

Course on Household Economics, Domestic Violence, and the Law

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DETAILED OUTLINE (to be updated)

Session 1 (1.5 hours)

Household Economics: a Historical Perspective

- Modern Household Economics at Columbia and Chicago in the period 1960-1980
- The outcomes of interest:
 - (1) marriage, cohabitation or ...?
 - (2) decisions that individual often make while in intimate relationships, such as labor supply, personal consumption, and investments in own or children's human capital
- Household Economics prior to 1960

Readings:

Grossbard, Shoshana. "The New Home Economics at Columbia and Chicago." In *Jacob Mincer: A Pioneer of Modern Labor Economics*, edited by Shoshana Grossbard. Springer US, 2006. <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9780387291741>.

Folbre, Nancy. "The 'Sphere of Women' in Early Twentieth Century Economics." In *Gender and American Social Science*, edited by Helene Silverberg. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1998. <https://press.princeton.edu/titles/6259.html>.

Session 2 (1.5 hours)

Modeling Decision-Making in Households and Exchanges between Household Members

- Extended Families
- Nuclear Families
- Macro-level implications, including effects of sex ratio

Readings:

Appendix to Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Chapter 3 and Chapter 6 in Grossbard, Shoshana. *The Marriage Motive: A Price Theory of Marriage: How Marriage Markets Affect Employment, Consumption, and Savings*. New York: Springer-Verlag, 2015. <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9781461416227>.

Grossbard-Shechtman, Shoshana. *On the Economics of Marriage - A Theory of Marriage, Labor and Divorce*, 1993. https://mpira.ub.uni-muenchen.de/81832/5/MPRA_paper_81059.pdf.

Charles, Kerwin Kofi, and Ming Ching Luoh. "Male Incarceration, the Marriage Market, and Female Outcomes." *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 92, no. 3 (May 17, 2010): 614–27. https://doi.org/10.1162/REST_a_00022.

Grosjean, Pauline and Rose Khattar. "It's Raining Men! Hallelujah? The Long-Run Consequences of Male-Biased Sex Ratios." *Review of Economic Studies*, Vol. 86(2), March 2019: 723–754.

Porter, Maria. "How Do Sex Ratios in China Influence Marriage Decisions and Intra-Household Resource Allocation?" *Review of Economics of the Household* 14, no. 2 (June 1, 2016): 337–71. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11150-014-9262-9>.

Session 3 (1.5 hours)

Micro-level implications: introducing marriage markets in the study of labor supply, household production, couple formation, fertility and more

- Labor Supply
- Household production

Readings:

Grossbard-Shechtman, Shoshana A., and Shoshana Neuman. "Women's Labor Supply and Marital Choice." *Journal of Political Economy* 96, no. 6 (1988): 1294–1302.

Chiappori, Pierre-André, Sonia Oreffice, and Climent Quintana-Domeque. "Fatter Attraction: Anthropometric and Socioeconomic Matching on the Marriage Market." *Journal of Political Economy* 120, no. 4 (August 1, 2012): 659–95. <https://doi.org/10.1086/667941>.

Badgett, M. Lee, Gary Gates, and Natalya Maisel. "Registered Domestic Partnerships among Gay Men and Lesbians: The Role of Economic Factors." *Review of Economics of the Household* 6, no. 4 (2008): 327–46.

Session 4 (1.5 hours)

Economic analyses of effects of laws related to marriage and divorce

Readings:

Grossbard-Shechtman., Shoshana. "Marriage Market Models." In *The New Economics of Human Behaviour* Edited by Mariano Tommasi, 1995. <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511599040>.

Abraham Chigavazira, Hayley Fisher, Tim Robinson, and Anna Zhu "The consequences of extending equitable property division divorce laws to cohabitants." IZA DP No. 12102, January 2019.

Wong, Ho-Po Crystal. "Credible Commitments and Marriage: When The Homemaker Gets Her Share At Divorce." *Journal of Demographic Economics* 82, no. 3 (September 2016): 241–79. <https://doi.org/10.1017/dem.2016.9>.

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Session 5 (1.5 hours)

Domestic violence: an interdisciplinary perspective.

- The economic perspective
- The legal perspective
- The sociological perspective

Readings:

To be assigned later.