

Notes for April 23 Meeting

- **Upcoming presentations**

- CEAs at the end of May in Montreal.
- RCEA conference at beginning of June in New Jersey.
- I'll try to present a couple times internally (SWEAT and LAPUFIR) during the summer.

- **Dissertation chapters**

1. Second demographic transition paper (JMP):

- I'm currently rewriting the draft, should be done in a week or so.
- Will slowly make improvements over the summer as I present and get feedback.

2. Political polarization of marriage:

- I presented something about housing in the last committee meeting. That is really a separate paper, and really goes with this polarization topic.
- More liberal and progressive areas are substantially more expensive and this is also related to household formation.
- Not only is there divergent ideas between young men and women but also substantial divergence between left and right in marriage and fertility.
- Aim to have a rough draft by the end of summer.

3. Recovering historical cohabitation:

- This is the neural net approach to uncovering past cohabitation rates.
- I'm still tuning the model and trying different things.
- However, most of the work is already done, I will put together a draft in the next couple of months.

- **Job market preparation**

- What should I be doing now to prepare?