Economic Association Conference

On March 9, at the 2014 Eastern Economic Association Conference in Boston, four American University Economics PhD students (Paul Corral, Mungunsuvd Terbish, Ermengarde Jabir, and Daniel Kuehn) presented their fall 2013 seminar work on info-metrics. Despite daylight savings time and an early morning time slot, the session was well attended.

Paul Corral and Mungunsuvd Terbish began the session with a general discussion of generalized maximum entropy (GME) and presented a new Stata command written by them for a GME discrete choice model. Their paper is currently under review at The Stata Journal. Ermengarde Jabir presented her work on household asset allocation using GME estimation methods. Daniel Kuehn presented his work on a GME version of propensity score matching (PSM), a common quasi-experimental technique in the evaluation literature. Currently, Daniel is comparing GME PSM to traditional approaches using simulations, and he hopes to eventually apply it to actual program data.

Recently, the same team has been accepted to present as a panel at the 2014 Southern Economic Association Conference in Atlanta this November. This year, the team will be joined by Heath Henderson, an American University Economics Department graduate, who will present his work on the choice of priors in generalized cross entropy (GCE) models. To serve as a discussant, please contact Daniel Kuehn at dan.p.kuehn@gmail.com.