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### PSU Economics Department Seminar (1 credit per term)

Economics majors, graduate students and other students currently enrolled in an economics course may earn one credit per term for enrollment in the PSU Economics Department Seminar. Students will be expected to attend four economics seminars in a term, submitting a short, written discussion of each. There is no limit to the number of terms for which students may enroll in the Economics Seminar; however only 4 credits of seminar may be applied toward an undergraduate economics major or minor. Economics graduate students are expected to enroll in the seminar, and may apply up to 4 credits toward the master's degree.

The seminars will be presented by PSU faculty, faculty from other academic institutions or other professional economists, from a variety of approaches and on a wide range of topics. Students will therefore be exposed to the breadth of economics in practice at an advanced level, rather than the coherent study of a particular field or topic.

Undergraduates will be required to

- \* attend all four seminars; and
- \* submit a 1-page summary and discussion of each seminar, to be turned in within 7 days of the seminar, in hard copy to my mail box in the Economics Dept. lobby, 241 Cramer Hall.

Graduate students will be required to

- \* attend all four seminars; and
- \* submit a 2-page summary and discussion of each seminar that draws on your broader knowledge of economics, to be turned in within 7 days of the seminar, in hard copy to my mail box in the Economics Dept. lobby, 241 Cramer Hall.

I will use e-mail to communicate with you about any changes in the schedule. Please update the e-mail address PSU has for you, if need be. Most speakers are presenting papers, which are available for download from the departmental website at <http://www.pdx.edu/econ/seminars>.

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| Jan 20  | Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Attributes for Optimal Ecosystem Restoration Design”<br>Sahan Dissanayake, Visiting Faculty, Portland State University |
| Feb 3   | "A New History of Banking Panics in the United States, 1825-1929: Construction and Implications."<br>Andrew Jalil, Economics Dept., Reed College       |
| Feb. 24 | “Trilemma Stability and International Macroeconomic Archetypes”<br>Helen Popper, Santa Clara University  |
| March 2 | “Social Learning and Monetary Policy Rules”<br>Olena Kostyshyna  |