Longitudinal Analysis, and Natural Experiments

Jonathan Klick and Thomas Stratmann (2006). "Subsidizing Addiction: Do State Health Insurance Mandates Increase Alcohol Consumption?" *Journal of Legal Studies*, 35(1): 175-198 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/35JLS175.pdf>

Jonathan Klick and Sara Markowitz (2006). "Are Mental Health Insurance Mandates Effective? Evidence from Suicides." *Health Economics*, 15(1): 83-97 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/15HealthEconomics83.pdf>

Jonathan Klick and Thomas Stratmann (2007). "Medical Malpractice Reform and Physicians in High Risk Specialties." *Journal of Legal Studies*, 36(s2): s121-s142 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/36JLSS121.pdf>

Jonathan Klick and Alexander Tabarrok (2005). "Using Terror Alert Levels to Estimate the Effect of Police on Crime." *Journal of Law and Economics*, 48(1): 267-279 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/48JLE267.pdf>

Thursday

Research Design and Causal Inference

Jonathan Klick and Thomas Stratmann (2003). "The Effect of Abortion Legalization on Sexual Behavior: Evidence from Sexually Transmitted Diseases." *Journal of Legal Studies*, 32(2): 407-433 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/32JLS407.pdf>

Jonathan Klick and Thomas Stratmann (2008). "Abortion Access and Risky Sex Among Teens: Parental Involvement Laws and Sexually Transmitted Diseases." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 24(1): 2-21 available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/24JLEO2.pdf>

Jonathan Klick, Sven Neelsen, and Thomas Stratmann (forthcoming). "Abortion Liberalization and Sexual Behavior: International Evidence." *American Law and Economics Review* available at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/KlickALER.pdf>

Friday

Advanced Topics