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In 2003, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics initiated the new American Time Use Survey, a comprehensive national survey providing details of daily living. This annual, ongoing survey will provide information to economists, sociologists, and demographers regarding adult time choices. Economists use time use data to study a variety of topics. In this series, authors will present research on shift work, household production and retirement, male nonworkers, inequality, and caregiving.

The public lectures in this series form the basis of two courses to be supervised by Professor Kimmel. Economics 591 and 592 (one credit each) are open to graduate and advanced undergraduate students.

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Public lectures on Wednesdays*
at 3:00 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall
*(Hamermesh seminar on Friday)

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October 20, 2006

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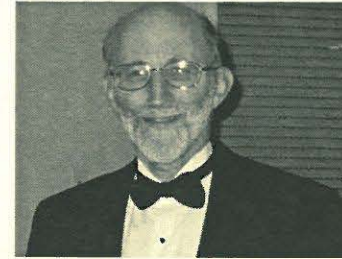
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This series is directed by Jean Kimmel, Associate Professor of Economics.

The Economics of Time Use



Daniel S. Hamermesh
University of Texas

October 20, 2006

Professor Daniel S. Hamermesh is Edward Everett Hale Centennial Professor of Economics at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society and the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn), and was President of the Society of Labor Economists in 2001. He is IZA Program Director for its program area "The Future of Labor." Professor Hamermesh is a renowned labor economist and extremely prolific researcher who has seminal publications in labor demand, social insurance programs, and academic labor markets, as well as unusual applications in labor economics, such as the labor market consequences of beauty. In the area of time use, he has written papers on numerous topics including retirement, sleep, time allocation across the day, the week and the year, and the measurement of household production.

**The Daily Activities of Shift
Workers and their Spouses**



Anne E. Polivka
Bureau of Labor Statistics
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November 8, 2006

Anne Polivka, Ph.D., has been a Research Economist on the staff of the Employment Research and Program Development staff at the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 17 years and currently supervises this Program's research staff. The bulk of her economics research has been in the area of labor economics and she has special expertise in survey design. Her previous responsibilities included working on the redesign of the monthly Current Population Survey, the primary source of employment and unemployment statistics in the United States. Her research areas have included the study of contingent and alternative work arrangements and she is credited for her involvement with conducting the CPS in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Household Production, Consumption and Retirement

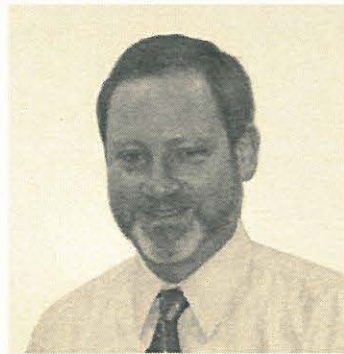


Jennifer L. Ward-Batts
Claremont McKenna College

December 6, 2006

Professor Ward-Batts, Assistant Professor of Economics at Claremont McKenna College, is a young but promising researcher with a growing body of research in the areas of retirement, taxes, and family-decision making. She has received research support from the MacArthur Research Network on the Family and the Economy and the Michigan Retirement Research Center. Additionally, she received a National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral Fellowship in 1991-2001. She is Research Affiliate at the Michigan Retirement Research Center at the University of Michigan and a Research Fellow at the Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children.

What do Male Nonworkers Do?



Jay Stewart
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Bureau of Labor Statistics

February 21, 2007

Jay Stewart, Ph.D. is a Research Economist on the Employment Research and Program Development Staff at the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). He has extensive experience analyzing large survey datasets, including the American Time Use Survey, in which he has been involved since its early planning stages in the 1990s. His past research has examined contracting under moral hazard and adverse selection, and trends in real wages, job stability and job security. His time use research includes studies of retirement behavior and the implications of household production for measures of inequality.

The Impact of Americans' Housework on Economic Inequality Over Time



Cathleen D. Zick
University of Utah

March 14, 2007

Cathleen Zick is Professor and Director of the Master's Program in Public Policy at the University of Utah. She is a family and consumer economist who has extensive research experience in the areas of household time allocation, household structure and economic well-being, and family and consumer policy. She is co-author (with W. Keith Bryant) of *The Economic Organization of the Household*, now in its second edition. She serves on the editorial boards of five journals and is currently the President-Elect of the American Council on Consumer Interests.

The Value of Unpaid Childcare in the United States (coauthored with Jayoung Yoon)



Nancy Folbre
University of Massachusetts-Amherst

April 11, 2007

Nancy Folbre is Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts. Her research explores the synergies between economics and feminist theory, focusing on non-market work and the evolution of social institutions governing public support for childrearing. She was one of the 1998 recipients of the MacArthur Foundation's Five-Year Fellowship and co-chair of the Foundation's Research Network on the Family and the Economy from 1997 to 2003. She has written several important books including *The Invisible Heart: Economics and Family Values* (published in 2001).