Econ 310 Labor Economics Class Project

Description of Project:

This project represents a significant portion of the student’s class effort and final grade. Student teams will pick topics from the list provided or offer an original topic, both subject to my approval. Each student must form a team and select a project by **Tuesday, September 16, 2003**. Dates for presentations will be determined at the time of topic selection and will reflect the chapter from which the topic is chosen. Please note that material included in class presentations and student study guides is testable material and will be included on the final exam. There will be 3 project team members, each responsible for one of the three items included in this project. All 3 items are due the day of the class presentation. The three items are listed below.

1) 10 minute class presentation (use overheads or power point)
2) 10 page written paper (not including references; double spaced, 12 point font)
3) 2 page student study guide (single-spaced; use outline format; includes two questions: see project guide online for details)

Project Grading:
The team project will represent 30% of the final grade. The 3 items to be produced by the team will each be worth one-third of the 30% total. Each item will be graded separately and the single grade will be an average of those three item grades. Each team member will receive the same grade but each team member will assume primary responsibility for a specific item. Students will form groups of 3; no exceptions on team size except if necessary due to class size.

Criteria to be used in grading:
* comprehensiveness of material covered
* references (see detailed guide for further information)
* structure
* development of economic story (i.e., economic analysis)
* clarity of exposition and presentation
* usefulness of study guide

Project General Time Line

September 16, 2003: team member listings and project selection
October 18, 2003: first class presentations

Project Rules
* You may not use same project topic as used in any other economics course.

Research Guide: Very important; available online (be sure to see update)