

Econ 7670

Paper Response Instructions

You will choose approximately 3 papers that we read in class for which to prepare a 6-8-minute presentation (3-4 slides). Slides must be posted on Canvas before class.

The goals of these assignments are:

- Find your public speaking voice
- Practice creating clear, cohesive, and professional slides
- Distilling economic ideas down to their key elements
- Think critically about modern economic research and methods

6-8 minutes goes by fast! Be sure to practice in advance.

Your presentation should cover *at least* the following:

- The motivation (why is the paper important)
- Research question
- Data
- Source of identifying variation
- Empirical strategy
- Results
- Remaining questions (i.e., what future research might build on this paper, or open questions that you're still curious about after reading the paper)

After the presentations, we will discuss the paper as a group. Consequently, everyone must read, and think about, each paper before class.

Below are some resources that I highly recommend you use while preparing your slides and presentation:

[The Discussant's Art](#) - Chris Blattman

[How to Give an Applied Micro Talk](#) - Jesse Shapiro

[Beamer Tips for Presentations](#) - Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham [[source code](#)]

[Public Speaking for Economists](#) - Rachel Meager

Grading Rubric

	<p>4 points:</p> <p>All content areas are well-developed (motivation, research question, data, identification, empirical strategy, results, remaining questions)</p>	<p>2 points:</p> <p>Some content areas are strong and others are not. For example: Lacking motivation Technical terms not well defined Identification not very clear</p>	<p>0 points:</p> <p>Most content areas are weak. For example: Motivation is unclear Research question is unclear Data source not mentioned Identification is unclear</p>
Content			

	<p>4 points:</p> <p>Maintains eye contact Does not read off of slides Clear, audible voice Speaks at adequate speed</p>	<p>2 points:</p> <p>Occasionally maintains eye contact Some reading off of slides Clear, audible voice Speaks at adequate speed</p>	<p>0 points:</p> <p>Does not maintain eye contact Mostly reads off of slides Difficult to hear voice Speaks too fast/slow</p>
Presentation			

		<p>2 points:</p> <p>Presentation within 6-8min</p>	<p>0 points:</p> <p>Presentation outside 6-8min</p>
Time Limit			