

Econ 449 - American Economic Mobility Over Two Centuries

This bibliography contains readings relevant for Econ 449. The bibliography is divided into three main sections. The first two sections cover textbooks and articles useful for general understanding of the economics research process both in terms of economic analysis and economic writing. The third section covers the articles and books related to the specific topics included in the course outline in the syllabus. You will receive updates in lecture as to which reading are required for the upcoming lectures. Note that this is a dynamic document and may be updated with additional readings throughout the semester (or with readings removed if the class decides to go into more depth on certain topics).

Legend for articles:

- \diamond – Required reading: We will cover these readings in detail with the expectation that you have ready them ahead of time and are prepared to discuss them.
- \clubsuit – Nonrequired major reading: We will cover these readings in detail in class, meaning we will get into econometric details and really dig into the results. However, I do not expect you to read these ahead of lecture.
- No symbol – These are readings that pop up in class but typically only in the context of me referencing one or two results or providing motivation for the major readings we are going to discuss.

1 Recommended resources for reviewing econometric theory

- Angrist, J. D., & Pischke, J.-S. (2008). *Mostly Harmless Econometrics: An Empiricist's Companion*. Princeton university press
- Wooldridge, J. M. (2010). *Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data*. MIT press
- Acock, A. C. (2008). *A Gentle Introduction to Stata*. Stata Press
- Cameron, A. C., & Trivedi, P. k. (2010). *Microeconometrics Using Stata, Revised Edition*. Stata Press

2 Recommended resources for tips on economic writing

- Hamermesh, D. S. (1992). The young economist's guide to professional etiquette. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 6(1), 169–179
- Thomson, W. (2001). *A Guide for the Young Economist*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
- Berk, J., Harvey, C. R., & Hirshleifer, D. A. (2015). Preparing a Referee Report: Guidelines and Perspectives. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2547191> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2547191>
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3 Articles and book excerpts for class

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- Mazumder, B. (2005). Fortunate sons: New estimates of intergenerational mobility in the United States using Social Security earnings data. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 87(2), 235–255

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- ◇ Olivetti, C., & Paserman, M. D. (2015). In the name of the son (and the daughter): Intergenerational mobility in the United States, 1850–1940. *The American Economic Review*, 105(8), 2695–2724
- Bertrand, M., & Mullainathan, S. (2004). Are Emily and Greg more employable than Lakisha and Jamal? A field experiment on labor market discrimination. *American Economic Review*, 94(4), 991–1013
- Milkman, K. L., Akinola, M., & Chugh, D. (2012). Temporal distance and discrimination: An audit study in academia. *Psychological Science*, 23(7), 710–717
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- Lenter, D., Slemrod, J., & Shackelford, D. (2003). Public disclosure of corporate tax return information: Accounting, economics, and legal perspectives. *National Tax Journal*, (pp. 803–830)

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- ◇ Parman, J. (2011). American mobility and the expansion of public education. *Journal of Economic History*, 71(1), 105–132
- Clay, K., Lingwall, J., & Stephens Jr, M. (2012). Do schooling laws matter? Evidence from the introduction of compulsory attendance laws in the United States. Tech. rep., National Bureau of Economic Research
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- Roy, A. D. (1951). Some thoughts on the distribution of earnings. *Oxford Economic Papers*, 3(2), 135–146
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3.6 Gender Gaps in Opportunities and Outcomes

Note that this section of the course is actually distributed throughout the entirety of the semester, with attempts in each section to think about how male and female experiences differ when it comes to the mobility and inequality patterns related to schooling, industrialization, immigration and race. The relevant references are grouped together here for convenience in addition to being listed in the order in which they are covered in class in the sections above.

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