Frontiers in Human Capital Research

A one-day research workshop to be held on Tuesday 20 April 2010
Venue: Function Centre 1 & 2, Building 11, University of Wollongong

8.30am  Coffee & Registration
9.00am  Professor Judy Raper, University of Wollongong
       Opening Speech
9.10am  Professor Joshua Angrist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
       *Did Vietnam Veterans Get Sicker in the 1990s? The Complicated Effects of Military Service on Self Reported Health*
10.00am Dr Peter Siminski, University of Wollongong,
       *The Causal Effects of Conscription in Australia—Methods and Some Early Results*
10.50am  Morning Tea
11.20am Associate Professor Philip Clarke, University of Sydney
       *What are the long-term health and disability costs of the Vietnam War?*
12.10pm  Professor Bob Gregory, Australian National University
       *An Analysis of Trends in Disability Pensions for Australian Veterans since the Vietnam War*
1.00pm   Lunch
2.20pm  Associate Professor Garry Barrett, University of New South Wales
       *The Return to Cognitive Skills in the Australian Labour Market*
3.10pm  Dr Oleg Yerokhin, University of Wollongong
       *Is the Age Gradient in Self Reported Material Hardship Explained by Resources, Needs, Preferences or Reporting Bias?*
4.00pm   Afternoon Tea
4.30pm  Professor Jason Abrevaya, University of Texas, Austin, USA
       *The Relationship of BMI with Cognitive Skills and Educational Attainment*
5.20pm   Close

The keynote speaker of this event is professor Joshua Angrist, one of the world’s leading economists. His research interests include the effects of school inputs and school organization on student achievement; the impact of education and social programs on the labour market; the effects of immigration, labour market regulation and institutions; and econometric methods for program and policy evaluation.

The program showcases research papers broadly related to human capital including work on cognitive skills, obesity and ageing. A sub-theme of the workshop (4 papers) is the long term effects of the Vietnam War on the economic circumstances of veterans.

Each paper has been allocated 50 minutes, including 20 minutes of question time.

There is no cost to participate in this workshop

Participants are asked to register their interest as early as possible as places are limited, via email siminski@uow.edu.au

Professor Joshua Angrist
Getting There:

Finding parking on campus is sometimes a challenge (especially during session). To avoid this, the best option is to catch the FREE shuttle bus from North Wollongong Train Station to Campus. The buses run every 10 mins prior to 9am and every 20 mins thereafter and take five minutes. Other than this, the most appropriate car parks for this workshop are P1, the Multi-Story Carpark or P4 the Western Carpark. Both are indicated on the map, along with the building holding the workshop. For more information about parking, parking bays and costs etc, please visit our parking website - http://www.uow.edu.au/about/parking/