

## **AEM 7852: Sustainable Environment, Energy, and Resource Economics (SEERE) Seminar**

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**Course location and time:** Warren B75 Monday 1:25–2:40.

**Grading:** Grades are S/U only.

**Course Description:** The goal of this weekly seminar is to provide a formal and organized venue for EERE PhD students and faculty to interact and discuss research, and to learn about the frontier in the area.

Seminars by Cornell faculty and invited external speakers will last 90 minutes. Some of these seminars may be jointly held with other workshops on campus. The remaining seminar slots are for PhD students. Presentations may be long (60-75 minutes) for later stage projects, or short (15-30 minutes) to discuss early stage ideas. Short presentations should still have slides but you can think of them more as a group discussion (i.e. feel free to have very preliminary results, ask others for suggestions or what they think, talk about current challenges, etc).

**Students who plan to go on the market in environmental, energy and/or resource economics are required to do at least one long presentation per year starting their third year.** Second year students are strongly encouraged to do either a long or short presentation but are not required.

All students doing long presentations must send me a draft by the Friday before the presentation and I will make it available for download on the course Canvas page. The "draft" should be at least a first cut at a full paper. Those doing short presentations may circulate relevant material (slides, short write up, etc) before their talk, but it is not required. **Participants are expected to attend all seminars, read the draft in advance of the seminar, have a list of comments and suggestions for the speaker by the beginning of the seminar, and be an active participant during the seminar.** Written comments should be submitted to the presenter by e-mail with me cc'ed.

**Referee:** Those who are not presenting this semester must write a minimum two page referee report on an external speaker's paper. The structure should be something like:

- ~½ page summary of the paper.
- ~1 page of major comments that, if addressed, would significantly improve the paper. (e.g. I'm a little concerned about the identification strategy because of X, Y and Z. Maybe try A, B, C to rule out these potential confounders.)

- ~½ page of minor comments (e.g. Figure 1 was confusing, maybe instead plot X and Y...).

Referee reports are due one week after the talk. I'll circulate some example referee reports for you to get a sense of what they look like. **If you are presenting this semester you do not need to referee an external speaker's paper.**

**Readings:** The readings will consist of the draft of the weekly presenter.

**Written Assignments:** Students who are not discussing a paper are expected to submit written comments on the presenter's draft before the presentation.

### **Fall 2019 Schedule:**

**Presenter in bold** [student discussant in brackets]

September 9

September 16 **Dennis Wesselbaum – University of Otago**

September 23

September 30

October 7 **Katalin Springel - Georgetown**

October 21

October 28

November 4

November 13 **Antonio Bento – USC (Wednesday; Public/SEERE joint seminar)**

November 18

November 25

December 2

December 9