



**FREE MARKET
INSTITUTE**

TEXAS TECH
Research & Innovation

McLane Teammates Reading Program

Economics and Social Issues: Markets and the Marginalized

Participants explore a number of questions concerning both historical and contemporary views espoused by economists on issues related to marginalized groups. Key questions include:

- How do markets and governments either help or hinder disadvantaged groups?
- What role has race played in the history of economic thought?
- What are the effects of discrimination in labor markets?
- What are the consequences of mass incarceration?
- What are the different views on the gender pay gap?
- How can we explain the persistence of poverty among native populations in the U.S.?

Reading Schedule

Session 1 – Equality and Hierarchy

- Levy, David M. and Sandra J. Peart. (2001) “The Secret History of the Dismal Science. Part I. Economics, Religion and Race in the 19th Century.” January 22. Library of Economics and Liberty. Accessed at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/LevyPeartdismal.html>.
- ——— (2001) “The Secret History of the Dismal Science. Part II. Brotherhood, Trade, and the Negro Question.” March 26. Accessed at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/LevyPeartdismal2.html>.
- ——— (2001) “The Secret History of the Dismal Science. Part III. The Governor Eyre Controversy.” June 4. Accessed at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/LevyPeartdismal3.html>.
- ——— (2001) “The Secret History of the Dismal Science. Part IV. Paternalism, Hierarchy, and Markets.” August 27. Accessed at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/LevyPeartdismal4.html>.
- ——— (2001) “The Secret History of the Dismal Science. Part V. Parasite Economics and Market Exchange.” December 17. Accessed at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/LevyPeartdismal5.html>.
- Leonard, Thomas C. (2016) “Redeeming American Economic Life.” In *Illiberal Reformers: Race, Eugenics & American Economics in the Progressive Era*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 3-16.
- ——— (2016) “Turning Illiberal.” 17-26.

Session 2 – Eugenics

- Leonard, Thomas C. (2016) “Valuing Labor: What Should Labor Get?” In *Illiberal Reformers: Race, Eugenics & American Economics in the Progressive Era*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 77-88.
- ——— (2016) “Darwinism in Economic Reform.” 89-108.



**FREE MARKET
INSTITUTE**

TEXAS TECH
Research & Innovation

McLane Teammates Reading Program

Economics and Social Issues: Markets and the Marginalized

Session 2 – Eugenics (Continued)

- ——— (2016) “Eugenics and Race in Economic Reform.” 109-128.
- ——— (2016) “Excluding the Unemployable.” 129-140.
- Weisberger, Bernard A. and Marshall Steinbaum. (2016) “The Exclusionist Legacy of Progressive Economics.” *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*. March 15. Washington, DC. Accessed at <http://democracyjournal.org/arguments/the-exclusionist-legacy-of-progressive-economics/>.

Session 3 – Wage Gaps

- Harford, Timothy. (2009) “The Dangers of Rational Racism.” In *The Logic of Life: The Rational Economics of an Irrational World*. New York, NY: Random House Trade Paperbacks. 130-148.
- Fishback, Price. (1998) “Competition and Erosion of Employer-Based Discrimination.” In “Operations of ‘Unfettered’ Labor Markets: Exit and Voice in American Labor Markets at the Turn of the Century.” *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 36, No. 2. 740-747.
- Williams, Walter E. (2011) “Is Discrimination a Complete Barrier to Economic Mobility.” In *Race and Economics: How Much Can Be Blamed on Discrimination?* Stanford, CA: Hoover Institution Press. 11-30.
- Goldin, Claudia. (2008) “Gender Gap.” In David R. Henderson, Ed., *The Concise Encyclopedia of Economics*. Indianapolis, IN: Liberty Fund, Inc. Accessed at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Enc/GenderGap.html>.
- Goldin, Claudia. (2015) “How to Achieve Gender Equality.” *Milken Institute Review*, July (Q3). 24-33.
- Waldfogel, Jane. (1998) “Understanding the ‘Family Gap’ in Pay for Women with Children.” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 12, No. 1. 137-156.

Session 4 – Labor Regulation

- Leonard, Thomas C. (2016) “Excluding Immigrants and the Unproductive.” In *Illiberal Reformers: Race, Eugenics & American Economics in the Progressive Era*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 141-168.
- Williams, Walter E. (2011) “Race and Wage Regulation.” In *Race and Economics: How Much Can Be Blamed on Discrimination?* Stanford, CA: Hoover Institution Press. 31-58.
- ——— (2011) “Occupational and Business Licensing.” 59-82.
- ——— (2011) “Excluding Blacks from Trades.” 83-110.



**FREE MARKET
INSTITUTE**

TEXAS TECH
Research & Innovation

McLane Teammates Reading Program

Economics and Social Issues: Markets and the Marginalized

Session 4 – Labor Regulation (Continued)

- Holzer, Harry J. and David Neumark. (2008) “Affirmative Action” In Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence E. Blume, Eds. *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2nd Ed., Vol. 1. New York, NY: Palgrave MacMillan. 39-43.
- Fryer, Jr., Roland G. and Glenn C. Loury. (2005) “Affirmative Action and Its Mythology.” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 19, No. 3. 147-162.

Session 5 – Women’s Liberation

- Leonard, Thomas C. (2016) “Excluding Women.” In *Illiberal Reformers: Race, Eugenics & American Economics in the Progressive Era*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 170-186.
- Goldin, Claudia. (2006) “The Quiet Revolution that Transformed Women’s Employment, Education, and Family.” *The American Economic Review*, Vol. 96, No. 2. 1-21.
- Horwitz, Steven. (2015) “Gender and Family in the Twentieth Century.” In *Hayek’s Modern Family: Classical Liberalism and the Evolution of Social Institutions*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. 101-134.

Session 6 – Segregation

- Harford, Timothy. (2009) “In the Neighborhood.” In *The Logic of Life: The Rational Economics of an Irrational World*. New York, NY: Random House Trade Paperbacks. 109-129.
- Rothstein, Richard (2014) “The Making of Ferguson: Public Policies at the Root of its Troubles.” *Economic Policy Institute Report*. October 15. Washington, DC: Economic Policy Institute. Accessed at <http://www.epi.org/publication/making-ferguson/>.
- Roback, Jennifer. (1986) “The Political Economy of Segregation: The Case of Segregated Streetcars.” *The Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 46, No. 4. 893-917.

Session 7 – Mass Incarceration

- Loury, Glenn. (2008) *Race, Incarceration, and American Values*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. 3-37.
- Pfaff, John F. (2014) “Escaping from the Standard Story: Why the Conventional Wisdom on Prison Growth is Wrong, and Where We Can Go from Here.” *Federal Sentencing Reporter*, Vol. 26, No. 4. 265-270.
- Skarbek, David. (2014) “The Convict Code.” In *The Social Order of the Underworld: How Prison Gangs Govern the American Penal System*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. 17-42.



**FREE MARKET
INSTITUTE**

TEXAS TECH
Research & Innovation

McLane Teammates Reading Program

Economics and Social Issues: Markets and the Marginalized

Session 8 – Gangs

- Sobel, Russell. (2010) “More Gangs, Less Crime.” *Library of Economics and Liberty*. September 6. Indianapolis, IN: Liberty Fund, Inc. Accessed at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/y2010/Sobelgangs.html>.
- Skarbek, David. (2014) “The Rise of Prison Gangs.” In *The Social Order of the Underworld: How Prison Gangs Govern the American Penal System*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. 47-72.
- ——— (2014) “Governance in the Society of Captives.” 75-104.

Session 9 – Rural Poverty

- Vance, J.D. (2016) “Chapter 15.” In *Hillbilly Elogy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*. New York, NY: Harper Collins. 235-247.
- Boddy, Jessica. (2017) “The Forces Driving Middle-Aged White People’s ‘Deaths of Despair.’” *Morning Edition*. March 23. Washington, DC: National Public Radio. Accessed at <http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/03/23/521083335/the-forces-driving-middle-aged-white-peoples-deaths-of-despair>.
- Murray, Charles. (2012) “The Foundation of the New Upper Class.” In *Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010*. New York, NY: Random House. 46-68.
- ——— (2012) “Belmont and Fishtown.” 148-152.
- ——— (2012) “Industriousness.” 172-192.
- Glaeser, Edward. (2017) “The War on Work – and How to End It.” *City Journal*. Special Issue: The Shape of Work to Come 2017, Issue #312. New York, NY: Manhattan Institute for Policy Research.

Session 10 – Native Americans

- Anderson, Terry L. and Peter J. Hill. (2004) “Might Takes Rights in Indian Country.” In *The Not So Wild, Wild West: Property Rights on the Frontier*. Stanford, CA: Stanford Economics and Finance. 53-76.
- Riley, Naomi Shaefer. (2016) “Someone Else’s Responsibility: Property Rights as Native Rights.” In *The New Trail of Tears: How Washington is Destroying American Indians*. New York, NY: Encounter Books. 3-46.
- Frye, Dustin and Dominic P. Parker. (2016) “Paternalism vs. Sovereignty: The Long-Run Economic Effects of the Indian Reorganization Act.” In Terry L. Anderson, Ed., *Unlocking the Wealth of Indian Nations*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. 224-241.



**FREE MARKET
INSTITUTE**

TEXAS TECH
Research & Innovation

McLane Teammates Reading Program

Economics and Social Issues: Markets and the Marginalized

Optional Reading Schedule

Session 1 – Equality and Hierarchy

- Levy, David M. and Sandra J. Peart. (2002) “The Secret History of the Dismal Science. Part VI. Eugenics and the Amoralization of Economics.” May 13. Library of Economics and Liberty. Accessed at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/LevyPeartdismal6.html>.
- Leonard, Thomas C. (2016) “Becoming Experts.” in *Illiberal Reformers: Race, Eugenics & American Economics in the Progressive Era*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 27-54

Session 3 – Wage Gaps

Symposium: Discrimination on Product, Credit and Labor Markets

- Yinger, John. (1998) “Evidence of Discrimination in Consumer Markets.” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 12, No. 2. 23-40.
- Ladd, Helen F. (1998) “Evidence of Discrimination in Mortgage Lending.” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 12, No. 2. 41-62.
- Darity, Jr., William A. and Patrick L. Mason. (1998) “Evidence of Discrimination in Employment: Codes of Color, Codes of Gender.” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 12, No. 2. 63-90.
- Arrow, Kenneth J. (1998) “What Has Economics to Say about Racial Discrimination?” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 12, No. 2. 91-100.
- Heckman, James J. (1998) “Detecting Discrimination.” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 12, No. 2. 101-116.
- Loury, Glenn. (1998) “Discrimination in the Post-Civil Rights Era: Beyond Market Interactions.” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 12, No. 2. 117-126.