BRIDWELL INSTITUTE
FOR ECONOMIC FREEDO

SMU Armentrout Scholars Reading Groups
Fall 2023 Syllabus
Humanomics: Economic Freedom & the Not-So-Dismal Science

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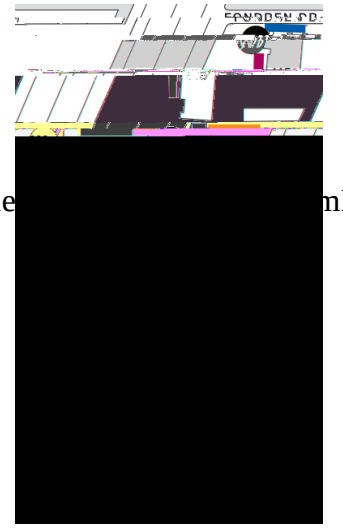
Meeting Times. Our meetings will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 6:15 – 8:00 pm, and Fridays at 11:15 am – 12:45 pm in the Bridwell Institute conference room. Note that for the two years of the Cox Business School building renovations our office has temporarily moved to the Expressway Tower at the southeast corner of 75 and SMU Blvd. **Our meetings are held in Room 1090 on the 10th Floor. (The conference room is on the left after you enter the suite.)**. All four groups have the same readings.



Parking. Students **with valid SMU parking permits** may park in the W6 "student overflow" lot **before 5 p.m.** or any available SMU employee lot **after 5 p.m**. See blue W lots on SMU parking map to the right. Students **without valid SMU parking permits** may not legally park in any SMU lot or in the lots around the Tower. There is a new campus "blue" shuttle bus th210.4.( )1y(hut)r0 T"(At.ev(w)6 (ee)-43 (t le mB224(A) student can use. Please allow sufficient time to get to the 10th floor conference room a few minutes before your session starts. The Bridwell Institute is not responsible for parking fines or towing fees.

Attendance is required. Your attendance and **active** participation are required. We will have **10 regular meetings plus a joint reading group summit** which may include students from similar groups at other universities. That will be held at SMU on Saturday, October 14 at 1-4 pm, followed by a reception that will end at about 6:30 pm, and is a **required** part of the program. You will not be paid the $1000 stipend if you do not attend.

You are **required to attend all 10 weekly meetings**. However, if you have an unavoidable conflict, we do have limited flexibility, with advance notice, for you to switch nights if you cannot attend on your regular reading group night (i.e., if you can't make one of your regular Monday night meetings, you can instead attend on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday that week and vice-versa). If you are absolutely unable to attend another session, please send your discussion leader a written summary (in an email, not as an attachment) of the

readings for that week by the start time of your meeting. Make sure you mention each of the readings for that week.

Week 1: Introduction: What Is Humanomics? (75 pages but Roberts pages are short)

Vernon L. Smith and Bart J. Wilson. (2019) "Humanomics Spans the Two Worlds of Adam Smith: Sociality and Economy," Chapter 1 in *Humanomics: Moral Sentiments and the Wealth of Nations for the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1-18. (18 pages)

McCloskey, Deirdre N. (2021). "Humanomics and Liberty Promise Better Economic Science," Chapter 1 in *Bettering Humanomics: A New, and Old, Approach to Economic Science*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 3-8. (5 pages)

McCloskey, Deirdre N. (2021). "Adam Smith Practiced Humanomics and So Should We" Chapter 2 in *Bettering Humanomics: A New, and Old, Approach to Economic Science*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 3-8. (5 pages)

Roberts, Russ. (2014). "How Adam Smith Can Change Your Life" Chapter 1 in *How Adam*

Week 4: Institutions Matter – And So Does Culture (72 pages)

Vernon L. Smith and Bart J. Wilson. (2019) "Propriety and Sympathy in a Rule-Governed Order," Chapter 7 in *Humanomics: Moral Sentiments and the Wealth of Nations for the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 95-108. (13 pages)

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