

Course Outline and Reading List
IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics
April 03, 2006 - April 09, 2006
Topics in Inequality and Mobility
Peter Gottschalk

1 Basic Facts

1.1 Inequality and Mobility

1. (Gottschalk and Danziger 2005), "Inequality of Wages, Earnings, and Family Income: 1975-2002"
2. Piketty and Saez (2003), "Income Inequality in the United States, 1913-1998"
3. Gottschalk and Smeeding (1997), "Cross-National Comparisons of Earnings and Income Inequality"

1.2 Measurement issues

1. Gottschalk (2005), "Downward Nominal Wage Flexibility—Real or Measurement Error?"
2. Gottschalk and Huynh, "Impact of Measurement Error on Measures of Mobility and Inequality"
3. Gottschalk and Spolaore (2002), "On the Evaluation of Economic Mobility"

2 Causes

2.1 Skill Bias Technological Change

1. Katz and Murphy (1992), "Changes in Relative Wages, 1963-1987: Supply and Demand Factors"
2. Beaudry and Green (2002), "Changes in U.S. Wages 1976-2000: Ongoing Skill Bias or Major Technological Change"
3. Beaudry and Green (2003), "Wages and Employment in the United States and Germany: What Explains the Differences?"

2.2 Institutional and Demographic Change

1. Card and DiNardo (2002), "Skill-Biased Technological Change and Rising Wage Inequality: Some Problems and Puzzles"
2. DiNardo, Fortin, and Lemieux (1996), "Labor Market Institutions, and the Distribution of Wages, 1973-1992: A Semiparametric Approach"
3. Lee (1999), "Wage Inequality in the U.S. During the 1980's: Rising Dispersion or Falling Minimum Wage"
4. Lewven, Oosterbeek, and van Ophem (2004), "Explaining International Differences in Male Skill Wage Differentials by Differences in Demand and Supply of Skill"

2.3 Increased Trade

1. Berman, Bound, and Machin (1998), "Implications of Skill-Biased Technological Change: International Evidence"

2.4 Increased Instability

1. Gottschalk and Moffitt (1994), "The Growth of Earnings Instability in the U.S. Labor Market"
2. Moffitt and Gottschalk (2002), "Trends in the Transitory Variance of Earnings in the United States"

3 Low Wage Labor Markets

1. Connolly and Gottschalk (2005), "Differences in Wage Growth by Education Level: Do Less-Educated Workers Gain Less from Work Experience?"

References

- Beaudry, P. and D. Green (2003). Wages and Employment in the United States and Germany: What Explains the Differences? *American Economic Review* 93(3), 573–602.
- Beaudry, P. and D. A. Green (2002, February). *Changes in U.S. Wages 1976-2000: Ongoing Skill Bias or Major Technological Change*. Number 8787 in NBER Working Paper Series. National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
- Berman, E., J. Bound, and S. Machin (1998, November). Implications of Skill-Biased Technological Change: International Evidence. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 113(4), 1245–1279.

- Card, D. and J. E. DiNardo (2002, Oct). Skill-Biased Technological Change and Rising Wage Inequality: Some Problems and Puzzles. *Journal of Labor Economics* 20(4), 733–83.
- Connolly, H. and P. Gottschalk (2005, September). *Differences in Wage Growth by Education Level: Do Less-Educated Workers Gain Less from Work Experience?* Number 473 in Department of Economics Working Paper Series. Chestnut Hill, MA: Boston College.
- DiNardo, J. E., N. Fortin, and T. Lemieux (1996). Labor Market Institutions, and the Distribution of Wages, 1973-1992: A Semiparametric Approach. *Econometrica* 64(5), 1001–1044.
- Gottschalk, P. (2005, August). Downward Nominal Wage Flexibility—Real or Measurement Error? *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- Gottschalk, P. and S. Danziger (2005, June). Inequality of Wages, Earnings, and Family Income: 1975-2002. *Review of Income and Wealth* 51(2), 231–254.
- Gottschalk, P. and R. Moffitt (1994). The Growth of Earnings Instability in the U.S. Labor Market. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity* 1994(2), 217–272.
- Gottschalk, P. and T. M. Smeeding (1997, June). Cross-National Comparisons of Earnings and Income Inequality. *Journal of Economic Literature* 35(2), 633–87.
- Gottschalk, P. and E. Spolaore (2002, January). On the Evaluation of Economic Mobility. *The Review of Economic Studies* 69(1), 191–208.
- Katz, L. F. and K. M. Murphy (1992, February). Changes in Relative Wages, 1963-1987: Supply and Demand Factors. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 107(1), 35–78.
- Lee, D. (1999). Wage Inequality in the U.S. During the 1980's: Rising Dispersion or Falling Minimum Wage. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 114(4), 941–1024.
- Lewven, E., H. Oosterbeek, and H. van Ophem (2004, April). Explaining International Differences in Male Skill Wage Differentials by Differences in Demand and Supply of Skill. *the Economic Journal* 114, 466–486.
- Moffitt, R. and P. Gottschalk (2002, March). Trends in the Transitory Variance of Earnings in the United States. *Economic Journal* 112(478), C68–73.
- Piketty, T. and E. Saez (2003). Income Inequality in the United States, 1913-1998. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 118(1), 1–40.