

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Erwin Plein Nemmers Prize in Economics

Date: October 18, 2016
To: Participants in the 2017 Nemmers Prize Conference
From: Ian Savage, Conference Coordinator

Information on the Nemmers Prize Conference

Key Dates:

March 24: Last day to finalize talk title and associated paper(s)

April 18: Last day to make hotel reservations

May 17-19: Lecture and conference

Thank you for attending the 2017 Nemmers Prize conference associated with the awarding of the Nemmers Prize to Richard Blundell. We look forward to welcoming you to Evanston. This note is designed to provide some further information on the event. About a month before the conference, I will send another mailing with further logistical information to assist you with your visit.

Hotel Arrangements

If you need hotel accommodations, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Hilton Orrington Hotel, 1710 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. We have an arrangement whereby the room and tax will be billed directly to Northwestern University. However, you do need to contact the hotel as soon as possible, and certainly no later than April 18, to reserve a room for the nights appropriate for your travel plans.

Note that events run from 4:30pm on Wednesday May 17 until 5:00pm on Friday May 19. Northwestern University will pay for a maximum of three nights of accommodations (four nights for international travelers), unless you have made alternative arrangements with us.

To make a reservation, you can either:

1. Call the hotel at 847-866-8700 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) and indicate to the reservations agent that you are attending the “Nemmers Prize in Economics,” or
2. Book on-line at the hotel website: <http://www.oringtonevanston.hilton.com/>
Enter your arrival and departure dates at the top of the page, click “Add special rate codes” and enter “NPE” in the box marked “Group Code.” Then click “Check rooms and Rates” and select the “Nemmers Prize Economics” room.

While the room and tax will be charged directly to us, you will be asked to give a credit card number when you make the reservation. In addition, you will be asked for a credit card when

you check-in to cover any incidentals such as meals, movies, or bar expenses you may charge to your room (you can claim meal expenses back from us when you complete your expense report).

If subsequent events mean that you have to cancel your trip, please make sure to also notify the hotel, as we will not be charged if you give them notice by 3pm on the day prior to your scheduled check-in.

The Hilton Orrington is located in downtown Evanston. There are coffee shops, banks, bookshop, movie theaters, a drug store, bars and restaurants within walking distance. The lakefront beaches and parks are only three blocks east of the hotel. The conference venue is a pleasant 10 minute walk from the hotel.

Travel Arrangements

Please make any airline reservations as soon as possible to obtain the best prices and availability. Northwestern University will reimburse for coach class airfare, plus reasonable baggage charges. Chicago O'Hare International Airport is the most convenient for Evanston. Closer to the conference we will send you information on how to get from the airport, and also parking information for those coming by car.

Airfare of more than US\$700 for travelers from the United States or Canada or US\$1,500 for international travelers would require prior approval from us.

Schedule of Events

Unless noted, all events at the James L. Allen Center, 2169 Campus Drive

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

4:30-6pm Nemmers Lecture – Richard Blundell (University College London) – McCormick Auditorium
6:00-7:00 Reception
7:00 Dinner

Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:30am Continental breakfast available and registration desk open
9:15-5:00 Conference - McCormick Auditorium
6:30pm Evening social event and dinner

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:30am Continental breakfast available and registration desk open
9:30-5:00 Conference - McCormick Auditorium
5:00pm Adjournment

Conference Information

The conference will papers presented by:

Philippe Aghion - Harvard University
Manuel Arellano - Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros (CEMFI)
Orazio Attanasio - University College London
Pierre-André Chiappori - Columbia University & Costas Meghir – Yale University
Rachel Griffith - University of Manchester
Arthur Lewbel - Boston College
Rosa Matzkin - University of California Los Angeles
Magne Mogstad - University of Chicago
Jean-Marc Robin - Sciences Po
Richard Smith - University of Cambridge

Information for Speakers and Discussants

Paper sessions are 60 minutes long:

- Speakers will have forty-five minutes for their presentation
- Fifteen minutes will be reserved for audience questions.

By March 24, 2017, we would need to finalize the title of each talk and the associated paper(s) so that we can publicize the conference and people can register to attend. At this point we will also have coordinated with you the detailed time schedule for the conference.

The conference room will have a host laptop. You can either e-mail Ian Savage your presentation prior to the conference, or bring it with you on a flash drive.

The Erwin Plein Nemmers Prize in Economics

In 1994, bequests to Northwestern University from the late Erwin Esser Nemmers, a former member of the Northwestern University faculty, and his brother, the late Frederic E. Nemmers, led to the establishment of four endowed professorships in the Kellogg School of Management, and biennial prizes in economics, mathematics, and more recently musical composition. The Nemmers family ran a church music publishing house in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The prize in economics is named in honor of the Nemmers' father.

The Nemmers' hoped that their prizes would carry with them the prestige attached to the Nobel prizes. They are designed to recognize "work of lasting significance" and in particular, recognize "major contributions to new knowledge or the development of significant new modes of analysis." Previous winners, in chronological order, are: Peter Diamond, Thomas Sargent, Robert Aumann, Daniel McFadden, Edward Prescott, Ariel Rubinstein, Lars Peter Hansen, Paul Milgrom, Elhanan Helpman, Daron Acemoglu, Jean Tirole and Richard Blundell. Seven of the awardees were subsequently awarded The Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

For More Information

If you have any questions, please contact me at (847) 491-8241 or ipsavage@northwestern.edu.

You might also want to check out the lecture and conference web site at

<http://www.economics.northwestern.edu/events/nemmers/>

Note that you will not need to register on-line as I will take care of this for you (registration will open in late March 2017).