

September 8, 2003

PUAF 700: U.S. Trade
Presentations and Papers: Round One

On September 17 through November 5, the seminar will address eight broad topics. Each student will be expected to give special attention one of these. S/he should come to that week's seminar prepared to make a short (about 10 minutes) presentation raising specific questions and/or highlighting important issues. Then, drawing on that presentation and the seminar discussion, he/she is to write a short paper (no more than 5 pages, double-spaced, and no more than 1700 words) on an aspect of the same topic and turn it in by the next seminar session.

Neither the presentation nor the paper need draw on sources beyond assigned readings. Nor should they attempt a comprehensive summary of those readings, though they must show awareness of their content. Instead, presentations and papers should be selective and analytic, centering on specific trade issues. Both the presentation and the paper will be graded, with specific attention to observance of time and page limits.

What follows is a list of topics. A "master list" for signups will be available at the break of the September 10th meeting. I hope that all topics will be covered, with no more than two students signed up for any given week.

September 17: Trade, Exchange Rates, and Macroeconomics

September 24: Trade and Microeconomics

October 1: Coping with Imports: Safeguards, Antidumping, and Steel

October 8: Coping With Imports: Adjustment (*to be rescheduled*)

October 15: Expanding Exports: The WTO

October 22: New Policy? New Politics?

October 29 Expanding Exports: Past and Current Negotiations

November 5: Trade and the Environment