WESTERN STATES GRADUATE WORKSHOP IN ECONOMICS

OCTOBER 25, 2014

8:00 – 8:30  Breakfast and Welcome                     JJR Library
8:30 – 10:15  Session I                               JJR Library
             Iris Buder | U of Utah
             An economic assessment of a coaching intervention to increase wellness activities among culturally diverse women: Early results from Utah's UWAG experiment
             Discussant: Zain Siddiqui | U of Utah
             Aanston Frazier | CSU
             Testing the effects of Malpractice risk on Obstetrician Behavior: The effect of Tort Reform Laws on a Cross State Metro Area
             Discussant: Iris Buder | U of Utah
             Jacki Strenio | U of Utah
             Return of the Midwife: State Regulatory Environment and the Supply of Certified Nurse-Midwives
             Discussant: Aanston Frazier | CSU

10:30 – 12:30 Session II A                           JJR Library
             Jose Galvez | CSU
             An Empirical Analysis of the Structural Determinants of Latin American Informal Economies
             Discussant: Humberto René Espinoza Molina | U of Utah
             Joyita Roy Chowdhury | U of Utah
             Insecurities of the workers in the informal enterprises: a study of West Bengal in comparison to Kerala
             Discussants: Jose Galvez | CSU
             Michael Yeadon | CSU
             Entrepreneurship and growth: do we need to differentiate between opportunity and necessity entrepreneurship?
             Discussant: Rick Haskell | U of Utah
             Chris Blake | CSU
             Does Sector-Level Compensation Equal Worker Marginal Productivity Across States?
             Discussant: Joshua Hess | CSU

10:30 – 12:30 Session II B                           OSH 208
             Chris D McCarthy | CSU
             International Reserve Accumulation beyond Adequacy: Policies and Portfolio Management Styles
             Discussant: Mahfuz Raihan | U of Utah
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             A dynamic general equilibrium model for determining yields on municipal bond market for states under US monetary union
             Discussant: Chris D McCarthy | CSU
             Jake Jennings | U of Utah
             Macroeconomic Theories of Consumption: The Net Worth-Credit Link
             Discussant: Michael Roberts | CSU
             Ahmad Borazan | U of Utah
             A Comparative Study On Income Distribution And Growth
             Discussants: Alexander Duvall-Pelham | CSU

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch                                   JJR Class
13:30 – 15:15  Session III A  
**Alex Kangas | U of Utah**  
Regulatory Institutions and the Golden Age of Capitalism  
Discussant: **Mimi Houston | CSU**  
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Marx, Ostrom, and the Tragedy of the Global Commons  
Discussant: **Alex Kangas | U of Utah**  
**Jason Whittle | U of Utah**  
A Bayesian updating look at CO2 production: 1970-2010  
Discussant: **Johan Uribe | U of Utah**

13:30 – 15:15  Session III B  
**Jonathan Care | CSU**  
Influencing Investment through strategic labor and environmental policy-making  
Discussant: **Anil Aba | U of Utah**  
**Ali Jalali | U of Utah**  
An ARDL Bounds Test Approach to FDI Kuznets Curve  
Discussant: **Chris Blake | CSU**  
**Anil Aba | U of Utah**  
Does the Relative Profit Rate Influence Foreign Direct Investment? Evidence from a Panel of Countries  
Discussant: **Jonathan Care | CSU**

15:30 – 17:30  Session IV  
**Nikki Alexander | U of Denver**  
The Education Lorenz Curve: Exploring Education and Social Mobility in a Lorenz Curve Framework  
Discussant: **Ali Jalali | U of Utah**  
**Rick Haskell | U of Utah**  
The effects of dual-credit enrollment programs on underrepresented student populations: the Utah case  
Discussant: **Nikki Alexander | U of Denver**  
**Michael Roberts | CSU**  
Conspicuous Consumption: A Hawk-Dove Game  
Discussant: **Matthew Kosko | U of Utah**  
**Joshua Hess | CSU**  
The Economics of Beer Goggles  
Discussant: **Jason Whittle | U of Utah**

17:30 – 18:00  Closing remarks and feedback