

AREC 815: Experimental and Behavioral Economics

Presentation Assignment 1

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You will “teach” one of the papers listed below to the class during the week of September 26.

Your teaching of a paper should involve a (no more than!) 20 minute presentation of the paper’s content: research question, experimental design and/or empirical strategy, results. Your presentation should include any key figures or tables from the paper. You should discuss the methodological aspects of the paper in as much detail as time allows; remember, these papers will may be covered on the exam, and you are responsible for teaching them to your classmates. The concluding section of the presentation should summarize (what you perceive as) the paper’s key strengths and, more importantly, weaknesses. You should propose an extension to the experiment or analysis described in the paper that would address the weaknesses you highlight.

You are required to prepare slides; these must be saved in the AREC shared folder no later than 9:00 AM on September 26.

For this presentation, you must use beamer. For those of you unfamiliar with beamer, I’ve placed the slides from the first lecture in the shared folder (within the presentation subfolder). There are also many beamer resources available on the web; I recommend googling “latex beamer guide” if you are having any trouble.

Eligible Papers:

- Ashraf, Nava. (2009) “Spousal Control and Intra-Household Decision Making: An Experimental Study in the Philippines,” *American Economic Review*, 99(4): 1245–1277.
- Barr, Abigail. (2005) “Trust and Expected Trustworthiness: Experimental Evidence from Zimbabwean Villages,” *Economic Journal*, 113: 614–630.
- Barr, Abigail, Truman Packard, and Danila Serra. (2014) Participatory accountability and collective action: Experimental evidence from Albania, *European Economic Review*, 68: 250–269.
- Finan, Federico, and Laura Schechter. (2012) “Vote-Buying and Reciprocity,” *Econometrica*, 80(2): 863–881.
- Karlan, Dean. (2005) “Using Experimental Economics to Measure Social Capital and Predict Financial Decisions,” *American Economic Review*, 95(5): 1688–1699.
- Kube, S., Marechal, M. A., and Puppea, C. (2012) “The currency of reciprocity: Gift exchange in the workplace,” *American Economic Review*, 102(4): 1644–1662.
- Schechter, Laura. (2007) “Traditional Trust Measurement and the Risk Confound: An Experiment in Rural Paraguay,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 62(2): 272–292.