

## **Recent Economics Department Senior Honors Theses**

2007

Poverty reduction and government spending: An analysis of public spending on health care and education in Chile

Rural-to-urban migrants in Beijing: An analysis of migrant workers in the construction industry as Beijing prepares for the Olympics

The pricing behavior of retail gasoline firms: An empirical analysis

Forecasting power of valuation ratios in equity and real estate markets

2006

A comparative analysis of socio-economic development between Thailand and Bangladesh

The Asian Tigers' graduation from the U. S. Generalized System of Preferences: Effects on the remaining beneficiaries

Investigating the economic value-added of more advanced technical indicators

A study of the economic and environmental consequences of hybrid vehicles

Valuation of advanced wireless services spectrum: Historical regression and discounted cash flow models

Do school resources matter? Measuring the impact of school inputs on the percentage of students going on to college

Convertible bonds and their valuation

2005

Effectiveness of federal and state right-to-know toxic use reduction legislation in the printed wire board industry: An economic assessment of transparency in environmental protection legislation

Worker productivity: How job status can moderate the economic impact of illness

Game theory and antitrust law: Could the study of game theory contribute to a more efficient antitrust system?

Provincial income convergence between China and India

Tariff levels after a most-favored nation rule

2005 (cont'd)

The cotton triangle: United States market power in the nineteenth century raw cotton trade

Test of semi-strong form market efficiency using publicly traded soccer clubs in Europe

Understanding the gender wage gap in Japan: An economic and anthropological examination of gender discrimination in the Japanese labor force

2004

The Japanese postal savings system: Government-run savings bank hindering private bank profitability

Does trickle-down economics work? A study of Reagan's tax cuts and their effects on the economy and inequality

Financial sector development and macroeconomic stability in Central and Eastern European countries

The capital market effects of European airline industry liberalization

An analysis of specialty cooperative membership as a tool for increasing welfare for coffee farmers

The effect of district MCAS scores on property values

Implications of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the comprehensive HIV and AIDS care, management and treatment plan in the republic of South Africa

The favourite long-shot bias: Does it always exist?

An economic analysis of snowboarding's effect on the ski industry

Essays on exchange rate and monetary policy

How does the application of the current tort liability system to medical malpractice affect health care costs in the United States? Is reform necessary?

Revisiting the deregulation of the US airline industry

Cuba's private sector: Labor reallocation in the context of dollarization and economic reforms

2003

International intellectual property protection: north versus south and the TRIPS agreement

2003 (cont'd)

The discount in foreign exchange black markets in Colombia

The impact of educational inputs: A critical look at public education in Hawaii

A study of production, depletion, and environmental regulation in forestry

Open source software development

Market structure, technological change and the environment: investigating the relationships in the energy and automobile industries

An empirical study of pricing behavior and "frictionless commerce" on the Internet

Oil: the pipeline to economic growth

Asset management in China: An evaluation of the strategy and performance of the Chinese AMCs

Vietnam's integration into world markets

Spiders: how well do they track? : A qualitative and quantitative analysis

A market of emotions: Bubble-testing the S&P 500 index during the 1990's: implications for passive investment management

Weathering the storm of deregulation: Greek banks in an integrated European market

The effects of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 on federal securities fraud class action litigation

2002

The dividend puzzle: A risk signalling approach

The true effects of budget deficits and the federal debt: The economic realities behind the political debate

Modeling financial markets using computer simulations of the minority game

Competitive strategy in the semiconductor industry: A case of information barriers

An evolutionary approach to understanding mergers and acquisitions

The effect of the Internet on export industries of China and India

Real estate over-development: A study of the differences across cycles and geographic locations

2002 (cont'd)

Short-term and long-term effects of E-commerce on tax base

Business crisis, online media reports, and the stock market: A study evaluating the relationship between media reports regarding business crisis and the stock market

A woman's strategy: An economics analysis of college females' major selection and gender segregation in the classroom

Insider trading and effects on stock prices

The effects of federal R&D on the U.S. biotech industry: An econometric analysis

2001

Which came first, the HMO or the MRI? Managed care and technology adoption

The impact of information technology on the United States and the European Union

The U.S. antidumping law: A bias in its implementation towards domestic producers

The internet and its impact on the economic growth of metropolitan regions

US immigration policy: Winners and losers in the American economy

2000

Money laundering in emerging markets: The Russian experience

Economic value added and security valuation: Does EVA analysis lead to better stock picking?

Capital mobility and emerging economies: A look at Russia

To buy, or not to buy, online? A demand analysis of planned and impulse purchasing in retail bookselling

The risks of value at risk

Expanding trade links for MERCOSUR: Economic effects of the EU and NAFTA options

Barriers to entry in e-commerce and their effect on internet company valuation metrics