

**School of Public Policy**  
**New Course Descriptions**  
**Fall 2013**

**MPP 627.02 Seminar in Economic Policies: Health Economics**

*Caroline Cicero*

*Economics or American Politics*

Health economics concerns itself with the choices individuals and families make every day that determine their health status, physical and mental functioning, health insurance coverage, medical providers, treatment plans, use of pharmaceuticals, and ongoing care. Specifically, people typically are most concerned with maximizing their health, wellness, and longevity at a financial cost they can afford and a personal cost they can tolerate. In addition, the market choices made by private health care providers, including insurance companies, hospitals, practitioners, as well as pharmaceutical and medical supply or equipment companies, are the concern of health economics, as are the health plans that private corporations and governmental entities offer their employers. These providers typically are most concerned with maximizing profit while providing a level of care they can afford and tolerate. Furthermore, on a macro scale, federal, state, and local health economics policies address the governments' costs and benefits of financing health insurance and providing preventative, emergency, acute, rehabilitative, and long term care. Measures taken to pay for and provide such public care raise philosophical questions concerning both the role of the government in the provision and management of health care and the affordability of such programs in relationship to other governmental fiscal obligations. This course will examine and analyze the economic costs and benefits of personal, private, and public health care and will simultaneously address historical as well as current philosophical frameworks and pertinent ethical debates, including the costs, ethics, and politics of biomedical research.

**MPP 642.01 Environmental Regulation, Business, and Society** (See catalog for full description.)

*Wade Graham*

*American Politics or State and Local Policy*

This course surveys the political, economic, and social implications of American resource management structures and statutes governing land, water, minerals, wildlife and fisheries, and energy. It will begin with the historical development of the environmental movement and environmental controls in the United States. It will cover questions of environmental ethics, economics, law, politics, and regulation, with a special focus on energy use, extraction, and policy. It ends with consideration of the growing involvement of concerns about the global environment in international treaties and trade agreements, and explores the implications for international business, politics, and culture.

**MPP 665.01 Region Specific Studies: Eastern Europe**

*Alexei Shevchenko*

*International Relations*

This course focuses on domestic and foreign policies of the post-communist European states (including European successor states that emerged from the break-up of the Soviet Union) with a particular emphasis on the crucial case study of Russia. The major themes in this course concern the problems of democratizing authoritarian regimes, building nations and states, reforming command economies and responding to new security threats. The course utilizes basic concepts and major alternative models of politics, economics and international relations. The course is comparative, drawing parallels and contrasts both among the states of the region and between these and states of other regions.

**MPP 668.01 Seminar in International Relations (Selected Topics)/POSC 548 Arms Control and International Security**

*Dan Caldwell*

*International Relations*

Designed as an introduction to the dynamics of weapons competition, the basic facts of the nuclear arms race, and possible means to increase national and international security.

## New Faculty/Lecturer Biographies

Dan Caldwell: [http://seaver.pepperdine.edu/academics/faculty/member.htm?facid=dan\\_caldwell](http://seaver.pepperdine.edu/academics/faculty/member.htm?facid=dan_caldwell)

Robert Sexton: [http://seaver.pepperdine.edu/academics/faculty/default.htm?faculty=robert\\_sexton](http://seaver.pepperdine.edu/academics/faculty/default.htm?faculty=robert_sexton)

Faculty biographies: <http://publicpolicy.pepperdine.edu/academics/faculty/>

### **Kevin Chlebig**

Kevin Chlebig is an assistant policy analyst at the RAND Corporation and a doctoral fellow in the Pardee RAND Graduate School. His work at RAND focuses on national security matters, and he has contributed to a recent draft report focusing on the erosion of certain core competencies of Air Force personnel. Chlebig has previously taught at Pepperdine University's Seaver College, the Indiana Institute of Technology, Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne, Ivy Tech Community College, and Copper Mountain College. He earned his MPP degree from the Pepperdine School of Public Policy, as well as his MS in Mathematics from Purdue University.