

File ID 60861  
Filename Acknowledgments

---

SOURCE (OR PART OF THE FOLLOWING SOURCE):

Type Dissertation  
Title Supplements to the economics of household behavior  
Author S. van Velzen  
Faculty Faculty of Economics and Business  
Year 2001  
Pages xiv, 216  
ISBN 9051708181

FULL BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS:

<http://dare.uva.nl/record/98100>

---

*Copyright*

*It is not permitted to download or to forward/distribute the text or part of it without the consent of the author(s) and/or copyright holder(s), other than for strictly personal, individual use.*

---

---

## Acknowledgments

This thesis is based on a number of papers, which have benefited from the suggestions and encouragement of many people. As for Chapter 2, I am especially indebted to Mary Morgan, who encouraged me to write a course paper on Hazel Kyrk's 1933 book *Economic Problems of the Family*, and thus led me to the broader study of Kyrk's work and life. I also gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Laurie Philips of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and that of Debra Levine and colleagues working at the Department of Special Collections at the University of Chicago Library, who supplied me with some of Kyrk's correspondence as well as her archival file.

Chapter 3 is an only slightly adapted version of a joint paper with Hessel Oosterbeek and Joep Sonnemans, 'Bargaining with endogenous pie size and disagreement points' (1998). In view of the specific context of this thesis, most adaptations are found in section 3.2, which also draws on Van Velzen (1997). The three of us gratefully acknowledge valuable comments from Theo Offerman, Randolph Sloof, and from seminar participants in Amsterdam and Mannheim. I, specifically, thank my co-authors: Joep for cheerfully introducing me to the wonderful world of experimental economics, and Hessel for setting standards and an example.

Chapters 4 and 5 are in part based on work carried out at the European Centre for Analysis in the Social Sciences (University of Essex, UK). I gratefully acknowledge the financial support from the Training & Mobility of Researchers Fund of the European Union, which assisted my stay at Essex, and from the Scientific Statistical Agency of the Dutch Organisation for Scientific Research, which enabled me to use time-budget data collected by Statistics Netherlands for a reduced tariff. I thank Myra Wieling of Statistics Netherlands for her quick answers to some of my data-queries. Additionally, with respect to chapter 4, I thank Paul Frijters and, again, Hessel Oosterbeek for their helpful comments on earlier drafts of this chapter. As for chapter 5, I thank Frank Huysmans, Brendan Halpin, Jonathan Gershuny, Koen Breedveld, and Andries van den Broek for their helpful suggestions.

Of course, others contributed to the completion of this thesis in a more general way. First and foremost, I thank Kees van Nieuwamerongen, who was unlucky enough to witness

only the final stages of this thesis and not its fresh beginnings. I am sure I would have managed to complete this thesis without him. I just don't quite know how and when I would have done so, and am grateful I never need to find out. I also thank my colleagues at the Ministry of Finance for their support during the final stages of this thesis. I especially thank Dirk-Jan Kraan, for his often repeated remark that the completion of his thesis 'took even longer', thus reducing my guilt feeling and enabling me to enjoy both my work at the Ministry and the completion of this thesis.

At various earlier stages, Michael Gähler, Janneke Plantenga, and my father and my brother, Nico and Marc van Velzen, all in different ways encouraged me to start this project, and, with or without them knowing it, provided moral support along the way. The Belle van Zuylen Institute and the Tinbergen Institute provided the financial support for my Ph.D.-position. Both institutes, despite or perhaps because they differ to such a large degree, created a stimulating academic environment. I especially thank Selma Leydesdorff and Ruth Oldenziel at the Belle van Zuylen, and those associated to the Labor group at the Tinbergen Institute for allowing me the luxurious feeling of possessing two academic homes, even though I did not reside in them as much as I would have liked to. The members of the research group Comparative Population and Gender Economics, especially Ben, Cécile, Edith, Froukje, Han, Henriëtte, Hettie, Kea, and Siv, likewise deserve mentioning. Looking back, our group strikes me as a bunch of highly idiosyncratic individuals, with widely different approaches to academia as well as to the outer world. I have enjoyed this group's discussions and diner parties, and thank all of the above for having been its constituting elements.

My special thanks go to Arno and Edith, who share my interest in late rises combined with late-night after-work drinks in smoky cafés, and to Paul, who works from ten-to-five and does many other things I myself would never do, but who nevertheless manages to be a good friend. Also, thanks to, e.g., Bas, Dennis, Elfie, Erik, Evert, Ingrid, Jens, Kim, Marian, Renée, Robert, Ronald, Udo, and Xander, who all in one way or another made and make me smile. Thanks also those at Essex, and especially Alicia, John, Marcia, Michaela, René, and Tim, who confirmed what I already knew: that Essex is a wonderful place to be, even though the architecture might suggest otherwise. Similarly, I thank José, Judy, Lemina, Marieke, and Taïssia for their friendship and for continuing to try to contact me, even though I refused to make proper use of my answering machine and returned little calls.

Finally, of course, I thank my promotor, Siv Gustafsson. I am not sure anyone else would have dared to hire a political scientist with no training in economics as a Ph.D.-student at a Department of Economics. The fact that she did and stuck it out till the end is remarkable, and I am grateful for the chance she has given me to complete this thesis.

Susan van Velzen

The Hague, December 2000