Feb 5. Introduction; Versioning and Price Discrimination

**Think about:**

Session to lead

Suggestions for topics or readings to add

**Discussion Questions:**

(1) Why are some research topics inherently interesting to pursue and some papers inherently interesting to read, whereas others seem to be strictly *pro forma* activities to earn promotion in academia?

(2) What are the most important skills for writing the *first* paper in an area? The *second* paper? The *tenth* paper?

(3) Where are the most promising opportunities for innovative research in information-related fields today?