## 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 JJR Library

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 OSH 208

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 JJR Library

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 JJR Library