David K Smith ‘42 Economics Symposium  
Dedicated to the Memory of Robert E. Prasch III  
“Economics of Skin Tone, Gender, Ethnicity, and Diaspora”  
Saturday, April 16th, 2016 [Robert A. Jones ’59 House Conference Room]  

Welcome Remarks: 8:30 to 8:45 AM President Laurie L. Patton [Middlebury]  
Session I: 8:50 AM to 11 AM [Moderator: Jana Parsons ’16] “Do we have a Color-Blind Economy?”  
Discussant: Stephanie Seguino [UVM]  

-Marcos A. Rangel [Duke]  
“Color and Families: Demographic and socioeconomic differentials according to skill tonalities in the US”  
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-Art Goldsmith [Washington & Lee, with co-authors]  
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Coffee Break 11 AM to 11:15 AM  

Keynote Address I: 11:20 AM to 12:30 PM Solomon W. Polachek [SUNY-Binghamton]  
“Gender/Racial Wage Gaps: Not Too Well-Known Trends & Explanations”  

Lunch 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM  

Session II: 1:20 PM to 3:30 PM [Moderator: Hyeon-Seok Yu ’16] “Are Earnings Converging across Race and Gender?”  
Discussant: Tanya Byker [Middlebury]  

-John S. Heywood [Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with G. Courey]  
“Trends in Gender and Racial Wage Gap among Software Workers”  
-Joyce Jacobsen [Wesleyan, with co-authors]  

Coffee Break 3:30 PM to 3:45 PM  


-Discussant: Marcos A. Rangel [Duke]  

-Keynote Address II: 5:05 PM to 6:15 PM Klaus F. Zimmermann [Harvard/Bonn University]  
“Diaspora Economics: Global Challenges and Perspectives”  

Closing Remarks: Phanindra V. Wunnava [Middlebury]