

The original version of these tips was written for the participants in the VI Workshop in Dynamic Macroeconomics at the Universidade de Vigo in 2001. (The original version can be found at <http://www.econ.umn.edu/~tkehoe/classes/TipsMay01.pdf>.) Participants at previous workshops had asked me to do something like this to minimize the amount of criticism that they would receive on the mechanics of their presentations and so to let us focus on their economic research. At that time, the technology of overhead projectors and transparencies dominated presentations in economics. We are now moving towards dominance of the technology of computer projectors. Soon I will have to redo these tips to eliminate all references to transparencies.

In 2004, Kim Ruhl of the University of Texas urged me to update my tips with this change in technology in mind, and, when I was slow doing it, he did it himself. The current version of these tips incorporates Kim's updates. When I asked Kim to let me list him as a coauthor, however, he declined, saying "Only old dudes should pontificate."

The current version of these suggestions is intended for participants in the Vigo Workshop, for graduate students at the University of Minnesota who are preparing for the presentations of their research projects in my International Trade course or who are participating in the research workshop that I run with Cristina Arellano, and for graduate students at the University of Minnesota. If other economists find these tips useful, I will be happy. Clear presentations of research results further understanding, discussion, and debate. They help push economic science forward.

I am also willing to listen to feedback. Some economists will want to tell me that they break some of my rules and, even so, that they think that they are good presenters. Such people are welcome to send e-mails to me to tell me this if it gives them satisfaction, but they can rest assured that I am happy for them in any case.