ECONOMIC EDUCATION AT MULTIPLE LEVELS:
CONTINUING (OR STARTING) THE CONVERSATION

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INTRODUCTION…

Telling People About Economics When I Wasn’t Asked Jar
INTRODUCTION...

• Secondary Business Teacher
  • 2002 - Present
  • Four schools; two states
  • Including: A.P. Macroeconomics, A.P. Microeconomics, Economics, Personal Finance and multiple others (varies by year)

• Principles Level
  • 2017 - Present
  • University of Nebraska Omaha
  • Including: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Intro. to the U.S. Economy and Economics for Educators

• Other
  • Graduate of Northwest Missouri State University and University of Delaware
  • A.P. Macroeconomics Reader since 2016
WORKING TOGETHER

• The purpose for being here!

• “JET is a peer-reviewed, economics pedagogy journal devoted exclusively to transmitting innovative teaching ideas to educators of economics at ALL levels.”

• How can we work together to make economic education the best it can be at every level?
SIMILARITIES

- Care
- Excuses!
- Active Learning

So, if I just do the homework, will my grade improve?

BRACE YOURSELVES, THE EXCUSES ARE COMING
DIFFERENCES

- Curriculum Changes
- Time
- Purpose
- Attendance

Did we do anything while I was absent?

No, we stopped learning to mourn your absence.
TEACHER EDUCATION

- Differs by University
- My Experiences…
  - Undergraduate
  - Graduate
  - As an instructor
THOUGHTS?

• Challenges
• Solutions
“NEW GDP?!?!?”

- New prototype
  - Tracks Inequality
  - “The Hidden Wealth of Nations” by Gabriel Zuchman
ASSESSMENTS

• “Assessing Learning in College Economics: A Sixth National Quinquennial Survey” by Cynthia Harter, Rebecca G. Chambers & Carlos J. Asarta
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LET’S KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING...

• Working Together

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