

Early Life and Human Capital Development

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This course will provide an overview of recent literature in Economics linking early life experiences to human capital development and longer term outcomes.

Tues. March 23, 2.30-4.00, 4.30-6.00

Lecture 1-2: *Human Capital Development Before Age Five*

Reading:

Almond, Douglas and Janet Currie. "Human Capital Development Before Age 5," forthcoming in Handbook of Labor Economics, Orley Ashenfelter and David E. Card (eds.), North Holland, 2011.

Wed. March 24, 2.30-4.00, 4.30-6.00

Lecture: *Evidence Regarding the Causal Relationship Between Child Health, Parental SES, and Human Capital Development*

Reading:

Currie, Janet, Mark Stabile, Phongsack Manivong, Leslie L. Roos. "Child Health and Young Adult Outcomes," forthcoming Journal of Human Resources, Summer 2010.

Currie, Janet. "Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise? Socioeconomic Status, Poor Health in Childhood, and Human Capital Development," Journal of Economic Literature, 47 #1, March 2009, 87-122.

"Air Pollution and Infant Health: Lessons from New Jersey," Journal of Health Economics, 28 #3, May 2009, 688-703, with Matthew Neidell and Johannes Schmeider.(NIHMSID 96893)

Thurs. March 25, 3.00-4.30

Lecture: *Evidence Regarding the Effectiveness of Remediation*

Reading:

Almond, Douglas and Janet Currie. "Human Capital Development Before Age 5," forthcoming in Handbook of Labor Economics, Orley Ashenfelter and David E. Card (eds.), North Holland, 2011.

Currie, Janet and Firouz Gahvari. "Transfers in Cash and In-Kind: Theory Meets the Data," Journal of Economic Literature, 46 #2, June 2008, 333-383.