



## ECON 492 – Senior Seminar, Sections 2 & 4 Spring 2019 - *Sports Economics*



In this seminar we will examine the application of economics, particularly microeconomics, labor economics, and public finance, to sports issues, such as the relationship between player salaries and performance, salary caps and competitive balance, stadium subsidies and team success, spending and winning in college sports. Seminar participants will complete a research project (paper and presentation) that applies economic theory and uses data to explain observed behavior in sports.

Instructor: Dr. Nancy Jianakoplos

Prerequisites: Senior status, ECON 304, 306 and 335 (or concurrent registration)

Section 2, CRN: 14968: 9:30-10:45 TR, Clark C363

Section 4, CRN: 23114: 2:00-3:15 TR, Clark A27



## ECON 492 – Senior Seminar, Section 5 Spring 2019 – *Economics in the News*

Students will use the analytical and quantitative tools they have gained throughout their studies to examine timely issues. Topics may include: trade wars, minimum wage increases, increasing apartment rents in Denver, health insurance, and other areas for which economics can provide important insights. Policy implications will be central.

Instructor: Dr. Martin Shields

Prerequisites: Senior status, ECON 304, 306 and 335 (or concurrent registration)

Section 5, CRN: 24847: 9:30-10:45 TR, Clark C364



### **ECON 492 – Senior Seminar, Section 3**

#### **Spring 2019 - *Economics of Natural Resources and Development***

This course focuses on a key paradox of modern economic development: Why is it that, despite the importance of natural capital for sustainable economic development, increasing economic dependence on natural resource exploitation appears to be a hindrance to growth and development in today's low and middle-income economies? To explore this paradox, the course focuses on the role of natural resources in economic development, covering both macro-economic and micro-economic aspects of this relationship. It is designed as a senior seminar course, and aims to give students a sense of current theories, debates, historical perspectives and methodologies concerning natural resources and economic development, while also allowing students to develop and utilize their skills in economics to analyze a relevant topic of their choice. The course is divided between lectures and readings, and a group project. Students will work together in groups to survey and analyze various central considerations in the economics of natural resources and development. The course will culminate in a poster session in which students share with each other the findings of their research.

Instructor: Dr. Edward Barbier

Prerequisites: Senior status, ECON 304, 306 and 335 (or concurrent registration)  
Section 3, CRN: 13446: 11:00-12:15 TR, ANSCI 131