University of Kansas Department of Economics

Economics 911 Applied Macroeconomics

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Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 3:30 (or longer if needed and I am able); Otherwise I am often available by appointment.

Course Description: This is an advanced PhD-level course in macroeconomics. We will study macroeconomic issues using various tools of applied economic analysis. The course will focus on developing empirical techniques that are primarily, though not exclusively, applications of the structural VAR model. These tools are used to provide answers to important macroeconomic questions. In contrast to a course in time series econometrics, this class will emphasize issues pertaining to structural identification and de-emphasize, though not ignore, issues pertaining to statistical inference.

Student Interests: Feel free to give me feedback regarding topics you find appealing that are excluded from this syllabus or topics listed on the syllabus that you either like a lot a lot or don't like very much. You can send your opinions by e-mail or by hard copy in my mailbox (this second option gives you anonymity if you don't sign your name). If you want to express any preferences, please do so ASAP.

Grading is based on a midterm examination and possibly also a paper. If you don't hand in a paper then your course grade will be one letter grade lower than your midterm grade. If you also hand in a paper, then the paper and the midterm are given equal weight in your grade for the course.

Midterm: The midterm examination will be an open book test. Once you have picked up the test you are not permitted to communicate about this exam with anyone else using any means. I intend for this test to be a take-home (24 hour) exam and for it to be given some time near the end of the semester. Test questions may be drawn from any material covered in class prior to the examination. We will try to arrange a mutually agreeable date for the exam, but if unable to agree on a date, then the midterm will be administered in the final exam period (see the course schedule for time and date). In this case you would only be allowed about 3 hours to take the exam.

Paper: There are three paper options: (1) Option A: write a paper that includes some original research; (2) Option B: present someone else's high quality research in class; or (3) NO PAPER OPTION: don't write a paper or present research in class. As soon as possible discuss with me the option you are choosing and your paper topic, unless you are choosing this last option. If you want to present a paper in class (Option B), then we need to try to put this into the schedule reasonably soon. If you tell me you have chosen a paper option, but fail to provide me with the paper or do not provide the in-class presentation by the deadline, then by default you will have selected the No Paper Option.

No Paper Option: Your course grade is one letter grade below your grade on the Midterm (e.g. if you get an A on the midterm, you will be given a B for the course). This is the default option if you fail to tell me otherwise. Also, if the deadline passes and you still have not submitted your paper and established (i.e. recontracted with me) a new deadline, then by default you will have selected this option.

Paper Option A: The paper is due at the time our final is scheduled to conclude, Wednesday, December 16 at 1 pm. This paper serves as a final exam. I may be willing to extend this deadline somewhat, but I do need to have all papers in time to get grades done by the university's grading deadline. If you are unable to hand in the paper by that date, you must commit to me in e-mail a future deadline for handing in the paper. The paper should be based on some new research that you do on an interesting and important macroeconomic topic. You will write a paper that documents what you've accomplished, how your work is related to existing research (e.g. it may complement, question, or refute other research), what macroeconomic implications can be derived from your research, and where this research should go next. The topic can be theoretical and/or empirical on anything that interests you,

subject to the constraint that the topic be of interest to macroeconomists. Hence, the range of topics is fairly wide open. Your paper is allowed to provide a careful review of the relevant literature, but should then attempt to break new ground with some original research. Your grade for the paper will be based on how much you are trying to accomplish in your paper, how well your research plan is designed to answer the questions you address, and how well you answer those questions. Your paper should not merely review a literature. If that is the kind of paper you are thinking about writing, then I would recommend to you the next option. It is optimal for you to be writing a paper that will become a chapter in your dissertation. But that is certainly not a requirement. An easy way to perform new research is to apply an existing method to a new data set or alternatively to make some small but significant and hopefully important modification to someone else's model. If the model is theoretical then you would determine how the economy behaves differently under your new assumption and if the model is econometric you would estimate it and examine how the model is affected by your new assumptions.

Paper Option B: Present in class an existing paper or a selection of findings/results from a group of related papers. The presentation does not need to be based on your own research. But the paper(s) should make important contributions (in terms of theory and/or econometrics) to current research. Of course, the subject matter must be on a macroeconomic topic. The paper(s) you present need not be published. In fact, recent working papers are usually closest to the research frontier and therefore may be of more interest. Your grade for the presentation will be based on the importance of the material that you select, relevance to the material covered in this course, how well you present that material and how well you respond to questions from the audience (myself and the students in attendance) about the paper(s) you present. If a paper appears on the syllabus, that is one way to indicate relevance to the course, but that is not a necessary condition for relevancy. Keep in mind that time is a significant constraint. If you take an entire class period to present work that should only require half a class period, I must factor this inefficient use of class time into your paper grade. The topic and material that you choose must be approved by me.

If you choose Option A, your research program is well-developed and your work fits nicely with the Econ 911 topics, I may also give you the option to present your research in class. We could call this one Option AB. However, this option has never actually been taken because: (i) people who chose Option B get first choice for presentation dates; (ii) there is a limit on class time we can allocate for presentations; and (iii) by the time you make clear to me that your paper should be given this option, it may be too late to fit your presentation into our schedule.

My Web Page: <u>http://www.people.ku.edu/~jkeating/</u> has links to My Courses, My Working Papers, My Publications, as well as to Other Research, Resources, News, Etc.. This last selection provides links to a variety of sources for Published Articles, Working Papers, Research Resources, Teaching Resources, News Sources and some other items (ETC.). Typically, I will use my Web page to distribute important course materials (e.g. homework assignments, solutions, etc.). However, if there is something that I don't wish to make publically available, or that I am not allowed to make public, I will use BlackBoard. (I do not post grades on BlackBoard)

Readings: There are a great many articles and books listed in this syllabus. Perhaps no one in the whole world could read all of these selections in one semester. I only expect you to read material that I stress in class or material that you find particularly engrossing.

Textbooks: I have ordered a few textbooks for this semester course. There are also various other books that you should have access to. I suggest you obtain any book that will benefit you in completing your dissertation or in your professional career, of course subject to your budget constraint. In the reading list a KEY WORD is accompanied by chapter, section, etc. to indicate relevant readings from books or on-line lectures notes. The book include:

CANOVA=Methods for Applied Macroeconometric Research, Fabio Canova, Princeton, 2007. HELMUT = Introduction to Multiple Time Series Analysis, 2nd ed.,Helmut Lutkepohl, Springer, 1993; ENDERS = Applied Econometric Time Series, Walter Enders, 2nd ed., Wiley, 2003.

TSA = Time Series Analysis, Jim Hamilton, Princeton University Press, 1994

- HAYASHI = Econometrics, Fumio Hayashi, Princeton University Press, 2000
- ADDACOOPER = Dynamic Economics: Quantitative Methods and Applications, Jerome Adda & Russell W. Cooper, MIT Press, 2003;
- WOODFORD = Interest and Prices: Foundations of a Theory of Monetary Policy, Michael Woodford, Princeton University Press, 2003;
- WALSH = Monetary Theory and Policy, 2nd ed., Walsh, Carl E., MIT Press, 2003;
- LS = *Rational Expectations and Econometric Practice*, R. Lucas and T. Sargent eds. University of Minnesota Press, 1981.

FAVERO=Applied Macroeconometrics, Favero, Carlo, Oxford University Press, 2001

On-line Texts: The list of on-line texts continues to grow. Some that are relevant for this course include:

PAGAN&DENNIS = <u>Modern Macro-Econometrics</u>, a course by Adrian Pagan & Richard Dennis, taught at the Center for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis at the Australian National University.

COCHRANE = <u>Time Series for Macroeconomics and Finance</u>, John Cochrane's intro to time series; PAGAN = Applied Macroeconometrics, a Web page for a course Adrian Pagan taught at Johns Hopkins

(Pagan also has taught a 1st year course in <u>Econometrics</u> and provides lecture notes for that course too); HANSEN = <u>Econometrics</u>, Bruce Hansen's notes for a 1st year text in econometrics;

JUSELIUS = The Cointegrated VAR Model: Econometric Methodology and Empirical Applications, Katarina Juselius, found by going to <u>http://www.econ.ku.dk/okokj/</u>, paging down on right side of the page until you get to "Lecture plan for <u>Advanced Econometrics</u> 2005", then clicking on the underlined course title. This page provides links to chapters by number and by course topic;

OGAKI = *Structural Macroeconometrics*, by Masao Ogaki, <u>Kyungho Jang</u>, and Hyoung-Seok Lim: Click on second author and at the next page click "Book" to get to the various chapters;

BIERENS = <u>Econometrics Lecture Notes</u> for advanced course work;

 $MIT = \underline{Time \ Series \ Analysis \ Lecture \ Notes}} \text{ for an advanced time series econometrics course at MIT;}$ $ZIVOT = \underline{Time \ Series \ Econometrics \ Lecture \ Notes}} \text{ by Eric \ Zivot, some typed, others handwritten.}$

Harold Uhlig at: <u>http://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/wpol/html/toolkit.htm</u> provides his paper "A toolkit for analyzing nonlinear economic dynamic models easily" as well as some programs for analyzing dynamic stochastic general equilibrium models. Most of the work on DSGE models requires the use of MATLAB, and Uhlig is no exception. However, Uhlig and a computer programmer have developed a package called DynaMo that will allow you to simulate and study some of the most well-known DSGE models from the literature without the need to purchase or master MATLAB.

Those of you with strong interests in financial econometrics might wish to purchase *Financial Econometrics: Problems Models and Methods* by Christian Gourieroux and Joann Jasiak, Princeton University Press, 2001 or *The Econometrics of Financial Markets*, by John Y. Campbell, Andrew W. Lo and A. Craig MacKinlay, Princeton University Press, 1997. Many of the tools we use to answer macro questions are used in these books to deal with financial applications, and some of tools used in these books are hardly used at all in macroeconometrics. Nelson Mark's *International Macroeconomics and Finance* (Blackwell 2001) is more related to the material that we cover in this course.

The syllabus has many references to National Bureau of Economic Research Working Papers (denoted NBER WP). Since the Economics Department subscribes to this series you can download these papers for yourself or use the department's hard copy (if you can find it) to make a copy for yourself. The syllabus references other working papers, some which come from other universities and some from the Federal Reserve System. Most items from the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may be ordered free of charge or downloaded from the Web.

You may order items from the Web or you may call the Feds (the only toll free numbers that I know are as follows: Kansas City Fed (800)333-1010; St. Louis Fed 800-333-0810; and Dallas Fed 800-333-4460).

The University subscribes to most of the journals referenced here, and therefore many published papers are available on the Web. Another source is called JSTOR, from which you are currently able to download articles from a wide selection of journals. The primary limitation with JSTOR is that it will not allow us to download the last 5 years or so of the journal (sometimes its less that 5). Also, ECONLIT is a useful tool for tracking down papers, primarily papers that are published in relatively good journal and those that are NBER Working Papers. I believe Professor Iwata still has a useful Web page that allows people to access articles in journals.

Statistical Programs, should you need them to write the paper, are left to your own discretion. If you decide to use RATS programming language, you may want to order the *RATS Handbook for Econometric Time Series* (Wiley) by Walter Enders. This manual helps you easily accomplish a lot of important tasks in RATS. This book and other texts can be purchased from Estima (the producer of RATS software), the publisher or from the Web. I'm guessing most of you really like E-Views because this software package allows you to easily implement many complicated econometric techniques. But ease of use has its costs. E-Views is not very flexible for doing some things out of the ordinary. With E-Views you are often limited to standard applications of well-known procedures, and can't easily, if at all, do something too different from the standard application. Sometimes a referee (or maybe even a dissertation adviser) will ask you to do something E-Views won't easily permit. But E-Views continues to get better.

Additional Abbreviations:

ECMT=Econometrica	BPEA=Brookings Papers on Economic Activity
JMCB=Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking	AER=American Economic Review
QJE=Quarterly Journal of Economics	RESTAT=Review of Economics and Statistics
CRCS=Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series	JME=Journal of Monetary Economics
JPE=Journal of Political Economy	JFE=Journal of Financial Economics
EER=European Economics Review	JEDC=Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
JMACRO=Journal of Macroeconomics	JECMTS=Journal of Econometrics
HBMAC=Handbook of Macroeconomics	HBECMTS=Handbook of Econometrics

Course Outline

1. Introduction to Identification and Time Series Analysis

Symposium on Econometric Tools, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 15, No. 4, Fall 2001

(in particular: "Mismeasured Variables in Econometric Analysis: Problems from the Right and Problems from the Left" by Jerry Hausman, 57-68; "Instrumental Variables and the Search for Identification: From Supply and Demand to Natural Experiments" by Joshua D. Angrist and Alan B. Krueger, 69-87; "Applications of Generalized Method of Moments Estimation" Jeffrey M. Wooldridge, 87-100; "Vector Autoregressions" by James H. Stock and Mark W. Watson, 101-116; "The New Econometrics of Structural Change: Dating Breaks in U.S. Labor Productivity" by Bruce E. Hansen, 117-128; "The Bootstrap and Multiple Imputations: Harnessing Increased Computing Power for Improved Statistical Tests" by David Brownstone and Robert Valletta, 129-142)

Journal of Econometrics, Volume 112, Issue 1, (January 2003):

The issue is devoted primarily to testing for causality. Authors include Clive W. J. Granger, James

Heckman, Donald B. Rubin, James M. Robins, Jerry A. Hausman, John Geweke, Kevin D. Hoover, Jean-Pierre Florens, P. Adams, M. D. Hurd, D. McFadden, A. Merrill, T. Ribeirio, Jérôme Adda, Tarani Chandola, Michael Marmot, James M. Poterba and Fabrizia Mealli.

Heckman, James J., (2005) "The Scientific Model of Causality" Sociological Methodology, 1-98

Heckman J. "Causal Parameters and Policy Analysis in Economics: A Twentieth Century Retrospective" QJE 115(1), February 2000, p 45-97. (also NBER WP #7333)

Slutsky E."The Summation of Random Causes as the Source of Cyclic Processes" ECMT 1937, 105-146

Sargent, T. J. Macroeconomic Theory, 1987, Academic Press, 285-288

Frisch R. "Propagation and Impulse Problems in Dynamic Economics," in R.A. Gordon and L.R. Klein, *Readings in Business Cycles*, 1965, 155-185

Haavelmo, T. "The probability approach in econometrics", Supplement to Econometrica 12, July 1944

JUSELIUS: 1,2

2. Tools for Dynamic Analysis

CANOVA: 1,3,4 HELMUT: 1,2,3,4 COCHRANE: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 OGAKI: 1,2,3,4,8 HAYASHI: 1,2,3,4,6,8.4 through 8.7 ENDERS: 1,2,5 TSA: 1,2,3,4,10,11 FAVERO: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Canova F. "Vector Autoregressive Models: Specification, Estimation, Inference and Forecasting" in *Handbook of Applied Econometrics: Macroeconomics* ed. Pesaran and Wickens, Blackwell 1995

Canova F. "The Economics of VAR Models" in *Macroeconometrics: Developments, Tensions and Prospects* ed K.D. Hoover, Kluwer 1995

Sims, Christopher A. "Macroeconomics and Reality," ECMT 1980, 1-48

Cooley, T. and S. LeRoy "Atheoretical Macroeconomics: A Critique" JME 1985, 283-308

Keating J. "Structural Approaches to Vector Autoregressions," St. Louis Fed Review 1992, 37-57

Watson M. "Vector Autoregressions and Cointegration" HBECMTS chapter 47, section 4

Amisano G. and C. Giannini, Topics in Structural VAR Econometrics, Springer, 1997

2A. Bayesian VAR models

CANOVA: 9,10 HELMUT: 5.4 TSA: 12

Doan, T., R.Litterman and C.Sims "Forecasting and Conditional Projection Using Realistic Prior Distributions,"*Econometric Reviews* 1984, 1-144

Litterman, R. "Forecasting With Bayesian Vector Autoregressions--Five Years of Experience," *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics* 1986, 25-38

Sims C. "A Nine Variable Probabilistic Macroeconomic Forecasting Model" in *Business Cycles, Indicators and Forecasting*, 1993, eds. J. Stock and M. Watson

Ingram B. and C. Whiteman "Supplanting the Minnesota prior: Forecasting Macroeconomic Time Series Using Real Business Cycle Model Priors" JME 1994

Robertson J. and E. Tallman "Vector Autoregressions: Forecasting and Reality" Atlanta Fed *Review* 1999, 4-18

Sims C. & T. Zha "Bayesian Methods for Dynamic Multivariate Models" *International Economic Review*; 39(4), November 1998, pages 949-68.

2B. Asymmetric VAR models

Helmut: 5 Hsiao, C. "Autoregressive Modeling and Money-Income Causality Detection," JME 1981, 85-106

Gordon R.J. and S. King "The Output Cost of Inflation in Traditional and Vector Autoregressive Models," BPEA 1982, 205-44

Keating J. "Asymmetric Vector Autoregression," American Statistical Association, 1993 Proceedings of the Business and Economic Statistics Section, 68-73

Keating J. "Macroeconomic Modeling with Asymmetric Vector Autoregressions," JMACRO 2000

2C. Inference on a VAR's Moving Average Representation (MAR)

Lutkepohl, Helmut "Asymptotic of Impulse responses and Forecast Error Variance Decompositions in VAR Models" RESTAT 1990

Mittnik S. and P. Zadrozny "Asymptotic Distributions of Impulse Responses, Step Responses, and Variance Decompositions of Estimated Linear Dynamic Models, ECMT 1993

Runkle, D. "Vector Autoregressions and Reality," *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics* 1987, 437-54 (Also "Comments" by Blanchard, Sims and Watson)

Kilian, L. "Small Sample Confidence Intervals for Impulse Response Functions" RESTAT 1998, 218-230

Horowitz, J "The bootstrap" Chapter 52 in Handbook of Econometrics, Volume 5

Horowitz J. "Bootstrap Methods in Econometrics: Theory and Empirical Performance" presented at Econometric Society's 7th World Congress

Bradley Efron and Robert Tibshirani An Introduction to the Bootstrap, Chapman & Hall, 1993

Hall, P. "Methodology and Theory for the Bootstrap" in HBECMTS chapter 39

Sims C. and T. Zha "Error Bands for Impulse Responses" ECMT 67(5), September 1999, 1113-55.

Pesavento, Elena & Barbara Rossi "Small Sample Confidence Intervals for Multivariate Impulse Response Functions at Long Horizons" 2004 WP

Donald W. K. Andrews & Moshe Buchinsky "A Three-Step Method for Choosing the Number of Bootstrap Repetitions," Econometrica, 2000

Berkowitz & Kilian (2000) "Recent developments in bootstrapping time series" Econometric Reviews

Benkwitz, Neumann & Lütekpohl (2000) "Problems related to confidence intervals for impulse responses of autoregressive processes" Econometric Reviews

2D. VARMA Models

Helmut: 6,7,8,9

Metaxoglou & Smith (2007) "Maximum likelihood estimation of VARMA models using a state-space EM algorithm" Journal of Time Series Analysis

Galbraith, Ullah & Zinde-Walsh (2002) " Estimation of the VARMA model by VAR" Econometric Reviews

Dufour J. & D. Pelletier" Linear estimation of weak VARMA models with a macroeconomic application"

2E. Local Projections

Òscar Jordà, "Estimation and Inference of Impulse Responses by Local Projections," The American Economic Review, Vol. 95, No. 1, March 2005

2F. Seminal papers on SVAR (structural VAR) modeling

Bernanke, B., (1986), "Alternative Explanations of the Money-Income Correlation", Carnegie-Rochester Conference on Public Policy, 25, 49-99.

Sims, C. (1986) "Policy analysis with econometric models" Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, Quarterly Review

Blanchard, Olivier J. and Mark Watson. "Are All Business Cycles Alike?" in *The American Business Cycle: Continuity and Change*, R.J. Gordon. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986, pp. 123-156.

"Identification in Linear Simultaneous Equation Models with Covariance Restrictions: An Instrumental Variables Interpretation," J. A. Hausman and W. E. Taylor, Econometrica, 51, pp. 1527-1549.

3. Determining the Effects of a Shock to Monetary Policy

3A. Short-Run Identifying Restrictions

Farmer R., The Macroeconomics of Self-Fulfilling Prophesies, Ch 11

Bernanke B. and A. Blinder "The Federal Funds Rate and the Channels of Monetary Transmission," AER 1992, 901-21

Leeper, E and D Gordon, "In Search of the Liquidity Effect," JME 1992

Christiano L., M. Eichenbaum and C. Evans "The Effects of Monetary Policy Shocks: Evidence from the Flow of Funds," RESTAT 1996, 16-34

Christiano L., M. Eichenbaum and C. Evans "Monetary Policy Shocks: What Have We Learned?" Chapter 2 Handbook of Macroeconomics (also NBER WP #6400)

Keating J. "Structural Information in Recursive VAR Orderings," JEDC 1996, 1557-1580

Eichenbaum, Martin and Charles Evans "Some Empirical Evidence on the Effects of Monetary Policy Shocks on Exchange Rates," QJE, 1995.

Soyoung Kim and Nouriel Roubini, Exchange rate anomalies in the industrial countries: A solution with a structural VAR approach, Journal Of Monetary Economics (45)3 (2000) pp. 561-586

Strongin, Steven "The Identification of Monetary Policy Disturbances: Explaining the Liquidity Puzzle" JME 1995, 463-97

Bernanke B. and I. Mihov "Measuring Monetary Policy" QJE 113(3), August 1998, pages 869-902 (also NBER WP #5145)

Leeper E. "Reducing Our Ignorance About Monetary Policy Effects" Atlanta Fed Econ Review 1995

Rudebusch G."Do Measures of Monetary Policy in a VAR Make Sense?"*International Economic Review* 39(4), November 1998

Sims C. "Comment on Glenn Rudebusch's Do Measures of Monetary Policy in a VAR Make Sense?" *International Economic Review* 39(4), November 1998, pages 933-41

Evans C. and K.Kuttner "Can VARs Describe Monetary Policy?" Chicago Fed WP

Cover, J."Asymmetric Effects of Positive and Negative Money-Supply Shocks" QJE 1992, 1261-82

Canova F.and G. De Nicolo "Monetary Disturbances matter for Business Cycle Fluctuations in the G-7" JME, Volume 49, Issue 6, (September 2002) Pages 1131-1159 (also Board of Governors, International Finance Discussion Paper #660)

Dwyer M. "Impulse Response Priors for Discriminating Structural Vector Autoregressions" UCLA WP

Bagliano F. and C.Favero "Measuring Monetary Policy with VARs: An Evaluation" EER 1998, 1069-1112

Kim S. "Does Monetary Policy Matter in the G-7 Countries?: Using Common Identifying Assumptions about Monetary Policy Across Countries" *Journal of International Economics* 1999, 387-412

Leeper E. and T. Zha "Modest Policy Interventions" Atlanta Fed WP

Leeper E. and T. Zha "Assessing Simple Policy Rules: A View from a Complete Macroeconomic Model" St. Louis Fed Review, July 2001, 83-110

Bernanke B. & I. Mihov "The Liquidity Effect and Long-run Neutrality" CRCS 49, Dec. 1998, p 149-94

Jean Boivin & Marc Giannoni "Has Monetary Policy Become More Effective?" 2003, NBER WP 9459

Jordi Galí, J. David López-Salido and Javier Vallés, (2003) "Technology shocks and monetary policy: Assessing the Fed's performance", AER Volume 50, Issue 4, May, Pages 723-743

Soyoung Kim, "International transmission of U.S. monetary policy shocks: Evidence from VAR's", JME, Volume 48, Issue 2,(October 2001), Pages 339-372

Andrew Ang and Monika Piazzesi, "A no-arbitrage vector autoregression of term structure dynamics with macroeconomic and latent variables", JME Volume 50, Issue 4,(May 2003) Pages 745-787

Kenneth N. Kuttner "Monetary policy surprises and interest rates: Evidence from the Fed funds futures market", JME, Volume 47, Issue 3,(June 2001) Pages 523-544

Cecchetti, Stephen G. & Georgios Karras, "Sources of output fluctuations during the interwar period: Further evidence on the causes of the Great Depression", *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol.76,Issue 1, (Feb 1994), 80-102

Cochrane, John H. and Monika Piazzesi, "The Fed and Interest Rates – a High Frequency Identification" 2002 AER 92, 90-95.

Dueker, Mike, The monetary policy innovation paradox in VARs, A discrete explanation, St. Louis Fed Review, 2002.

Giordani, P. (2004) "An alternative explanation of the price puzzle" JME, 1271-1296

Hanson M. (2004) "The "price puzzle" reconsidered" JME, 1385-1413

Brissimis & Magginas (2006) "Forward-looking information in VAR models & the price puzzle" JME

3B. Searching for Structure

Demiralp S. and K. Hoover (2003) "Searching for the Causal Structure of a Vector Autoregression" *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 745-67

Swanson N. and H. White "Impulse Response Functions Based on a Causal Approach to Residual Orthogonalization in Vector Autoregressions" *Journal of the American Statistical Association*; 92(437), March 1997, pages 357-67.

3C. Using Sign Restrictions

Uhlig H. "What are the Effects of Monetary Policy on Output? Results from an Agnostic Identification Procedure" JME 2005, 381-419.

Faust J. "The Robustness of Identified VAR Conclusions about Money" CRCS 1998 (Also Uhlig's comments)

3D. The Narrative Approach

Romer C. and D. Romer "Does Monetary Policy Matter? A New Test in the Spirit of Friedman and Schwartz," *NBER Macroeconomics Annual* 1989

Romer C. and D. Romer "New evidence on the monetary transmission mechanism," BPEA 1990

Boschen, J and L. Mills, "The Relation between Narrative and Money Market Indicators of Monetary Policy" *Economic Inquiry* 1995, 24-44

Shapiro, M. "Federal reserve policy: Cause and effect" Ch:9 in Monetary Policy, ed. G. Mankiw,

Hoover K. and S. Perez "Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc Once More: An Evaluation of Does Monetary Policy Matter? in the Spirit of James Tobin," JME 1994 (Also the response of Romer and Romer)

Leeper E. "Narrative and VAR Approaches to Monetary Policy: Common Identification Problems" JME 1997, 641-657 (Also the response of Romer and Romer)

Beaudry P. and M.Saito "Estimating the effects of monetary shocks: An evaluation of different approaches" JME 1998, 241-260

Christina D. Romer and David H. Romer, "A New Measure of Monetary Shocks: Derivation and Implications," The American Economic Review, Vol. 94, No. 4, September 2004

3E. Jim Hamilton's Approach

Hamilton J. "The Daily Market for Federal Funds" JPE 1996, 26-56

Hamilton J. "Measuring the Liquidity Effect" AER 1997, 80-97

Hamilton J. "Supply and Demand for Federal Reserve Deposits" CRCS 1998 (and UCSD WP)

Hamilton, J. & O. Jorda, "A Model for the Federal Funds Rate Target" UC-Davis Econ Dept WP 98/07

Thornton, D. Identifying the Liquidity Effect at the Daily Frequency" St. Louis Fed Review, July 2001, 59-78

Carpenter, Seth & Selva Demiralp "The Liquidity Effect in the Federal Funds Market, Evidence from daily open market operations" WP

3F. Long-Run Identifying Restrictions

Keating J. "Postwar US Business Cycles in Models with Long-Run Monetary Neutrality,"

Fung B. and M.Kasumovich "Monetary Shocks in the G-6: Is There a Puzzle?" JME 1998, 575-592

Keating J. "Structural Inference with Long-Run Recursive Empirical Models" *Macroeconomic Dynamics* 2001.

Keating J. "When do Long-Run Recursive Identification Restrictions and Wold Orderings Yield Identical Results?" WP

3G. Introduction to Unit Roots

HELMUT: 11 HAYASHI: 9 COCHRANE: 10 OGAKI: 13 ENDERS: 4 TSA: 15,16,17

Stock and Watson "Variable Trends in Economic Time Series," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 1988 147-174

Stock J. "Unit Roots, Structural Breaks and Trends" HBECMTS chapter 46

Campbell, J. and P. Perron "Pitfalls and Opportunities: What Macroeconomists Should Know About Unit Roots," *NBER Macroeconomics Annual* 1991

Beveridge S. and C. Nelson "A New Approach to Decomposition of Economic Time Series into Permanent and Transitory Components with Particular Attention to Measurement of the Business Cycle," JME 1981, 151-174

Nelson, C. and C. Plosser "Trends and Random Walks in Macroeconomic Time Series: Some Evidence and Implications," JME 1982, 129-162

Phillips P. and Z.Xiao "A Primer on Unit Root Testing" *Journal of Economic Surveys* 12(5), December 1998, pages 423-69. (also Yale WP)

Dickey & Fuller "Distribution of the estimators for autoregressive time series with a unit root" JASA

1979, 427-431.

Dickey, D.A. and W.A. Fuller (1981). "Likelihood ratio statistics for autoregressive time series with a unit root," Econometrica, 49 1057-1052.

Phillips, PCB (1987). "Time series regression with a unit root," Econometrica 55, 277-301.

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