

**The New Frontier in Business Cycle Research**  
**March 2-3, 2018**  
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**Conference Schedule**

*\*speakers are highlighted in author listings\**

**Friday, March 2**

9:00-10:00    **tbd**  
                  **Tom Cooley** (*New York University*)

*10:00-10:15    Break*

10:15-11:15    **tbd**  
                  **Ellen McGrattan** (*University of Minnesota*)

*11:15-11:30    Break*

11:30-12:30    **Financial Frictions and the Wealth Distribution**  
                  **Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde** (*University of Pennsylvania*)

*12:30-2:00    Group Photo followed by Lunch Served in Upham Courtyard*

2:00-3:00      **tbd**  
                  **Fatih Guvenen** (*University of Minnesota*)

*3:00-3:15      Break*

3:15-4:15      **tbd**  
                  **Iouri Manovski** (*University of Pennsylvania*)

*4:15-4:30      Break*

4:30-5:30      **Fertility Shocks and Equilibrium Marriage-Rate Dynamics: Lessons from World War 1 in France**  
**Guillaume Vandenbergue** (*Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis*) and John Knowles (*Simon Fraser University*)

*8:15    Dinner at Opal Restaurant & Bar, 1325 State Street*

**Saturday, March 3**

9:00-10:00      **Low Real Interest Rates and the Zero Lower Bound**  
**Stephen D. Williamson** (*University of Western Ontario*)

*10:00-10:15    Break*

10:15-11:15      **tbd**  
**Vasco Carvalho** (*University of Cambridge*)

*11:15-11:30    Break*

11:30-12:30      **Misallocation or Risk-adjusted Capital Allocation?**  
**Lukas Schmid** (*Duke University*) and Joel David (*USC*)

*12:30-2:00 Lunch Served in Upham Courtyard*

2:00-3:00      **tbd**  
**Emmanuel Farhi** (*Harvard University*)

*3:00-3:15      Break*

3:15-4:15      **On the Optimality of Periodically Reformed, Simple Fiscal Policies**  
**Maxim Troskin** (*Cornell University*)

**Conference Organizers:** Zachary Bethune, Sophie Osotimehin and Eric Young