

Economics 272c
Public Expenditures
Winter 2014
Reading List

Items with 3 asterisks (***) in front are required reading. Items with 1 asterisk (*) **in front are ones we spent a reasonable amount of time on in class.**

- Introduction, methods
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