

Economics 150B: Revised Required Readings and Class Schedule, February and March.

Feb 3: (D) Education as a Signal

Readings: Borjas, Chapter 7 (pp. 268-274)

Feb 5: Human Capital II: Job Training

Readings: Borjas, Chapter 7 (pp. 274-287)

Feb 10-12: Labor Market Discrimination

Readings: Borjas, Chapter 10

Kahn, Lawrence M., and Peter D. Sherer (1988): "Racial Differences in Professional Basketball Player's Compensation," *Journal of Labor Economics*, 6: 40-61.

Feb 17: Midterm #2

Feb 19: Continuation of section on Labor Market Discrimination

Feb 24 – Mar 3: Labor Market Mobility: Migration and Immigration

Readings: Borjas, Chapter 9 (pp. 321-351)

Card, David (1990): "The Impact of the Mariel Boatlift on the Miami Labor Market," *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 43: 245-257.

March 5: Midterm #3

March 10: Other Aspects of the Wage Structure:

Labor Market Returns to Computer Usage

Readings: Krueger, Alan B. (1993): "How Computers Changed the Wage Structure: Evidence From Micro Data," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 108: 33-60.

DiNardo, John and Jorn-Steffen Pischke (1997): "The Returns to Computer Use Revisited: Have Pencils Changed the Wage Structure Too?" *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 112: 291-303.

Mar 12: Changes in Earnings Inequality in the U.S.: Facts and Potential Explanations

Borjas, Chapter 8 (pp. 293-318)

