

**TO:** Provost David Reed  
**FROM:** Professor Tom Merz,  
**SUBJECT:** Sabbatical leave report  
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**CC:** President Glenn Mroz, Dean Christa Walck

The following summarizes my professional activities as a Visiting Fellow in the School of Economics and Finance at Curtin University of Technology (Perth, Australia), while on sabbatical from Michigan Tech during the fall semester 2006.

- August 10: presenter at Curtin School of Economics and Finance seminar series.
- Attended eleven presentations in the Curtin School of Economics and Finance seminar series, July-November 2006.
- August 11: presenter at a seminar on the campus of The University of Western Australia.
- August 23: presenter at the Curtin Business School Executive Dean's Luncheon Series.
- September 22: presenter at a seminar on the campus of Edith Cowan University.
- October 3: guest lecturer at Strategic Games class, Curtin University.
- October 6: guest lecturer at Economic Policy Issues class, Curtin University.
- Gave twenty 1-hour lectures in Economics 100 (Curtin School of Economics and Finance), July-November 2006.
- Gave ten, 2-hour lectures in Economics 182 (Western Australia School of Mines, Curtin University), July-November 2006.
- Initiated research on the modelling the welfare effects of reducing asymmetric information in the case of restaurant hygiene.

There is a possibility that I will be returning to Curtin University for a 6-week period in July-August 2007. The primary purpose of this visit would be to assist in devising and implementing exercises involving students enrolled in the course Strategic Games. The goal is to provide opportunities for active learning while facilitating an appreciation and understanding of models (games) involving strategic behavior on the part of student participants. This work would also involve students enrolled in EC3030 (Game Theory and Strategic Behavior) taught by me at Michigan Tech. A decision regarding funding for my return visit to Curtin will be made in late March 2007. If the funding is approved, I anticipate returning to Curtin in the summer of 2007.