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**Dear Course Participant:**

Thank you for registering for the AERA Professional Development and Training course, *RL2024-1: Causal Moderated Mediation Analysis – A Causal Investigation of Heterogeneity in Mediation Mechanisms: Methods and Software* on **Tuesday, June 4, 20024 (TODAY)** from 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). I am writing to share some important information to help you prepare for the course.

**Zoom Registration**

After you paid for the course on the AERA website, you received an email message requesting that you complete your registration in Zoom. **You must complete your registration in Zoom to receive a link to access the live virtual course.** If you have not already done so, you can complete your Zoom registration [**HERE**](https://aera.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5Gdq08WVTf26YTqIvvXrng)**.**

**Course Materials**

The course instructor has suggested readings for the course and prepared slides. You can access and download the course materials by clicking [**HERE**](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/gyx9xbe5yv25dfulsvudm/AFB_mINTlTwqMYYK5bESoSk?rlkey=ec8xze24o4l76trik4sm8ncry&st=8u6w1zsj&dl=0).

R and Rstudio

You are strongly encouraged to install R, Rstudio, and the package before the course:

1. An introduction to the installation of R and Rstudio: <https://bookdown.org/introrbook/intro2r/installing-r-and-rstudio.html> or <https://posit.co/downloads/>

2. R package for causal moderated mediation analysis: <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/moderate.mediation/index.html>

You are welcome to email the course instructors Xu Qin ([xuqin@pitt.edu](mailto:xuqin@pitt.edu)) or Tetsuya Yamada ([tey15@pitt.edu](mailto:tey15@pitt.edu)) if you have any trouble installing the software.

**Pre-course survey:**

The instructors have prepared a survey to learn about attendee’s academic background: <https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eext6dSQK37qI86>. Please complete the survey as soon as possible.

**Below are some important tips to help enhance your course experience:**

1. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters are providing services for this workshop. We will identify the interpreters at the beginning of the course to allow you to pin or highlight their screen. There is also a link on the screen to enable closed captioning.
2. Following the course, you will receive an email message asking you to complete a course evaluation. AERA values your input and guidance as we develop professional development and training courses.
3. This course will be recorded for future viewing. Please note that the recording will not be available immediately after the live course, but as a registrant you will receive a notification when the recording is released.

Thank you for participating in this course. Feel free to contact us at [profdevel@aera.net](mailto:profdevel@aera.net) if you have any questions regarding this webinar.

On behalf of the instructors and the AERA staff members, I wish you an enjoyable and successful course.

Best regards,

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