

Prof Grossbard, Fall 2009

Economics 382: Economics of Work, Marriage and the Family  
TOPICS AND READINGS

Note: many of the readings are out of *Marriage and the Economy* (MAE) edited by Shoshana Grossbard-Shechtman, Cambridge U Press, 2003. The other readings are collected in a Reader available at Calcoply or can be downloaded from the web.

**I. Introduction to the Course**

**II. Marriage, Cohabitation, and Divorce**

R1. Betsey Stevenson and Justin Wolfers, "Marriage and divorce: changes and their driving forces" *J of Economic Perspectives*, Spring 2007, pp 27-52.

Chapters 1 (by Grossbard) and 3 (by Lehrer) in MAE (*Marriage and the Economy*)

R2. MV Lee Badgett, Gary Gates and Natalya Maisel, "Registered domestic partnerships among gay men and lesbians: the role of economic factors." *Review of Economics of the Household*, December 2008, forthcoming

R3. Article by Donna St George on marriage and parenthood, *NY Times*.

R4. Hamilton, Darrick, Arthur H. Goldsmith and William A. Darity Jr. 2009. "Shedding "Light" on Marriage: The Influence of Skin Shade on Marriage for Black Females." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, forthcoming.

**III. Economics of Love and Money**

Chapter 5 in MAE by Woolley

R5. Selected readings on material benefits and electronic dating

["Do women value marriage more? The effect of obesity on cohabitation and marriage in the USA"](#) by [Sankar Mukhopadhyay](#), Review of Economics of the Household, [Volume 6, Number 2 / June, 2008](#)

[Intrahousehold allocation of financial resources: evidence from South Korean individual bank accounts](#) by [Jungmin Lee](#) and [Mark L. Pockock](#), Review of Economics of the Household, [Volume 5, Number 1 / March, 2007](#)

**IV. Household Chores**

Chapter 9 (by Hersch) in MAE

R6 Almudena Sevilla Sanz “Divison of Household Labor and Household Formation.” *J of Population Economics*, forthcoming

Leisure/work debate on



<http://freakonomics.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/06/11/another-economist-heard-from-in-the-leisurework-debate/> and article by Dubner and Levitt that this responded to.

R7. Shoshana Grossbard, J Ignacio Gimenez and J Alberto Molina. “Household Chores and Racial Discrimination”, Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meetings of the European Economics Society, Barcelona, August 2009.

## **V. Work in the Labor Force**



[Labour force participation of women and « marriage market » in the USA \(English\)](#)

Chapter 10 (by Grossbard and Neuman) in MAE

## **VI. Children as Economic Agents**

Shelly Lundberg, Jennifer L. Romich and Kwok Ping Tsang “Decision-making by children.” *Review of Economics of the Household*, Vol 7, March 2009.

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/618610672t3ml3r5/?p=953665ef5c504e1ba1796a4c9a344920&pi=38>

[Leaving Home in Europe: The Role of Parents’ and Children’s Incomes](#) by [David le Blanc](#) and [François-Charles Wolff](#), *Review of Economics of the Household*, Volume 4, Number 1 / March, 2006

## **VII. Family Policies**

Chapter 4 by (Whittington and Alm) in MAE

[PERSPECTIVE ARTICLE: The impact of Nordic countries’ family friendly policies on employment, wages, and children](#) by [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), [Nina Smith](#) and [Mette Verner](#), *Review of Economics of the Household*, Volume 6, Number 1 / March, 2008