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Economics 4903: Undergraduate Seminar – Fall 2009 - Professor M. Wilkins
Topic: Government and the American Economy – An Historical Perspective

The class meets Tues. - Thurs. 6.25-to 7.40 – in GC 286.

Professor Wilkins' office hours are 3 to 4 on Tuesdays and by appointment. Her office is DM 319C.

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The topic for this undergraduate seminar, Government and the American Economy—An Historical Perspective, is very germane to discussions among economists today. We will explore and analyze the various different roles of government in the U.S. economy from the colonial era to the present.

Grades will be based on class participation, student presentations, plus some written work. Class attendance is required. The exact format of the seminar and how it will unfold will be provided in class.

Meanwhile, students should buy the paperback edition of Price Fishback, et al., *Government and the American Economy: A New History* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007). This volume is a collection of essays by prominent economic historians, which we will all read and discuss-- and which will serve as a basis for presentations and for required written assignments.

The book will serve as the point of departure for our study of this important aspect of U.S. economic history.

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