

Instructors Michael Delgado and Brigitte Waldorf
Location RAWLS 1071
Time Fall 2018, Friday 3:30-4:20

Course Description

The AGECE 633 class, or the SHaPE seminar as it is usually called, is designed to introduce you to advanced research in space, health and population economics, including state-of-the-art research methods and tools. The weekly seminar serves as a forum for students to present their own work and receive critical comments and suggestions for improvement from faculty and peers. The seminar is actually a tool to organize the SHaPE group, build cohesion among the group, provide synergies through shared learning, and create a platform for the exchange of ideas. By definition, the composition of the group of students taking this class will be very heterogeneous, ranging from first-year Master's students with an (emerging) interest in the topic, to fourth-year Ph.D. students who are on the edge of entering the labor market with a profile based on this specialty area. We accommodate this as best we can in an open and friendly atmosphere, based on the idea that it is intellectual curiosity and research quality that counts. What you can expect to find in this class is an interested group of typically 15–20 students and 5+ faculty working in this area. This class is really what we make of it.

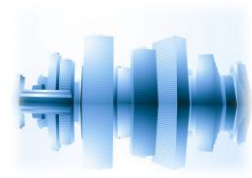
The seminar is organized as a *weekly brownbag seminar*. Active student participation is essential, including the willingness to share research ideas and provide critical supportive feedback. The emphasis is on open dialogues, stimulating discussions, and exploration of new research ideas. Students will be *responsible for the entire 50 minutes* of one of the weekly seminars. During the assigned seminar, the student has the chance to tap into the collective brain power of all participants with the goal of exploring/advancing their own research. That can be in the form of, for example, a traditional research presentation, or the presentation and critical review of an article, or it can be a more open discussion centered on a research idea. The student assigned the responsibility is encouraged to discuss the 50-minute design with the instructor(s) and is also in charge of sharing the relevant reading a week ahead of time.

Credits and Grades

The main goals of the *SHaPE* sessions are to teach students how to think critically, engage in intellectual discussions, learn new software, methods and tools, and to become an active and cohesive group of researchers in the area of space, health and population economics. Formal testing and evaluation of such skills on a nuanced grading scale does not match the intention and scope of the class. Grades will therefore be based on participation and performed activities. Students who actively contribute to the class will receive the highest passing grade. Note that apologies to the instructors are in order if you cannot attend a meeting. The class is rewarded with 1 credit. You can take it repeatedly throughout your graduate studies.

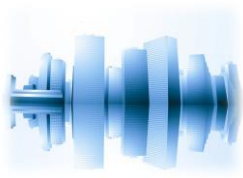
Rewards and Events

Typically, we organize a social event at the end of the semester to celebrate a successful semester as well as the successful defenses of SHaPE students. Please help us brainstorm when/where we might get together!



Email Listserve

The course email list will be maintained by *Yong Jee Kim*. Students will email the paper they plan to present to the class one week prior to their presentation, and anyone who would like a printed copies of the readings can get one from *Marsha Pritchard* in KRAN 619.



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Schedule

Date	Title	Responsible Student	Chair
24 Aug	Introduction	NA	Michael Delgado
31 Aug	Household poverty	Tim Smith	Michael Delgado
7 Sept		Yue Ke	Michael Delgado
14 Sept		Chun Song	Michael Delgado
21 Sept		Yong Jee Kim	Brigitte Waldorf
28 Sept		Svetlana Beilfuss	Brigitte Waldorf
5 Oct		Assemgul Bissenbina	Brigitte Waldorf
12 Oct	Prospectus practice	Sofia Vielma	Brigitte Waldorf
19 Oct	Prospectus practice	Emiliano Lopez	Michael Delgado
26 Oct		Jose Nuno-Ledesma	Michael Delgado
2 Nov		Ahmad Wahdat	Michael Delgado
9 Nov	<i>No class: NARSC</i>		
16 Nov		Sanchita Chakrovorty	Brigitte Waldorf
23 Nov	<i>No class: Thanksgiving</i>		
30 Nov		Alison Grant	Brigitte Waldorf
7 Dec		Francisco Scott	Michael Delgado