

Undergraduate Women in Economics Challenge Meeting

NBER, 1050 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge MA

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Saturday, May 2, 2015

- May 1, Fri 7:30pm *Dinner.* Legal Seafood (Kendall Square), 5 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142. (617) 864-3400. Short walk or cab ride from Sonesta.
- 8:30am *Continental Breakfast.* Available at NBER, 2nd floor conference room.
- 9:00am Welcome and individual introductions.
- 9:10am *Presentation:* Claudia Goldin (Harvard University, NBER)
 “Gender and the Undergraduate Economics Major,” including a discussion of the Challenge grants from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the RCT.
- Group Discussion I:* The Problem.
 What does each school see as its challenges in increasing the enrollment of women in the economics major?
- 10:10am *Break*
- 10:20am *Group Discussion II:* Institutional Details.
 When do students declare their majors, what differences exist in school schedules, and what does each institution see as its objectives and potential barriers?
- 11:00am *Break*
- 11:10am *Group Discussion III:* Interventions.
- Presentation:* Amanda Bayer (Swarthmore College; *Diversifying Economic Quality*). Best practices in pedagogy for including women.
- 12:30pm *Working lunch:* Interventions: Continuing Discussion
- 1:30pm *Group Discussion IV:* Evaluating the Challenge as an RCT.
 Intervention design and information to evaluate performance.
- 2:30pm *Break*
- 2:45pm *Group Discussion V:* Financial logistics, communicating with others in the Challenge group, and further aspects of the RCT.
- 3:30pm *Adjourn*