Over the course of this semester, I'm requiring that each student do two presentations of significant papers of the student’s choosing (ideally, these relate to the research interests of the student). The first presentation will have an emphasis on modeling of economic behavior, although the paper can have an empirical bent (ideally, it has a model and empirical component). The second presentation will have an emphasis on identification strategies and the paper need not have a formal model, but must have an empirical component.

The modeling papers will be presented on February 9 and 16. We’ll go in alphabetical order here, so Das, Deaton, and Esona will go on Feb 9 and Lin, Ndrianasy, and Salimullah on Feb 16.

The empirical papers will be presented on April 19 and 26. We’ll go by reverse alphabetical order here, so Salimullah, Ndrianasy, and Lin on April 19 and Esona, Deaton, and Das on April 26.

Please select papers published in top general interest or field journals - or NBER working papers. More recent papers are, all else equal, preferred to old papers. Please approve your choice of paper with me at least two weeks before you are to present it. Feel free to ask questions if you need guidance selecting a paper.

Presentations will be 45 minutes long, with 10-15 minutes for class discussion following the talk. It is expected that all students in the class will have read the papers. Please present as if you were giving the paper as your own in an academic seminar, and expect questions from an audience along the way. Please cover at least the following in your talks:

1. Motivation/Importance
2. Economic model
3. Data (if any)
4. Empirical model (if any)
5. Results
6. Conclusions/implications