Offspring Resources and Parents' Health in Mexico

Featured Speaker: Jenjira Yahirun

Date: Friday, November 21, 2014
Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Location: Saunders Hall – Room 244

This project asks how adult children’s socioeconomic resources influence older parents’ physical health in Mexico, where older adults often face a lack of access to institutional resources and rely on kin, primarily children, as a main source of support. Educational expansion over the past decades as well as continued internal and international migration highlights the greater resources that adult children have access to, compared to older parents. This project broadens the scope to include how adult children’s resources might alter what we know about health’s socioeconomic gradient in developing countries such as Mexico.

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Do Divorces Cause Bankruptcies?

Featured Speaker: Jeffrey Traczynski

Date: Friday, December 5, 2014
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Location: Saunders Hall – Room 244

The social consequences of bankruptcy filings and the financial consequences of marital dissolution have been long debated in the literature. This paper estimates the casual impact of divorce filings on bankruptcies and bankruptcy filings on divorces by exploiting two waves of legal reforms that create exogenous variation in each type of filing.

Jeffrey Traczynski is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. His research focuses on law and economics, health economics, and the economics of education. Jeff’s previous work on the relationship between bankruptcy and divorce has appeared in the Journal of Law and Economics.