

Paper Presentation Instructions

April 9 and 16, 2014

PPPA 6022
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Presentations

Presentations should use slides (Power Point or your preferred alternative). Each presentation should aim to be between 20 and 25 minutes, with interruptions.

Each presentation should include (not necessarily in this order):

1. What is the research question?
2. Why do we care?
3. What is the empirical identification strategy? In other words, how does the author argue that he or she clearly shows the impact he is aiming to explain?
4. What is the context for the analysis? What key details do we need to know about the program or policy under analysis?
5. What are the key results?
 - a. what do the summary statistics tell us about the results?
 - b. choose to present those tables – or better yet parts of tables – that are the central part of the argument
 - c. do not present all of the tables. if you do, you will have explained all of them insufficiently
5. How did your replication go?
 - a. Were you able to successfully replicate things?
 - b. Why or why not?
6. Critique/Extension: What do you believe and why? How did you extend or challenge the authors' results?

The key to a successful presentation is the ability to concisely summarize. To do this, you need to understand the paper sufficiently well to sort the wheat from the chaff.

It is appropriate to use the author's tables or figures (as we clearly know this is their work). It is inappropriate to use the author's words without quotation.

Feedback

On the day you're not presenting, you provide feedback.

Feedback should be an email to the presenter, copying me, that offers some of the following:

- what you understood best of what the student was trying to convey
- what you didn't understand
- whether you found the identification credible
- suggestions for improving the identification

- suggestions for improving the presentation
- suggestions for extending the research

Your goal is to be as helpful as possible to the presenter in generating the best final paper.

Send your emails by 5 pm on the Friday following the presentation.

Dates and order for presentations

April 9: Yvonne, Chris, Giselle, Seth

April 16: Chuck, Erika, Drew

If you don't like your date, see if you can trade and let me know.