Econ 310 Labor Economics: Project Topics w/Names

Chapter 2

*Comprehensive and critical review of book on poverty by Rebecca Blank: It Takes a Nation
Marisa Carolan, Michael Schulz, Floric Bon
Oct. 21

Chapter 3

*9/11 Tribute: Professor Leslie Whittington’s contributions to research in work/family issues
Shannon Klein, Amanda Fry, Sherry Peterson
Oct. 21

*FMLA (briefly describe legislation and discuss predicted and actual impacts on employment)
Mike Hall, Amber Demarr, Anna Willman
Oct. 21

*Child care subsidies for welfare/low income population under TANF (impact on mothers’ employment outcomes and child development)
Sarah Pietras, Nicole Lanthier, Alison Gardner
Oct. 21
* Temporary Workers: Trends, Reasons, and Implications of these Trends
Jonathan Collier, Jessica Gervais, Kristi Bates
Oct. 23

Chapter 4
*NAFTA (outline legislation and discuss predicted and actual impacts on employment)
Brian Monroe, Ian Roskelley, Mike Koper
Oct. 23

Chapter 5
*Impact of internet on employment
Josh Vansickle, Jeremy Farr, Renatta Spann
Oct. 23

Chapter 6
*The market for baseball players: economics; historical context and current situation
(hint: include economics literature on wage determination in this market)
Stacy Thomas, Cindy Webber, Rachel Eesley
Oct. 23
Chapter 7
*Head Start (as a human capital investment; motivation for federal funding; evidence of impact)
Leslie Stieber, Eric Turowski, Joe Hawthorne
Oct. 28

Chapter 8
*Pros/Cons of privatizing social security (include current legislative outlook)
Karl DeNazareth, Kylie Hartzler, Geoff Perpirch
Oct. 28

Chapter 9
*Mommy Track (history of term, evidence, impact)
Mary Elise Lavalley, Carman Malone, Jason Worden
Oct. 28

*Glass ceiling (history of term, evidence, potential solutions)
Emily Kaatz, David Polidori, Lindsey Malpass
Oct. 30
*Affirmative action (history, economic arguments, evidence on impact, current legal status)
Jennifer Baranska, Jimmy Varlesi, Joseph Djavairian
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*Comparable worth (history, economic arguments pro/con; current status)
Brian Fischer, Derin Gemmel, Ryan Redding
Oct. 30

Chapter 10
*Employee selection (1 of the 3 human resource management practices)
John Erickson, Steve Powers, Ross Hoogerhyde
Nov. 4

*Compensation management (1 of the 3 human resource management practices)
Corey Rutgers, Mindy Hughes, Dustin Bainbridge
Nov. 4

*Employee involvement programs (1 of the 3 human resource management practices)
Damon Maxwell, Brad Devries, Matt Schwark
Nov. 4
*Executive compensation (including CEOs; include stock options)
Mike Gaynor, Chad Larsen, Rohit Joshi
Nov. 4

**Chapters 11/12**
*The future of unions (include some history too)
Tom Lesnau, Ryan Mills, Brian Thiel
Nov. 6

*Detroit Free Press strike about a decade ago (why? result? now?)
Amy Motta, Christy Mueller, Steve Tylka
Nov. 6

*Women and unions (explain past and present trends and discuss implications for employment outcomes for women)
Tara Sinclair, Danielle Hidalgo, Jody Wustman
Nov. 6

**Chapter 13**
*Racial differences in unemployment (evidence, over time, link to education, why?)
Stephany Hughes, Anthony Ostwald, Aubrey Sharp
Nov. 11
*Unemployment in the 1990s (US versus Germany: evidence; why? Future projections)
Bryan Dacy, Aaron Mooi, Lee Larson
Nov. 11

* Unemployment in Eastern Europe since the Transition (describe unemployment during communist regimes and then the changes experienced since the transition to capitalism began)
Jeff Olthouse, Curtis Walcott, Jennifer Faermark
Nov. 11