

## Econ 217 — Lecture Outline 9/8/08

### Introduction

- What is the economics of gender?
- Why study the economics of gender?
- How are men and women different?
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  - Biological perspectives
  - Psychological perspectives
  - Anthropological perspectives
  - Sociological perspectives
  - Political science perspectives
  - Economic perspectives
- Critiques of the economic approach
  - Is economics an imperialist science?
  - Criticism within the economics profession
  - Other academic perspectives
- Communication between academic disciplines
  - The rise of academic feminism
  - Divisions in feminist thought
- How do gender-related differences translate into different economic outcomes?

### The repercussions of scarcity

- Opportunity cost
- The marginal vs. total distinction
  - Marginal benefits and costs
  - Marginal utility
- Markets
  - The market supply curve
  - The market demand curve
  - Outcomes for competitive markets
- Noncompetitive markets—monopoly and monopsony
  - Monopoly
  - Monopsony
  - Barriers to entry and exit