The Economics of Earnings Inequality:
Theoretical Models and Empirical Evidence (Econ 191WR)
Tuesday and Thursday 2-3:15, 1111 North Hall
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Please buy the reader (available at the UCSB bookstore), the usual notebook or binder for notes that come to you while doing the course reading. (You may refer to the reader, these notebooks, and all quizzes and assignments during the final exam).

Tuesday, January 10—Introduction (no reading required)
Thursday, January 12—How to Think Like a Social Scientist (no reading required)
Tuesday, January 17—Modeling the World: Science and Social Science (Before this class, please read Hewitt, Farlow, Gould, Becker, Ehrenreich, and Ehrenberg & Smith, and Jacobsen).
Thursday, January 19—Some Economic Models of Earnings Determination (please read Ehrenberg & Smith, Jacobsen, Hammerness, and Weinberger & Kuhn).
Tuesday, January 24—Policies to Reduce Earnings Inequality (Part 1), and review of models introduced last week. (read Kosters, PPIC press release, and get started on the 6 readings for the next lecture).
Thursday, January 26—Institutional Frameworks and Historical Perspectives on Gender and Race (All 6 readings).
Tuesday, January 31 & Thursday February 2—Some Models of Earnings Inequality by Gender and Race (All 3 readings).
Tuesday, February 7 & Thursday February 9—Some Empirical Evidence on Earnings Inequality by Gender and Race (For Tuesday: 2 Weinberger readings. For Thursday: Farkas, et.al. and a second article that is not in the reader. This article, by Neal and Johnson, will be on electronic reserve).
Tuesday, February 14 & Thursday February 16—Diverse Perspectives on Discrimination (4 relatively difficult readings)
Tuesday, February 21—Stereotypes (2 readings plus IAT website)
Thursday February 23—"Women Don't Ask" (1 reading)
Tuesday, February 28—Social Unrest and Political Action (4 readings)
Thursday March 2 & Tuesday March 7—Women in Science (8 short readings)
Tuesday March 7 & Thurs. March 9—Policies to Reduce Earnings Inequality (Part 2)
Tuesday March 14—Review
Thursday March 16—2-3 extra office hour
The final exam is scheduled for Tuesday March 21, 4-7 p.m., probably in NH 1111

There will be no midterms, but there will be a total of 10 short quizzes or assignments. Each of these is worth 5% of your grade. Class participation will count for 20%, and the final exam 30%. If you find the topic interesting, and if you keep up with the reading and participate in class, this course will be a lot of fun. I am hoping to inspire intellectual engagement and thoughtful consideration, rather than looking for a set of “right” answers.

Please, please try to remember not to wear perfumes or colognes to my class or office.