Auction List 2016

- **Debraj Ray** offers an evening for two – plus himself - at his place, with some good wine, cheese and conversation, plus all the tips you need to write a kickass AER paper!
- **Efe Ok and his wife Berna** offer a salsa lesson… Hint: they are amazing dancers.
- **Katherine Waldock** is auctioning off
  - A pencil drawing of Angelina Jolie from the Ward-Nasse gallery. The artist is Carolyn Tann-Starr ($325 value).
  - A bottle of Johnnie Walker – who wants to celebrate with some whisky?
- **Ariel Rubinstein** offers
  - A promise to get the first copy of the cafe poster 2017 in a nice frame. If you are looking for some inspiration, he can tell you in which cafe he wrote his most important papers 😊.
  - A Sunday breakfast in some Jewish restaurant in an unknown NY area (with the worst food one can imagine).
- **Pavel Kocourek** offers the following items:
  - Run (not away) with his girlfriend.
  - Hangout with sailors and artists in the Russian-Turkish Bath.*
  - A professional picture of you enjoying the view from the top of the mast of his sailboat. Should your safety be in question, please consult your life insurance policy.*
  - Saturday night in his favorite Ghanian/Jamaican bar located in a somewhat shady part of Bronx. You will eat delicious food, meet unbelievably friendly people, and get drunk to finally understand what they are saying.*
  - One night on my latest sailboat that has not sunk yet. Sailing not included unless the boat cuts lose.*

* You can bring up to one significant other.

Pavel will give $100 cash-back on the largest bid on his items. He will also match the total proceeds from his offers and donate it to [Nepalmed](https).

- **David Pearce** will host a "Mostly Piano" evening in his apartment. **Boyan Jovanovic**, an accomplished jazz pianist, has agreed to play for us, and for more classical fare, **Nikhil Vellodi** will take to the keyboard. He has performed piano concertos with various orchestras in his undergrad days. Don't miss seeing these colorful characters in an entirely new light. Come enjoy some modest snacks and libations, and play the baby grand, join the musical discussion or just embarrass the performers by making requests. Bid extravagantly for a wonderful cause, and secure your place at the event of the season.
- **Isabelle Perrigne and Quang Vuong** offer you to live among the stars for three days/two nights in Los Angeles. You will stay at [Mulholland Pool Retreat](https), a house that hosted many celebrities from the worlds of movie, fashion and art. Pharell Williams just bought a property nearby. It is a gem of post and beam architecture originally designed by D.P. Polsky, FAIA and updated by J. Eyster, AIA with sleek and pure lines. Experience an ultimate heaven of privacy and luxury in the Hollywood Hills. (market value: $1500-2000)
- **Giorgia Romagnoli** offers a photo-shoot session to the top two bidders. Job market candidates, you could have the best job market picture 😊
• Sonia Gilbukh and Severine Toussaert offer a private yoga class. Inhale, exhale, repeat!!

• Milena Almagro and Anwar Ruff auction off a martial arts lesson: you will learn the secrets of Sanda, Kick Boxing and Aikido.

• "Ek Hindustani Shaam: Khaan, Gaan and Jaam, but no Kaam" (=One Indian Evening: Food, Music and Drinks, but no Work): Seher Gupta and Aditya Kuvalekar will host a Bollywood Evening featuring a fun Indian-movie screening, Bollywood dancing, cocktails with an Indian twist, and finger-licking Indian street food!!

• Coffee is probably the best friend of most academics… we are auctioning off two Starbucks gift cards of unknown value. Hint: you can buy between one and 1,000 coffees with each card 😃

• NYC at your fingertips: Igor Cesarec is auctioning off to three highest bidders drinks on a 53rd floor rooftop in downtown Manhattan this summer. Views will be amazing and drinks will be cold, what more can you wish for?

• Diego Anzoategui auctions off an Argentinian style cake. Made with coconut and dulce de leche, this cake is simply delicious. Caro, his lovely wife, will be the cook (she is great by the way !)

• James Graham offers to the top five bidders the right to compete against each other in a round of “The World Series of Series”: a game in which contestants are presented with unnamed time series data, and must guess what they are. The winner of the game will receive an engraved trophy and there will be a prize for the top 3 players.

• "The Wheel of Cheese": Kevin Thom offers to the three highest bidders to participate in a unique prize drawing. Hint: Be prepared for some craziness.

• Crash course in knitting: Milena Almagro will teach you the basic stitches and techniques to be ready for the Fall-Winter season! It will be a two-hour session and basic material will be included. Develop your creativity and never spend a cent on gifts again ;)

• Dmitry Sorokin auctions off a Honey-pepper Ukrainian vodka (gorilka) 'Nemiroff' - ABV: 40%. It is an authentic Ukrainian spirit based on a recipe with more than 600-year history. Honey gives this vodka extraordinary smoothness and chili pepper adds a spicy kick. Dissolve into pleasant melancholy and warm up your evening with this rich nectar of a distant country.

• Dan Greenwald offers to convert up to three m-files to mex files for a single project. The mex files are coded in C, and are much faster than Matlab's operations (up to 100x) if you are executing a large loop. If you prefer, Dan can also convert python or julia files to C or cython for similar speed gains.

• Austin Bean and his wife Imelda offer to stay at their place in Austin, TX during the South by Southwest music festival in March 2017. They can accommodate 2 people and you are free to pick the weekend you want to stay. Oh, and they are fantastic people.

• Office 502 is the coolest office at the econ department. This year they are proving it again by auctioning off a barbecue in Prospect Park, for one person and up to 3 friends.

• Back by popular demand, Xavier Gabaix is auctioning off a lunch at a French restaurant near campus.

• Thomas Sargent is auctioning off
  o A very special document that Chris Tonnetti, Cecilia Parlatore and Anmol Bhandari prepared before his Nobel Prize ceremony. They locked themselves in a room for several hours and tried to come up with a version of slides and some notes to accompany them using prof Sargent's article. These notes are beautifully hand-written by Cecilia.
The PhD thesis of Lars Hansen from Minnesota. Both him and Chris Sims were on his committee.

An economics baseball card of him from the 1980’s. The picture is amazing. If you are a baseball fan, you should bid on this. If you are not a baseball fan, you should bid on this too. The card is hilarious (sorry prof Sargent 😊).

Alberto Bisin offers
- An afternoon trip on his motorcycle somewhere very nice in Northern California this summer; leaving from San Francisco, helmet included, jacket as well - size restrictions apply - no life or injury insurance, but no moral hazard either (not insured himself). If you prefer something closer, a trip in NY State is also possible.
- An Italian dinner for 5 at his place in NY next fall; great wine and bad food: he might try actually cooking - no life or injury insurance, but no moral hazard either (he will eat as well). Update: The dinner will have a friend of his as a second cook, also Italian, possibly as bad as him - but they’ll do their best.

Jaroslav Borovicka is offering a bottle of home made plum brandy, made by his dad, which you cannot get anywhere else in the world. Hint: apparently it is pretty strong 😊.

Katarina Borovicova is offering a necklace made of a polymer clay called Fimo. The set was made by her mother in law. So it’s pretty unique!

Isaac Bale will contribute with a full paella meal with ocean views at the Barceloneta beach for up to 4 people. The meal will include prime Iberic ham and Andalucian calamari as appetizers, seafood paella, lemon sorbet, and Galician spirits. Unlimited Catalan wine, and great company, will be provided too. Romantic walks by the beach (or to UPF) can be arranged under request.

The 2015-2016 JM candidates offer to share coffee time with up to 10 people, and give all their advice, tips and material on the job market. This includes organized electronic files, writing samples, and application data. Disclaimer: we cannot guarantee the job but we wish you as much as luck as we got 😊.

Rumen Kostadinov is offering a guitar experience. The winner can choose one (or more) of the following:
- A guitar lesson (acoustic or electric, beginner or intermediate level).
- A private performance for you or someone else. He would pick the songs but would try to accommodate your taste, if possible.
- A jam session or busking in Washington Square Park (you would split the profits with him).
- In addition, he can offer you his thoughts on music theory, songwriting, the genres and artists he likes, and share some of his original material with you.

Attention All Foodies! Weichen Yan offers various treats for your palate such as cookies, cereal bars, fancy chocolate and other delicacies, as well as free meals at various restaurants in NYC. There will be 15 surprise assortments. Winners will draw one envelope at random to discover their prize. Prize range: $17-$82.

Arielle Feinman is auctioning off 3 invitations to her next show on July 2nd at 8pm at C'Mon Everybody in Brooklyn (http://www.cmoneverybody.com/)

Who needs some relaxation? We will auction off a massage certificate at Bliss Spa on Prince Street. Valid for a rhythm & bliss massage, $160 value (see for details https://www.blissworld.com/massage/rhythm-bliss-massage)