For this assignment, choose one of the following four papers:


The easiest way to access these papers is to use Google Scholar ([http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)) from a campus computer. Once you find the entry, you can just click on “find it @ Sac State” and follow the instructions.

Once you find these papers, read them carefully before you begin your assignment.

**Questions:**

1. List all levels of section titles

2. In which section is the literature review located? Does it have its own section?

3. Use about half a page to describe the theory or theoretical implication of the paper.

4. (on a separate page) Write a two-page (12 point font, double-spaced) summary of the article, following the guidelines below. The two-page limit does not include the reference list.

   a. Begin with stating the research question in your own words
b. Explain why the question is important and its policy implications

c. A summary of previous work. You don’t have the space to lay out all different papers, so focus on the main difference in theory or results.

d. Briefly discuss the theoretical analysis of the question. You do not need to resort to equations or graphs. Instead, summarize the theory in a few intuitive sentences. (You may change the order of 3 and 4 at your discretion. For example, if there is one unifying theory but different empirical results, talk about the theory first and then explain the results. Sometimes a paper can be testing competing theories, in this case, you may also want to put theory before the empirical literature)

e. Describe the data sources and features (date, sample size, etc.)

f. Briefly explain the empirical methodology

g. Discuss the empirical results and how it corresponds to the theory.

h. Close by stating the policy implications and direction for future work or potential problems

i. Create a reference list using APA style. The APA style guide can be found at http://library.csus.edu/guides/rogenmoserd/general/apa.html