

Announcement and Call for Papers

Second Annual

Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges

When: August 8-9, 2006

Where: Vassar College, Poughkeepsie NY

You are invited to share your research and to learn about the work being done by other macroeconomists at liberal arts colleges. The primary goals of this workshop are 1) to create an open forum that allows macroeconomists at liberal arts colleges to expose their work to a group of their peers and gain valuable feedback; and, 2) to build a network of colleagues with whom to share ideas and collaborate on research projects. Last year's workshop was a great success and we expect this year's to be even better.

We invite faculty to submit paper proposals in the fields of macroeconomics, monetary economics, fiscal policy, open-economy macro, growth, and international finance. Submissions from junior faculty are particularly encouraged, as is work in its preliminary stages. An evening roundtable session will explore "Choosing the Right Journal."

If you are interested in submitting a paper to present, please send the following information to LA_macro@vassar.edu (in MS Word or PDF format): the title of your paper, an abstract (approximately one page), and the name, affiliation, and contact information of the author(s). Submission deadline is May 1st. Authors will be notified of acceptance by May 15th. Final drafts are due July 25th and will be posted on the workshop website in advance of the workshop. Also needed are persons willing to serve as session chairs or paper discussants. Please notify the workshop organizers by June 30th if you would be willing to fill one of these roles. Please include desired fields. Paper discussants will be selected from institutions other than the author's to facilitate intercollegiate contacts. We also welcome those who would like to attend the workshop but not present a paper. Please notify us by August 1 if you plan to attend the conference.

Depending on the number of papers, we plan to have two half-days of presentations where each speaker gets approximately 30 minutes to present their research, with time at the end of each session for additional discussion. A tentative workshop schedule is below.

Travel Plans:

There are no registration fees. Expenses associated with the workshop itself will be covered by Vassar College. However, participants are responsible for their own travel expenses. Local area lodging info is available at <http://www.vassar.edu/directions/wheretostay.html>. (Vassar's Alumni House and the Best Inn are within walking distance.) Dinner on August 8th and a

continental breakfast and lunch on August 9th will be provided by Vassar College. For those of you who are flying, the closest airport is Stewart Field in Newburg, NY, (SWF) approximately 30 minutes from Poughkeepsie. If you prefer to fly to a NYC airport, a train can bring you from Manhattan to Poughkeepsie.

Tentative Workshop Schedule:

Tuesday, August 8th

Noon – 1:00 pm	Arrival and Registration
1:00 – 2:45 pm	Session 1
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 – 4:45 pm	Session 2
5:30pm	Workshop Dinner, to be followed by roundtable session

Wednesday, August 9th

8:30 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 10:45 am	Session 3
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 12:45 pm	Session 4
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Conclusion

The workshop website is: <http://LA-Macro.vassar.edu/>. If you have questions, please contact one of the organizers listed below or send email to LA_macro@vassar.edu. Feel free to pass this announcement on to interested colleagues. If you have received this email in error, please notify us so that we can remove your name from our database.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

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Poughkeepsie is located in the heart of the scenic Hudson River valley, 75 miles north of New York City. Detailed directions are available at <http://www.vassar.edu/directions>.