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1993-94 Lecture-Seminar Series

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The Underground Economy is the thirteenth Annual Public Lecture Series organized by the Department of Economics at Western Michigan University. In this series the concerns of policymakers and economists about the alleged growth in underground legal and illegal economic activity are explored. This year's series is directed by Susan Pozo of the WMU Economics Department and is co-sponsored by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. All lectures (followed by a question and answer session) are open to the public. For further information please contact Professor Pozo at (616)387-5558.

The guest scholars also participate in a seminar for graduate students and advanced undergraduates. This seminar is offered for academic credit to students enrolled at Western Michigan University. Interested guests are also welcome.

Directions: From I-94, take the second right onto the Stadium or the Miller Auditorium parking ramp. Guests are also welcome.

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The Underground Economy
Wednesday evenings
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauss Hall
Fall Semester
Edward L. Feige
University of Wisconsin, Madison
September 29, 1993
James Robert Alm
University of Colorado at Boulder
October 27, 1993
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RAND Corporation
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Johns Hopkins University
January 19, 1994
Ann Dryden Witte
Wellesley College and Florida International University
February 16, 1994
Richard B. Freeman
Harvard University and National Bureau of Economic Research
March 30, 1994

The Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Michigan University gratefully acknowledges the co-sponsorship of this lecture-seminar series by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, Michigan. This series is directed by Dr. Susan Pozo, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University.

Meanings, Measures and Implications of the Underground Economy
Wednesday, September 29, 1993
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauss Hall
WMU

Edward L. Feige
Professor of Economics
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Professor Feige earned a B.A. (1958) from Columbia University and Ph.D. in Economics (1963) from the University of Chicago. He then joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Professor Feige has traveled extensively spending time at the University of Essex, the Autonomous University of Madrid, and the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study. He has also served as consultant to many agencies and organizations, including the U.S. Treasury Department, Instituto Libertad y Democracia (Lima, Peru), and Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation.


Professor Feige will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.

Explaining Tax Compliance
October 27, 1993
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauss Hall
WMU

James Robert Alm
Associate Professor of Economics
University of Colorado at Boulder
Professor James Alm has a B.A. from Earlham College (1972), an MA from the University of Chicago (1974) and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison (1980). He has held faculty positions at Robert Morris College, Syracuse University and since 1983 has been at the University of Colorado at Boulder.


Alm has consulted and prepared reports for many organizations including The World Bank, The United States Agency for International Development, The Urban Institute, The United States Government Accounting Office, and the Comptroller of the Currency.

Professor Alm will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.
Rand Corporation

Paradoxes of the Informal Economy: The Social Basis of Unregulated Entrepreneurship

Peter Reuter
Co-Director, Drug Policy Research Center
RAND Corporation

Dr. Peter Reuter has a B.A. from The University of New South Wales (1966), M. Phil (1971) and Ph.D. (1980) degrees from Yale University. He was a Visiting Scholar at the Brookings Institution before joining The RAND Corporation in 1981 as Senior Economist. Reuter became Co-Director of the Drug Policy Research Center at RAND in 1989.


Reuter has lent his expertise to numerous universities and other organizations. He has taught at the University of Maryland and American University. He has frequently given Congressional Testimony and is recipient of numerous grants for the study of drug markets and drug policy.

Dr. Reuter will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.

Ann Dryden Witte
Professor of Economics, Wellesley College and Professor of Public Administration, Florida International University

Paradoxes of the Informal Economy: The Social Basis of Unregulated Entrepreneurship

Ann Dryden Witte

Professor of Economics, Wellesley College and Professor of Public Administration, Florida International University

Professor Witte earned a B.A. degree from the University of Florida (1963), an M.A. degree from Columbia University (1965) and a Ph.D. in Economics from North Carolina State University (1971). In 1972 she began teaching at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Since 1985 she has been Professor of Economics at Wellesley College and concurrently holds a faculty position at Florida International University in the Department of Public Administration.

Professor Witte is a prolific writer in several areas of economics. She is a known authority in the economics of crime, recidivism, rehabilitation, and tax compliance.


Professor Witte has lent her expertise to various organizations and committees. She currently serves on the Committee on Foreign Tax Matters (American Tax Policy Institute) and Technical Expert Group for the National Evaluation of Projects for Pregnant Substance Abusing Women and Infants (Department of Health and Human Services). Witte is Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Professor Witte will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.