

Macro I reading list – Fall 2006

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Books: Paul Blustein, [And the Money Kept Rolling in \(and Out\)](#).

Real Business Cycles

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Romer, Christina. “Changes in Business Cycles,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Spring 1999, 23-45.

Black, Fischer. “Noise,” *Journal of Finance*, 1986.

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Finance and interest rates

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Taylor, John. "Reassessing Discretionary Fiscal Policy," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Summer 2000, 21-36.

Bernheim, B. Douglas. "A Neoclassical Perspective on Budget Deficits," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Spring 1989, 55-72.

Eisner, Robert. "Budget Deficits: Rhetoric and Reality," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Spring 1989, 73-93.

Mankiw, N. Gregory and Weinzierl, Matthew, "Dynamic Scoring: A Back-of-the-Envelope Guide," <http://www.nber.org/papers/w11000>.

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Hall, Robert E. "Employment Fluctuations with Equilibrium Wage Stickiness," *American Economic Review*, March 2005, 50-65.

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Caplin, Andrew and Spulber, Daniel. "Menu Costs and the Neutrality of Money," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 1987, 703-725.

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Krugman, Paul. "The Hangover Theory," at <http://www.slate.com/id/9593>

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Current issues: http://www.roubiniglobal.com/archives/2005/05/global_imbalanc.html

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Hausmann, Ricardo and Sturzenegger, Federico, "U.S. and Global Imbalances: Can Dark Matter Prevent a Big Bang?," http://www.cid.harvard.edu/cidpublications/darkmatter_051130.pdf

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History

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Here is a searchable link to Brad DeLong's website: http://www.j-bradford-delong.net/movable_type/2005-3_archives/000084.html, use at your discretion.

www.marginalrevolution.com, follow this blog, starting with this class.

Advice for graduate students (essential):

<http://gregmankiw.blogspot.com/2006/05/advice-for-grad-students.html>

Read this too:

http://www.marginalrevolution.com/marginalrevolution/2005/06/simple_career_a.html