Econ 432

POPULATION ECONOMICS

MW 1:30-2:45

Professor Andrew Mason

Issues to be addressed:

- Should the US close its borders to immigrants?
- Should US Foreign Aid support family planning programs abroad?
- What is the answer to the coming Social Security crisis? Privatization?
- Should the government subsidize the costs of bearing and rearing children?

Oral Intensive Course (half of grade is based on oral presentations):


A Current Affairs Summary. An oral presentation summarizing an article relevant to the course drawn from the New York Times, the Economist, or the Wall Street Journal. The student will be expected to prepare a one-page summary of the article.

Public Policy Hearings. The final two weeks of the course will be devoted to a series of public policy hearings on important contemporary issues. Each student will be expected to testify and to answer questions posed by a panel of ‘Senators’ drawn from class members.