Day One EC 469

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Agenda

- Welcome back
- Introductions
- Syllabus Read Through.
- Situating Econometrics
- Set up tools for class

A Few Ground Rules

- You don't have to have your camera on but get used to share screen while working on problems.
- Microphones are great when you are speaking or in a small breakout room.
  - Off when not speaking in the big room.
  - On when speaking.
  - On when in breakout rooms.

Me?

I'm in the partially finished basement.

- ▶ A small heater at my feet on the concrete.
- ▶ Scarf to keep warm.
- ▶ A bunch of lights so I don't sprout mushrooms.
- ▶ Dogs will bark
- ▶ A baby will cry (My house is pandemic/furlough/unemployed crowded.)

Tech Me

- You may see several Jamies in zoom. One is the camera and the other is a tablet.
- My computer has problems running zoom and a few other things at the same time.
  - If I turn off the camera it is to save cycles/bandwidth

Lessons from Spring and Fall

- ▶ Remote learning with zoom is about half as effective as normal
  - ▶ Even when you break into small groups for discussion
  - ▶ There are frictions
- ▶ Lectures, one-to-many, sage-on-stage, with rare clarifying questions on the exact material as the reading, i.e., the usual
  - ▶ Easy for me and ego gratifying.
  - ▶ Easy for you to go off/off and start your exercise set.
  - ▶ Less effective than reading or watching a video on your own.
- ▶ Everything must be built to break or be delayed
  - ▶ About as useful as . . .

Consequences

- ▶ Grades are proficiency based.
- ▶ Slides will be rare. Mostly you will have a class document that is a mix of text and code that leads to some interesting notes.
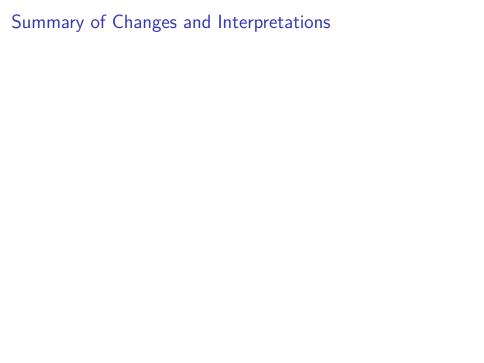
Introductions

Read through Syllabus

This link is in slack and I'll get it up in the zoom chat.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GcPz6btMO7JgRy_U7-YICHRCIVGI2N37/view?usp=sharing

- ▶ Read it now and ask questions by inserting a comment, ctrl+alt+m or insert:comment.
- ▶ We will take some time to do this.

Summary of Changes and Interpretations

Software Install

Virtual computer lab (http://vlab.pdx.edu/)

- ▶ Get logged in and get to the desktop.
- ▶ If you have problems, let me know and screen share *just* your browser.

Things to do.

Learn some basic R on your own.

- ▶ https://rstudio.cloud/learn/primers/1.2
- ▶ https://rstudio.cloud/learn/primers/2.1
- ▶ https://rstudio.cloud/learn/primers/2.2
- ▶ https://rstudio.cloud/learn/primers/2.3