Assignment #6

Due Friday 3/25/11 by 6 p.m.

Pick out a recent empirical article on a subject that interests you from an economics journal. Write a short report on the article, making sure to explain the empirical results of the paper, what econometric techniques are used in the paper, and what econometric problems (if any) the author addresses in the paper. If there are tables of results in the paper, provide enough explanation of them so that I am convinced that you know how to read such tables, including various statistical test results provided. Either attach a copy of the article to your report or make sure you include the weblink by which I can access it.

To help identify a suitable article, consider searching the EconLit database and/or looking at current issues of economics journals. Make sure you use the article itself rather than a description of it. However, another way to find recent articles is to read reports of their findings in newsmagazines or economics blogs.

If you are unsure whether a particular article is suitable or not (i.e., you want to know if it is too easy or too hard), please show it to me before starting your report.