

**SMU McLane/Armentrout/Bridwell Scholars Reading Groups**  
**Fall 2019 Syllabus**  
**The Past, Present, and Future of Work**

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**Meeting Times.** Our meetings will be held on Mondays (Bridwell), Tuesdays (McLane), and Wednesdays (Armentrout) at 6-8 pm in the O'Neil Center conference room (Crow 282). All three groups have the same readings.

**Attendance is required.** Your attendance and **active** participation are required. We will have **10 on-campus meetings plus a joint reading group summit** with the students from similar reading groups at Baylor, Texas Tech, and University of Central Arkansas. That will be held at SMU on the evening of Fri. Sep. 27 (f C)-r Baylos be1.30()pt.7 (l)-0.5f Cthe15 Tc 0 Ol w\$7 (s)-3.ptdantre 5 Tc 4.7 1 1.957 0 it.7 .00fTtyont





## **2) Who Protects Workers? (Sep. 16/10/11)**

\*Milton Friedman and Rose Friedman, "Who Protects the Worker?" from *Free to Choose*

\*Gerald Friedman, "Labor Unions in the United States": <http://eh.net/encyclopedia/labor-unions-in-the-united-states/>

\*Morris Kleiner, "Occupational Licensing," <https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/jep.14.4.189>

*Optional readings, podcasts, and videos:*

Price Fishback, "Operations of 'Unfettered' Labor Markets: Exit and Voice in American Labor Markets at the Turn of the Century" <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2565121>

VIDEO: Free to Choose, Episode 8: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gb6aqitTgOM>

CHART: "Visualizing 150 Years of US Employment History" <https://www.visualcapitalist.com/visualizing-150-years-of-u-s-employment-history/>

## **3) Minimum Wages: Current Research (Sep. 23/17/18)**

Neumark and Wascher, *Minimum Wages*, Pages 1-

### **5) Women and Labor Markets (Oct. 7/8/9)**

\*Bailey and DiPrete, "Five Decades of Remarkable but Slowing Change in U.S. Women's Economic and Social Status and Political Participation" <https://www.rsfjournal.org/content/rsfjss/2/4/1.full.pdf>

\*Claudia Goldin, "A Grand Gender Convergence: Its Last Chapter" [https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/goldin/files/goldin\\_aeapress\\_2014\\_1.pdf](https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/goldin/files/goldin_aeapress_2014_1.pdf)

*Optional readings, podcasts, and videos:*

Claudia Goldin, "The Quiet Revolution That Transformed Women's Employment, Education, and Family" [https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/goldin/files/the\\_quiet\\_revolution\\_that\\_transformed\\_womens\\_employment\\_education\\_and\\_family.pdf](https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/goldin/files/the_quiet_revolution_that_transformed_womens_employment_education_and_family.pdf)

### **6) Minorities and Labor Markets (Oct. 21/22/23)**

\*Price Fishback, "Segregation in Job Hierarchies: West Virginia Coal Mining, 1906-1932" <https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/2124151.pdf>

\*Glenn Loury, "Why Does Racial Inequality Persist?" <https://media4.manhattan-institute.org/sites/default/files/R-0519-GL.pdf>

\*Heckman and Payner - "Determining the Impact of Federal Antidiscrimination Policy on the Economic Status of Blacks: A Study of South Carolina" <https://www.jstor.org/stable/1804779>

*Optional readings, podcasts, and videos:*

Robert Higgs, "Accumulation of Property by Southern Blacks Before World War I" <https://www.jstor.org/stable/1810013>

### **7) Immigrants and Labor Markets (Oct. 28/29/30)**

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**9) The Future of Work (Nov. 11/12/13)**

\*Munger, *Tomorrow 3.0*, Chapter 4

Harris, *Kids These Days*, Chapter 3-4

*Optional readings, podcasts, and videos:*

David Autor, "Why Are There Still So Many Jobs? The History and Future of Workplace Automation"

<https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/jep.29.3.3>

David Autor, "Will automation take away all our jobs?"

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