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**Mini - Course on the Economics of Marriage
Detailed Lesson Plan**

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- **Lecture 1: Overview of Gary Becker's theoretical models of marriage and other Demand and Supply (D&S) models**

Readings:

Becker, Gary S. (1973), "A Theory of Marriage: Part I." *Journal of Political Economy* 81:813-846.

_____. (1981), *A Treatise on the Family*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press (Chapters 3 on polygamy and chapter 4 on assortative mating; chapters 4 and 5 in 1991 second edition).

Grossbard-Shechtman, Amyra (1984), "A Theory of Allocation of Time in Markets for Labor and Marriage," *Economic Journal*, 94(4): 863-882.

Grossbard-Shechtman, Shoshana (1993) *On the Economics of Marriage*. Boulder: Westview Press (out of print): Chapters 3 and 4 (available on my webpage).

Grossbard, Shoshana (2006), "The Shrinking Role of Demand and Supply Models in Gary Becker's Theory of Marriage" SDSU, November (available on my webpage).

- **Lecture 2: Applications to labor supply, concepts of love and feminism**

Readings:

Fortin, Bernard and Guy Lacroix. (1997), "A Test of the Unitary and Collective Models of Household Labour Supply." *The Economic Journal* 107:933-955.

Grossbard-Shechtman, Amyra (1984), "A Theory of Allocation of Time in Markets for Labor and Marriage," *Economic Journal*, 94(4): 863-882.

Grossbard-Shechtman, Shoshana (1993) *On the Economics of Marriage*. Boulder: Westview Press (out of print): Chapters 3 and 7 (available on my webpage).

Shoshana Grossbard-Shechtman. "A Model of Labour Supply, Household Production, and Marriage" in *Advances in Household Economics, Consumer Behaviour and Economic Policy*, edited by Tran Van Hoa. London: Ashgate Publishing, 2005 (see <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/faculty/sgs/documents/MOD2003.pdf>).

Heer, David M. and Amyra Grossbard-Shechtman (1981). "The Impact of the Female Marriage Squeeze and the Contraceptive Revolution on Sex Roles and the Women's Liberation Movement in the United States, 1960 to 1975," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 43(1): 49-65.

- **Lecture 3: Applications to consumption and personal finance**

Readings:

Browning, Martin, Francois Bourguignon, Pierre-Andre Chiappori, and Valerie Lechene. (1994), "Income and Outcomes: A Structural Model of Intra-household Allocation." *The Journal of Political Economy* 102:1067-1096.

Chapter 5. Control over money in marriage (by Frances Woolley); and Chapter 6. Marriage, assets, and savings, by Joseph Lupton and James Smith; in Grossbard-Shechtman, Shoshana ed. (2003) *Marriage and the Economy*. New York: Cambridge University Press. See <http://www.cambridge.org/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521891431>.

Shoshana Grossbard-Shechtman. "A Consumer Theory with Competitive Markets for Work in Marriage." *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 31(6): 609-645, 2003.