

Workshop on Labour Markets in China and North America

Thursday, August 18, 2011
4161 Social Sciences Centre
Department of Economics
University of Western Ontario

Program

9:00-9:30 Welcome and Introduction

Session I: Migration

9:30-10:15 “Measuring the Income-Distance Trade-off for Chinese Rural-Urban Migrants”
Junfu Zhang (with Zhong Zhao), Clark University

10:15-11:00 “The Unexpected Consequence of One-Child Policy”
Elaine Liu (with Meng Xin, Paul Frijters, Sherry Tao), University of Houston

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00 “Repeated Circular Migration: Theory and Evidence”
Kevin Thom, New York University

12:00-1:30 Lunch

Session II: Education and Skill Formation

1:30-2:15 “China’s Higher Education Expansion and its Labor Market Consequences”
Chunbing Xing, Beijing Normal University

2:15-3:00 “Human Capital Prices, Productivity and Growth”
Audra Bowlus (with Christopher Robinson), University of Western Ontario

3:00-3:15 Break

Session III: Macroeconomics and Labour Market Adjustment

3:15-4:00 “The RMB Real Exchange Rate and Labor Market Adjustment in China”
Gilbert Mao, Chinese Academy of Social Science

4:00-4:45 “The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Public Sector Jobs
Saved, Private Sector Jobs Forestalled”
Timothy Conley (with Bill Dupor), University of Western Ontario

5:00-7:00 Drinks at Grad Bar

7:15 Dinner