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Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Grand A

Session 1A: Families I

Chair: Orgül Öztürk, University of South Carolina

1. "Why A Great Woman Is Behind Every Great Man"

Adan Silverio Murillo, University of Minnesota

2. "Learning by "I Do"ing"

Melanie Zaber, Carnegie Mellon University

3. "Does Age of Leaving Parental Home Affect Future Income?"

Mahsa Akbari, Simon Fraser University

4. "The Labor Supply of U.S Native Women with Immigrant Husbands"

Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Miao Chi, Drew University

Discussants:

- 1. Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2. Mahsa Akbari, Simon Fraser University
- 3. Melanie Zaber, Carnegie Mellon University
- 4. Mark Heil, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Grand B

Session 1B: Business Cycles

Chair: Anthony Diercks, Federal Reserve Board

1. "Real Wage Rigidity and the Business Cycles"

Eunseong Ma, Texas A&M University

 $2. \ \ "The \ Importance \ of \ Firm-Level \ I diosyncratic \ Shocks \ for \ U.S. \ Aggregate \ Volatility"$

Chen Yeh, University of Chicago

3. "Resilience of Developing Countries to Shocks: Case Study of WAEMU Countries with SUR and VAR Approaches"

A. Désiré Adom, Eastern Illinois University

- 1. Chen Yeh, University of Chicago
- 2. Eunseong Ma, Texas A&M University
- 3. Scott Hegerty, Northeastern Illinois University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Grand C

Session 1C: Education and Race

Chair: P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

- 1. "The Impact of the Michigan Merit Curriculum on High School Math Course Taking" Soobin Kim, Michigan State University
- 2. "Racial and Low-Income Quotas in Brazilian Universities: Impact on Academic Performance"

Claudia Vidigal, University of Minnesota

3. "Financial Literacy and Financial Behaviors Among African American College Students: Evidence and Implications from One Historically Black Institution"

Kusum Singh, LeMoyne-Owen College

4. "Maturity and Minorities: the Impact of the Minimum School-Starting Age on Achievement Gaps"

Pablo Peña, Microanalitica LLC

Matthew A. Lenard, Wake County Public School System

Discussants:

- 1. Kusum Singh, LeMoyne-Owen College
- 2. Soobin Kim, Michigan State University
- 3. Claudia Vidigal, University of Minnesota
- 4. P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m......North Shore

Session 1D: Gender Inequality

Chair: Moiz Bhai, University of Illinois at Chicago

1. "Evolution of Gender Wage Gap: Trade Shocks and Sectoral Mobility"

Masha Brussevich, Purdue University

2. "A Meta-Regression Analysis of Gender Inequality and Economic Growth"

Eman Selim, Tanta University

3. "The Impact of Mandated Maternity Benefits on the Gender Differential in Promotions: Examining the Role of Adverse Selection"

Mallika Thomas, Cornell University

Discussants:

- 1. Mallika Thomas, Cornell University
- 2. Robert Munk, Ohio State University
- 3. Masha Brussevich, Purdue University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Lake Michigan

Session 1E: Healthcare I

Chair: Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University

1. "An Examination of Veteran Health Adequacy Around the Medicare Eligibility Age" Amanda Stype, Michigan State University

2. "The Impact of Alzheimer's Disease on Family Labor Supply"

Herman Sahni, Northern Illinois University

Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University

3. "Box-Cox model of prescription drug utilization using data of U.S. counties: Cross-sectional v/s panel estimates"

Toluwalope Ayangbayi, University of Memphis

Albert Okunade, University of Memphis

4. "How do Preferences Elicited through DCEs Vary over Time and with Changing Experience? Empirical Evidence from a Multi-phase Asthma Clinical Trial"

Ishrat Hossain, Qatar University Jane Hall, University of Technology

Denzil Fiebig, University of New South Wales

Madeleine King, University of Sydney

Discussants:

- 1. Herman Sahni, Northern Illinois University
- 2. Toluwalope Ayangbayi, University of Memphis
- 3. Ishrat Hossain, Qatar University
- 4. Amanda Stype, Michigan State University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m......Mulford

Session 1F: Sports

Chair: Kailin Clarke, University of Minnesota

1. "A New Way to Compare NHL Goalies and their Salaries"

Bret Gitar, University of Cincinnati

2. "Team Payroll, Defensive and Offensive Capacities and Team Performance: Evidence from the U.S. Major League Baseball"

Hong Zhuang, Indiana University-South Bend

Jason Matthews, Korhorn Financial Group

3. "Dynamic Ticket Pricing with Price Discrimination and Evolving Products"

Kailin Clarke, University of Minnesota

Discussants:

- 1. Miguel Castro, Michigan State University
- 2. Kailin Clarke, University of Minnesota
- 3. Bret Gitar, University of Cincinnati

Session 1G: Energy

Chair: Bishwa S. Koirala, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

1. "Energy Prices and Investment in Energy Efficiency: Evidence from Chinese Industry 1997-2004"

Le Tang, Brandeis University

2. "Competitive Position of U.S. Natural Gas Exports"

Nathan Mol, University of Findlay

Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

3. "Modeling Individual Preferences for Energy Sources: the Transient Population Effect"

Ozgur Kaya, American University of Sharjah

Davide Contu, London School of Economics and Political Science

Discussants:

- 1. Ozgur Kaya, American University of Sharjah
- 2. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
- 3. Le Tang, Brandeis University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m......Rogers

Session 1H: Industrial Organization

Chair: R. Andrew Butters, Indiana University

1. "Acquisitions & Product Similarity: An Application to the Music Industry" Kellie Konsor, Purdue University

2. "Families of Films: An Analysis of the Release-Date Timing Decision for Major Motion Pictures"

Andrew Meisner, Purdue University

3. "A Model of Church Exit and the Effect of Denominational Ties"

Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas

4. "Product Market Competition and Corporate Demand for Insurance"

Zhiyong Liu, Indiana State University

Hae Won Jung, University of Melbourne

Discussants:

- 1. Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas
- 2. Zhiyong Liu, Indiana State University
- 3. Andrew Meisner, Purdue University
- 4. Kellie Konsor, Purdue University

Session 1I: Hedonic Pricing

Chair: Stephen A. Woodbury, Michigan State University and W.E. Upjohn Institute

1. "The Value of Air and Water Quality in Mining Economies: A Quantile Hedonic-Wage Analysis on Households' Perceptions"

Nathaly Rivera, Michigan State University

2. "Income Thresholds and Demand Estimation for Housing Services"

W. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John's University Nhu Nguyen, University of Illinois-Chicago

Discussants:

- 1. W. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John's University
- 2. Stephen A. Woodbury, Michigan State University and W.E. Upjohn Institute

Session 1J: Developing Country Studies I

Chair: Soren Hauge, Ripon College

 "Gender Gaps in STEM Career Choices: The Effect of Information and Encouragement among students in Colombia"

Catalina Franco, University of Michigan

2. "Productivity Growth and Input Demand: The Effect of Learning-By-Doing in a Gold Mining Firm in a Developing Economy"

John Baffoe-Bonnie, Pennsylvania State University

3. "A Failed Socialist Experiment: Venezuela's Economic Crisis"

Erwin Erhardt, University of Cincinnati

4. "Informal Hiring Practices by Formal Firms: Evidence from Mexico"

Brenda Samaniego de la Parra, University of Chicago

Discussants:

- 1. Belkis Cerrato Caceres, Edgewood College
- 2. Wilfrid W. Csaplar Jr., Bethany College
- 3. Julia Frankland, Malone University
- 4. Catalina Franco, University of Michigan

Friday, April 1, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer

Coffee Break

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.Grand A

Session 2A: Immigration

Chair: Volha Belskaya, Ohio University

1. "The Heterogeneous Impact of H-1b High-skilled Temporary Immigration on the Native Labor Market"

Yanjun Liu, Northern Illinois University

- 2. "Growth in the English Fluency Premium among Refugees and Other U.S. Immigrants" Abdihafit Shaeye, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 3. "German and Foreign Workers in Germany: Wage Differentials and Impacts of Return Migration"

Alexander Persaud, University of Michigan

Discussants:

- 1. Abdihafit Shaeye, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2. Alexander Persaud, University of Michigan
- 3. Yanjun Liu, Northern Illinois University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.Grand B

Session 2B: Time Series Analysis: Macroeconomic

Chair: Hardik Marfatia, Northeastern Illinois University

1. "The Impact of U.S. Monetary Policy Shocks on Economic Activity in Japan"

Mark Wheeler, Western Michigan University

Marc Schaffer, St. Norbert College

2. "The Stability of Money Demand Function in Turkey: New Evidence from ARDL Bound Test with unknown structural breaks"

Mouyad Al Samara, Qatar University

3. "Does Government Spending Matter in Stimulating U.S. Economy? An ARDL Cointegration Approach"

Esmaeil Ebadi, Illinois State University

Discussants:

- 1. Mouyad Al Samara, Qatar University
- 2. Esmaeil Ebadi, Illinois State University
- 3. Mark Wheeler, Western Michigan University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.Grand C

Session 2C: Economics of Education

Organized by Jay K. Walker, Niagara University, and P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College Chair: P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

1. "High School Athletics Participation and Future Health Behavior"

Vasilios Kosteas, Cleveland State University

2. "Does the Early Bird Catch the Worm or a Lower GPA? Evidence from a Liberal Arts College"
Manu Raghay, DePauw University

Timothy M. Diette, Washington and Lee University

3. "What Happens the Morning After? Post-Baccalaureate Health, Marital, and Educational Impacts of Greek Membership"

P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

Jav K. Walker, Niagara University

4. "The Effects of GED Exam Changes"

Katy Rouse, Elon University

Tonmoy Islam, Elon University

- 1. Katy Rouse, Elon University
- 2. Jay K. Walker, Niagara University
- 3. Manu Raghav, DePauw University

4. Vasilios Kosteas, Cleveland State University

Session 2D: Career Advice for Job Seekers: Finding the Right "Fit"

Organized for CSWEP by Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Chair: Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists:

- 1. Eliza Forsythe, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign "Positions in Academia versus Full-Time Research"
- 2. Barnali Gupta, Miami University

"Combining Teaching and Research at a non-PhD institution"

- 3. Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota-Duluth "The Job Search for International Students"
- 4. Jessica Bean, Denison University

"Being a PhD Economist from Multiple Perspectives: Job Candidate, Assistant Professor, Employer"

Session 2F: Human Capital

Chair: Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University

- 1. "The Effect of Life Cycle Weather Shock on Human Capital Formation in Ethiopia" Abraham Asfaw, Northern Illinois University
- 2. "The Impact of Wartime Deployment on Transition into the Civilian Labor Market"

 Dhiren Patki, University of Michigan
- 3. "Parental Time Investment in Children and Early Education Policy"

Xiaoyan Youderian, Xavier University

4. "Progressive Tax and Risky Occupations Choices"

Zhiqi Zhao, Clemson University

Discussants:

- 1. Dhiren Patki, University of Michigan
- 2. Abraham Asfaw, Northern Illinois University
- 3. Zhiqi Zhao, Clemson University
- 4. Xiaoyan Youderian, Xavier University

Session 2G: Urban and Regional Economics

Chair: Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University

1. "Small Business Lending and Housing Equity, 2000-2012"

Mark Heil, U.S. Department of the Treasury

2. "Impacts of Taxes on Firm Entry Rates Along State Borders"

Kevin Duncan, Iowa State University

3. "Commercial Bank Locations and "Banking Deserts": A Statistical Analysis of Milwaukee and Buffalo"

Scott Hegerty, Northeastern Illinois University

Discussants:

- 1. Kevin Duncan, Iowa State University
- 2. Hong Zhuang, Indiana University-South Bend
- 3. John Baffoe-Bonnie, Pennsylvania State University

Session 2H: Political Economy

Chair: Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1. "Seizing Advantage: Strategic Moves and Power in Exchange"

William D. Ferguson, Grinnell College

2. "Economic Costs of Political Frictions: Evidence from Sino-Japanese Relation"

Ruizhi Ma, University of Pennsylvania

Jingbo Cui, Wuhan University

3. "Aligned City Mayors and Economic Activity in Coalition and One-Party Governments: Using Night-Time Light Intensity Data for Turkey"

Bilal Celik, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Discussants:

- 1. Bilal Celik, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- 2. A. Désiré Adom, Eastern Illinois University
- 3. William D. Ferguson, Grinnell College

Session 2I: Electricity

Chair: Ozgur Kaya, American University of Sharjah

1. "Valuing Carbon Abatement Benefits of Intermittent Renewable Energy"

Miguel Castro, Michigan State University

2. "How Long is the Long Run? Evidence of Market Integration in the Western U.S. Wholesale Electricity Market"

R. Andrew Butters, Indiana University

3. "Efficiency and Productivity of U.S. Coal-Burning Power Plants: A Semiparametric Approach"

Jermaine Moulton, Binghamton University

Kai Sun, University of Salford

4. "Air Emissions and the EU cross-border Trade in Electricity"

Grzegorz Pac, Alfred University

Andrew Meyer, Marquette University

Discussants:

- 1. R. Andrew Butters, Indiana University
- 2. Jermaine Moulton, Binghamton University
- 3. Grzegorz Pac, Alfred University
- 4. Mar Reguant, Northwestern University

Session 2J: Exchange Rates I

Chair: Everett Grant, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

1. "FX Puzzles: Some Low Hanging Fruit"

Norman Miller, Miami University

2. "Determinants of the Colombian Peso: Is the price of cocaine a factor?"

Alexi Thompson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

3. "Currency Undervaluation and Economic Growth in CEE Countries"

Alina Klein, University of Dubuque

Rudolf F. Klein, University of Dubuque

4. "On Cross-country Differences in the contribution of nontraded Goods to Real Exchange Rate Fluctuations"

Erick Kitenge, Southern Illinois University

AKM Mahbub Morshed, Southern Illinois University

Discussants:

- 1. Alexi Thompson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 2. Alina Klein, University of Dubuque
- 3. Erick Kitenge, Southern Illinois University
- 4. Norman Miller, Miami University

Session 2K: Financial Markets I

Chair: Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Muhlenberg College

1. "A Time Varying Copula Approach for Modeling Dependency : New evidence from Commodities and S&P500 Markets"

Lanouar Charfeddine, Qatar University

Noureddine Benlagha, Al Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University

2. "Speed and Trading Behavior in an Order-Driven Market: An Analysis on a High Quality Dataset"

Seongkyu Park, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Doojin Ryu, Sungkyunkwan University

3. "The Role of Learning for Asset Prices and Business Cycles"

Fabian Winkler, Federal Reserve Board

4. "Securitization and the Real Economy"

Mari Robertson, University of Cincinnati

Discussants:

- 1. Seongkyu Park, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2. Mari Robertson, University of Cincinnati
- 3. Lanouar Charfeddine, Qatar University
- 4. Fabian Winkler, Federal Reserve Board

Friday, April 1, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.Lake Michigan Room

CSWEP Networking Luncheon

Open to current members and anyone interested in knowing more about the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession.

Session 3A: Unemployment and Job Search - SOLE

Organized by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. "Changes over Time in the Job Search Methods of Young Adults"

Joshua Pinkston, University of Louisville

2. "Do Workers Direct Their Search?"

Bryan Engelhardt, College of the Holy Cross

Christine Braun, UC Santa Barbara

Ben Griffy, UC Santa Barbara

Peter Rupert, UC Santa Barbara

3. "The Consumption Smoothing Benefits of Unemployment Insurance, Consumption Choice, and Liquidity"

Lewis Warren, University of Kentucky

4. "Health Insurance Coverage and Sources of Coverage Following Job Displacement"

Nicholas Jolly, Marquette University

Brian J. Phelan, DePaul University

Discussants:

- 1. Ian Fillmore, W.E. Upjohn Institute
- 2. Eliza Forsythe, University of Illinois
- 3. Pawel Krolikowski, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
- 4. Marcus Dillender, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.Grand B

Session 3B: Macro Policies: Fiscal and Monetary

Chair: Mark Wheeler, Western Michigan University

1. "Financial Structure, Unconventional Monetary Policy and Stock Repurchases: Evidence from a Comparison between the United States and Japan"

Ling Wang, Hannan University

2. "The Impact of Fiscal Policy on Consumption: 2000 to 2014"

Marc Hayford, Loyola University

3. "The Bond Liquidity Premium and Fiscal Policy: A Re-examination"

Ryan Eiben, Indiana University

Discussants:

- 1. Ryan Eiben, Indiana University
- 2. Ling Wang, Hannan University
- 3. Marc Hayford, Loyola University

Session 3D: Career Advice on Mentoring, Grants, and Teaching

Organized for CSWEP by Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Chair: Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists:

1. Elizabeth Hoffman, Iowa State University

"Building and Maintaining a Successful Mentoring Relationship"

2. Nancy Lutz, National Science Foundation

"Ins and Outs of Getting Grants"

3. Debra Israel, Indiana State University

"Getting Women into Upper-Division Economics Classes: Challenges and Ideas"

4. Shahina Amin, University of Northern Iowa

"Teaching and Managing Faculty-Student Interactions as an International Faculty Member"

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m......Mulford

Session 3F: Social Policy

Chair: Kevin Murphy, Oakland University

1. "Exploring a Multidimensional Index for Veteran Reintegration"

Brandon Vick, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

2. "One More Saturday Night: Food Stamp Timing and Monthly Consumption Patterns"

Orgül Öztürk, University of South Carolina

Elena Castellari, University of Connecticut

Chad Cotti, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

John Gordanier, University of South Carolina

3. "Do Conditional Cash Transfers Affect Labor Force Participation? Evidence from Brazil's Bolsa Familia"

Vinícius Vidigal, University of Minnesota

4. "Childhood Family Income and Labor Market Outcomes as a Young Adult: Evidence from the EITC"

Paul Thomas, Purdue University

Discussants:

- 1. Paul Thomas, Purdue University
- 2. Vinícius Vidigal, University of Minnesota
- 3. Brandon Vick, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 4. Orgül Öztürk, University of South Carolina

Session 3G: Undergraduate Session: Topics in Development Economics

Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University

Chair: Jessica Bean, Denison University

1. "Does a Change in Life Expectancy Affect Schooling Choices? Evidence from Vaccination Campaigns in Developing Nations"

Nicole Gorton, University of Chicago

2. "Cattle, Kids, and Cross-Community Ties: A Study of Consumption Insurance Mechanisms in Rural Ethiopia"

Andrew Lightner, University of Dayton

3. "The Impact of Family Size on Education in Latin America"

Claire O'Donnell, University of Notre Dame

4. "A Revolution in Savings: The Impact of M-PESA on Savings Patterns in Kenya"

Luke Fesko, Ohio State University

Discussants:

- 1. Nancy Haskell, University of Dayton
- 2. Douglas Schreder, National Louis University
- 3. Jessica Bean, Denison University
- 4. Barnali Gupta, Miami University

Session 3H: Applied Microeconomics

Organized by Jay K. Walker, Niagara University, and P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College Chair: P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

1. "The Obesity Wage Penalty: Distributional, Evolutionary, and Deviatory Effects"

Christian Brown, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

2. "Immigration Law Enforcements and Mental Health"

Mehmet Yaya, Eastern Michigan University

Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, San Diego State University

Susan Averett, Lafayette College

3. "Investigating the Extent and Determinants of Gender Earnings Differentials among Academic Economists"

Andrew Hussey, University of Memphis

Nicholas Kanamar, University of Mempis

4. "Do Men and Women Compete Differently in Single Versus Mixed-Gender Environments? Evidence from the Game Show Jeopardy!"

Jay Walker, Niagara University

Michael Jetter, University of Western Australia

Discussants:

1. Mehmet Yaya, Eastern Michigan University

- 2. Andrew Hussey, University of Memphis
- 3. Jay K. Walker, Niagara University
- 4. Christian Brown, U.S. Food & Drug Administration

Session 3I: Consumer Behavior and Choice - AERE

Organized by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Chair: Mar Reguant, Northwestern University

1. "Does Eco-Labeling of Services Matter? Evidence from Higher Education"

Andrew Meyer, Marquette University

Daniel Hickman, University of Idaho

2. "Commercial Irrigation Conservation: Willingness to Accept Rebates Under Increased Information and Block Rate Pricing"

Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University

Harshanee Deshamithra, Oklahoma State University

3. "Which Leading Journal Leads? Idea Diffusion Through Economics Research Journals"

Allen Bellas, Metropolitan State University

Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

4. "Valuing Ecosystem Service Benefits from Shade Credit Programs: A Choice Experiment Survey in the Tualatin Watershed"

Sahan T.M. Dissanayake, Colby College

Gilbert Kiggundu, Colby College

David Ervin, Portland State University

Rondi Schei, Portland State University

Robert Emanuel, Clean Water Services

Discussants:

- 1. Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University
- 2. Lyubov A. Kurkalova, North Carolina A&T State University
- 3. Barrett Kirwan, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 4. Ian Lange, Colorado School of Mines

Session 3J: Aid for Trade

Chair: Anusua Datta, Philadelphia University

1. "Aid-for-Trade, High-Technology Exports, and Economic Growth"

Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University

Kul Kapri, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

2. "Are Bilateral and Multilateral Aid for Trade Complementary?"

Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth

Elias Shukralla, Qatar University

Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University

Discussants:

- 1. Kyriacos Aristotelous, Otterbein University
- 2. Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University

Session 3K: Macro Policies: Monetary

Chair: Fabian Winkler, Federal Reserve Board

1. "Central Bank Independence and the Conduct of Monetary Policy"

Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Muhlenberg College

2. "Monetary Policy's Time-Varying Impact on the U.S. Bond Markets: Role of Financial Stress and Risks"

Hardik Marfatia, Northeastern Illinois University

3. "The Equity Premium, Long-Run Risk, and Optimal Monetary Policy"

Anthony Diercks, Federal Reserve Board

4. "Bayesian Estimation with Search Friction Models on Rationing Unemployment"

Jhih-Chian Wu, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Discussants:

- 1. Jhih-Chian Wu, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2. Anthony Diercks, Federal Reserve Board
- 3. Hardik Marfatia, Northeastern Illinois University
- 4. Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Muhlenberg College

Friday, April 1, 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer

Coffee Break

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.Grand C

Session 4C: Teaching Economics

Chair: W. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John's University

1. "Explaining Variation in Gender Composition of Economics Majors Across Colleges and Universities"

David Switzer, St. Cloud State University

David M. Lang, California State University, Sacramento

2. "Why Innovative Multiple Choice Ouestions Do Not Make It onto Standardized Exam in Economics"

James Self, Indiana University-Bloomington

William E. Becker, Indiana University--Bloomington

3. "Why is Economics So Scary? Exploring student attitudes and anxiety"

Jennifer Hafer, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

4. "Using 'Shark Tank' to Teach Microeconomics to Business Majors"

Ora Freedman, Stevenson University

Discussants:

- 1. James Self, Indiana University-Bloomington
- 2. Jennifer Hafer, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- 3. Ora Freedman, Stevenson University
- 4. David Switzer, St. Cloud State University

Session 4D: Labor Supply I

Chair: Sang-Wook Cho, University of New South Wales

1. "Does Self-Employment Pay? The Role of Timing and Voluntary Mobility" Robert Munk, Ohio State University

2. "The Impact of Adolescent Work Experience on Receiving Welfare Later in Life" Fady Mansour, Middle Tennessee State University

3. "Young Adults' Self-Perceived Body Weight and Labor Market Outcomes"

Patricia Smith, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Jay L. Zagorsky, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Pablo Peña, Microanalitica LLC

- 2. Patricia Smith, University of Michigan-Dearborn
- 3. Fady Mansour, Middle Tennessee State University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Lake Michigan

Session 4E: Health: Causes and Effects

Chair: Amanda Cook, Purdue University

1. "Does Health affect Occupational Choices? A study of Adolescents with Early-Onset Major Depressive Disorder"

Mojisola Tayo, Northern Illinois University

Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University

2. "State-Level Characteristics of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Rates of Fatal Overdoses from Prescription Opiate Painkillers"

Timothy Classen, Loyola University

3. "The effects of the Certificate of Need Law on Inpatient Occupancy Rates"

Huan Ni, Kennesaw State University

Aniruddha Bagchi, Kennesaw State University

Jomon Aliyas Paul, Kennesaw State University

Discussants:

- 1. Timothy Classen, Loyola University
- 2. Huan Ni, Kennesaw State University
- 3. Mojisola Tayo, Northern Illinois University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m......Mulford

Session 4F: Effects of the Great Recession

Chair: Dominic Smith, University of Minnesota

1. "The Great Recession and Retirement Saving"

Ngina Chiteji, New York University

Sheldon Danziger, Russell Sage Foundation

2. "Understanding Changes in Trade Flows"

Dominic Smith, University of Minnesota

3. "The Great Recession and Health in the United States: Did Religion Make a Difference?"

Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University

Donka Mirtcheva, College of New Jersey

4. "The Impact of the Great Recession on Time Use: A Comparative Analysis among Demographic Groups"

Daniel Kidane, Ohio Wesleyan University

Discussants:

- 1. Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University
- 2. Ruizhi Ma, University of Pennsylvania
- 3. Dominic Smith, University of Minnesota
- 4. Ngina Chiteji, New York University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.Cummings

Session 4G: Undergraduate Session: Applied Micro I

Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University

Chair: Shahina Amin, University of Northern Iowa

1. "How Did the Affordable Care Act of 2010 Affect the U.S. Labor Market After the Great Recession?"

Cory Stern, Macalester College

2. "Reinvesting in Quality or Stuffing Stakeholder's Pockets: How does increased Post-acute Care Patients impact Quality and Profitability in Skilled Nursing Facilities?"

Derek Hoodin, Miami University

- 3. "The Effect of Surprise: comparing behavior following expected and unexpected outcomes" Edward Yonkers, Lake Forest College
- 4. "Bank Stress Testing"

Jack Fischer, Iowa State University

Discussants:

- 1. John Bowblis, Miami University
- 2. Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
- 3. Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 4. Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

Session 4H: Investment

Chair: William D. Ferguson, Grinnell College

1. "Why is Investment in Africa Low Despite Relatively High Profits?"

Anthony Gyapong, Pennsylvania State University-Abington

2. "How Does Post-Crisis Bank Capital Adequacy Affect Firm Investment?"

Hui Tong, International Monetary Fund

Yangfan Sun, Georgetown University

Discussants:

- 1. Adan Silverio Murillo, University of Minnesota
- 2. Baker Siddiquee, University of Illinois Springfield

Session 4I: Electricity and Greenhouse Gas Emissions - AERE

Organized by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Chair: Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

1. "Feed-in Tariffs versus Renewable Portfolio Standards: An Estimation of Policy Risk in the Electricity Sector"

Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology

Matt Oliver, Georgia Institute of Technology

2. "Fuel Cost Volatility and the Impact on Electricity Prices"

Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University

Isaac Duah, Washington State University

3. "Evidence of Leakage in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative"

Kangil Lee, Oklahoma State University

Richard T. Melstrom, Oklahoma State University

4. "Local and Global Pollutants: A Broader Consideration of the Effects of Environmental Policies"

Claire Brunel, American University

Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology

Discussants:

- 1. Mar Reguant, Northwestern University
- 2. Kangil Lee, Oklahoma State University
- 3. Yuan Liao, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 4. Mohammad Kemal, Colorado School of Mines

Session 4I: International Trade: Causes and Effects

Chair: Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth

1. "Import Exposure and Productivity Gaps: are Privately Owned Enterprises pulling away?"

Maria D. Tito, Federal Reserve Board

Ruoying Wang, University of British Columbia

2. "Exposure to International Crises: Trade vs. Financial Contagion"

Everett Grant, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

3. "The Role of Imported Intermediate Inputs in World Trade: An Empirical Assessment Using the OECD Input-Output Model"

Anusua Datta, Philadelphia University

Discussants:

- 1. Everett Grant, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
- 2. Anusua Datta, Philadelphia University
- 3. Maria D. Tito, Federal Reserve Board

Session 4K: Health Determinants I

Chair: Mehrnoush Motamedi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1. "Analyzing the Relation of the Food Environment and Childhood Obesity: A Case Study of Worcester, MA"

Belkis Cerrato Caceres, Edgewood College

2. "Direct and Indirect Effects of Childhood Circumstances on Healthy Aging among Older U.S. Adults"

Nasim B. Ferdows, Wayne State University

Gail A. Jensen, Wayne State University

Wassim Tarraf, Wayne State University

3. "The German Occupation of the Soviet Union in WWII: The Long-Term Health Consequences"

Volha Belskaya, Ohio University

Klara Sabirianova Peter, UNC Chapel Hill

Christian Posso, Colombia Central Bank

4. "Information and the Spread of HIV: A Tale of Sorting"

Eric McDermott, Cornell University

Discussants:

- 1. Nasim B. Ferdows, Wayne State University
- 2. Eric McDermott, Cornell University
- 3. Mehrnoush Motamedi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 4. Volha Belskaya, Ohio University

Friday, April 1, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Grand BC

C. Woody Thompson Lecture

"The Effects of Trade Competition on Reallocations, Productivity, and Welfare"

Speaker: Marc Melitz, Harvard University

Sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Thompson Lecture Reception

Food sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Cash bar

Saturday, April 2, 7:30 a.m5:00 p.m. Conference Registration	2 nd Floor Corridor
Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m4:00 p.m	2 nd Floor Corridor
Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m9:45 a.m. Session 5A: Technology, Wages, and Labor Mobility – SOLE Organized by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University 1. "Wage Rigidity in the United States: A Re-examination using Adminimate Marta Lachowska, W. E. Upjohn Institute Alexandre Mas, Princeton University Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University 2. "Job Changes and the Return to Tenure"	
Joseph Ritter, University of Minnesota 3. "Locked In? Effects of Noncompete Enforceability on Mobility and W Workers" Jin Woo Chang, University of Michigan Natarajan Balasubramanian, Syracuse University Mariko Sakakibara, UCLA Jagadeesh Sivadasan, University of Michigan Evan Starr, University of Maryland 4. "Technological Change and Obsolete Skills: Evidence from Men's Prolan Fillmore, W E. Upjohn Institute Jonathan Hall, University of Toronto Discussants:	
 Joshua C. Pinkston, University of Louisville Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University Lewis Warren, University of Kentucky Todd Jones, Cornell University 	
Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m9:45 a.m. Session 5B: Time Series Analysis Chair: Stuart Glosser, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 1. "IT Shocks and Capacity Utilization of the U.S Manufacturing Indust Quazi Fidia Farah, Kansas State University Mohammad Iqbal Ahmed 2. "Growth and Debt: An Endogenous Smooth Coefficient Approach"	
Mustafa Koroglu, University of Guelph	

Thanasis Stengos, University of Guelph

3. "What Can We Make of Unsubstantiated Child Abuse Reports? A New Approach" Michael Malcolm, West Chester University

4. "Discretizing a Process with Non-zero Skewness and High Kurtosis"

Simone Civale, University of Minnesota

Luis Díez-Catalán,, University of Minnesota

Fatih Fazilet, University of Minnesota

- 1. Mahua Barari Mitra, Missouri State University
- 2. Luis Díez-Catalán, University of Minnesota
- 3. Stuart Glosser, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
- 4. Mustafa Koroglu, University of Guelph

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.Grand C

Session 5C: Education I

Chair: Jennifer Hafer, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

1. "The Fungibility of Sin Tax Revenues: The case of using non-traditional funding for K-12 schools in Ohio and Colorado"

Julia Frankland, Malone University

Michelle Hollinger, Malone University

2. "School Choice: The Demand for Public and Private Schooling"

Stella Hofrenning, Augsburg College

3. "Do Charter School Students Outperform Public School Students on Standardized Tests in Michigan?"

Kevin Murphy, Oakland University

Oded Izraeli, Oakland University

Discussants:

- 1. Brenda Samaniego de la Parra, University of Chicago
- 2. Kevin Murphy, Oakland University
- 3. Stella Hofrenning, Augsburg College

Session 5D: Wages

Chair: Martha Bailey, University of Michigan

1. "Are Income Differences Driven By Talent Or Tastes? Implications For Redistributive Taxation"

Ian Fillmore, W E. Upjohn Institute

Trevor Gallen, Purdue University

2. "The Detailed Characteristics of Occupations and Their Effect on the Gender Wage Gap"

David Schaffer, University of Wisconson-Eau Claire

Joseph Westenberg, University of Wisconson-Eau Claire

3. "Skill Premium Divergence in the Baltics"

Sang-Wook Cho, University of New South Wales

Julian Diaz, Loyola University Chicago

Discussants:

- 1. Sang-Wook Cho, University of New South Wales
- 2. Trevor Gallen, Purdue University
- 3. David Schaffer, University of Wisconson-Eau Claire

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.Lake Michigan

Session 5E: Effects of Health Insurance

Chair: Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris

1. "Effects of Insurance Status on Emergency Room Care and Outcomes"

Rachel Childers, University of Kansas

2. "Does Giving Children Health Insurance Provide Marital Stability for Low Income Families?"

SaraJane Parsons, Michigan State University

3. "Why Do HMOs spend less? Patient selection, cost-control incentives, and prices"

Daniel Sacks, Indiana University

4. "Hospital-Insurer Bargaining and Negotiated Rates"

Amanda Cook, Purdue University

James Bland, Purdue University

Discussants:

- 1. SaraJane Parsons, Michigan State University
- 2. Daniel Sacks, Indiana University
- 3. Amanda Cook, Purdue University
- 4. Rachel Childers, University of Kansas

Session 5F: Organizations

Chair: Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas

1. "Pay Day before Mayday"

Yu Peng Lin, University of Detroit Mercy

2. "The Local Economic Impact of Nonprofit Organizations in Central Illinois"

Diego Mendez-Carbajo, Illinois Wesleyan University

3. "Philanthropy or Filling One's Pocket? Which Nonprofit Model Best Fits the Data and Why it Matters for Public Policy and Mixed Industries"

B. Travis Howe, Northwestern University

4. "Priests, Deacons and the labor supply origin of the Sex Abuse Scandal"

Eric Munshower, University of Dubuque

Discussants:

- 1. Gabriel Courey, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2. Md Rafayet Alam, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- 3. Garrett Senney, Ohio State University
- 4. B. Travis Howe, Northwestern University

Session 5G: Undergraduate Session: Public Economics

Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University

Chair: Robert Lemke, Lake Forest College

1. "The Impact of Sudden Changes in Title I Funding on Ohio School Districts" Cameron Conrad, Ohio State University

2. "Do Differences in Marginal Tax Rates at State Borders Affect Residential and Job Location?"

Anthony Sax, Iowa State University

3. "Parametric Vs. Nonparametric Estimation of Hospital Efficiency"

Kelli Marquardt, University of Dayton

Discussants:

- 1. Mark Witte, Northwestern University
- 2. Debra Israel, Indiana State University
- 3. Robert Lemke, Lake Forest College

Session 5H: Conflict

Chair: Adan Silverio Murillo, University of Minnesota

- 1. "The Economic Cost of Sri Lankan Civil War: A Comparative Synthetic Case Control Study" Vidhura Tennekoon, Indiana University-Purdue University
- 2. "No Woman No Crime: The Effect of Ban the Box Measures on Labor Market Outcomes"

Stan Veuger, American Enterprise Institute

Daniel Shoag, Harvard Kennedy School

3. "Natural Resources and Inter-state Conflict: Effects of Sanctions"

Md. Hasan, Southern Illinois University

Sajal Lahiri, Southern Illinois University

Discussants:

- 1. Md. Hasan, Southern Illinois University
- 2. Michael LeFors, Truman State University
- 3. Vidhura Tennekoon, Indiana University-Purdue University

Session 5I: Transportation

Chair: Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology

1. "Demand Shocks and Price Response: Evidence from the Chinese Air Travel Market"

Jihui Chen, Illinois State University

Feng Wei, Sichuan Agricultural University

Lan Zhang, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics

2. "Modelling the Impact of Airline Product Quality on Airlines' and Passengers' Choice Behavior"

Jules Yimga, Kansas State University

Philip Gayle, Kansas State University

3. "MPG and the City: Do Residents Select Fuel Economy Depending on Location?"

Aneil Baron, Ohio State University

Mathew Roberts, Ohio State University

4. "Economics of Active Transportation Perceptions: A Case Study"

Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology

Lucas Dorsey, Rochester Institute of Technology

Discussants:

- 1. Jules Yimga, Kansas State University
- 2. Jihui Chen, Illinois State University
- 3. Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology
- 4. Aneil Baron, Ohio State University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. James

Session 5J: Exchange Rates II

Chair: Norman Miller, Miami University

1. "Examining the Long Run Monetary Exchange Rate Model: a Panel Cointegration Analysis"

Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University

Swarna D. Dutt, University of West Georgia

2. "The Effects of U.S. Conventional and Unconventional Monetary Policy on Exchange Rate Volatility"

Wan Wei, Western Michigan University

3. "Currency Unions and Economic Growth"

Petros Ioannatos, Kettering University

4. "The Importance of Exchange Rate Shocks for the US Economy - Evidence from a Factor Augmented VAR Analysis"

Gil Kim, California State University-Fresno

Wei Sun, Grand Valley State University

Discussants:

1. Wan Wei, Western Michigan University

- 2. Petros Ioannatos, Kettering University
- 3. Gil Kim, California State University-Fresno
- 4. Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University

Session 5K: Economic Growth

Chair: John Baffoe-Bonnie, Pennsylvania State University

- 1. "Growth Convergence and Implied Initial Output Gaps in Transition Economies" Micah DelVecchio, Saginaw Valley State University
- 2. "Colonialism and Modern Income Levels"

Sreenath Majumder, Manchester University

Caleb Leininger, Manchester University

3. "The Long-Run Effects of Oil Wealth on Democracy and Fiscal Capacity"

Traviss Cassidy, University of Michigan

4. "A Re-examination of the Empirical Relationship between Economic Growth and Air Pollution"

Kyriacos Aristotelous, Otterbein University

Discussants:

- 1. Sreenath Majumder, Manchester University
- 2. Ayman Reda, Grand Valley State University
- 3. Micah DelVecchio, Saginaw Valley State University
- 4. Traviss Cassidy, University of Michigan

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Evans

Session 5M: Development: Microfinance

Chair: Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University

1. "Decomposition Analysis of Entrepreneurial Earnings of Male and Female Microfinance Borrowers in Nicaragua"

Soren Hauge, Ripon College

Dwight Haase, University of Toledo

2. "Financial Development and Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries: New Evidence from Banks and Microfinance Institutions"

Ficawoyi Donou-Adonsou, University of Colorado-Denver

Kevin Sylwester, Southern Illinois University

3. "When More is Less: Microfinance Institutions and Suboptimal Equilibrium in Less Developed Countries"

Muhammad Imran Chaudhry, Ohio State University

Mario J. Miranda, Ohio State University

Discussants:

- 1. Muhammad Imran Chaudhry, Ohio State University
- 2. Soren Hauge, Ripon College
- 3. Ficawoyi Donou-Adonsou, University of Colorado-Denver

Session 5N: Financial Crisis

Chair: Nasr Elbahnasawy, Kent State University

- 1. "Determinants of the Global Financial Crisis Recovery: an Empirical Assessment"
 Minh Dao, Eastern Illinois University
- 2. "The Performance and Survivability of Minority-Owned Banks in Times of Financial Stress"
 Maude Toussaint-Comeau, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Robin Newberger, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

3. "Does Financial Crisis affect Risk-Return Tradeoff? Evidences from Emerging Markets"

Mohamed Eissa, Qatar University

Huda Al Suwaidi, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange

4. "Analysis of Islamic Banking in the UAE during the Financial Crisis"

Issam Tlemsani, Qatar University

Discussants:

- 1. Mohamed Eissa, Qatar University
- 2. Issam Tlemsani, Qatar University
- 3. Maude Toussaint-Comeau, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- 4. Minh Dao, Eastern Illinois University

Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer

Coffee Break

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.Grand A

Session 6A: Matching and Skill Requirements - SOLE

Organized by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. "Why Don't Firms Hire Young Workers During Recessions?"

Eliza Forsythe, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2. "Peer Effects and Occupational Choice: Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Peer Groups at West Point"

Todd Jones, Cornell University

Michael S. Kofoed, United States Military Academy

3. "Consolidation, and Skill Requirements"

Marcus Dillender, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

Eliza C. Forsythe, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

4. "Choosing a Control Group for Displaced Workers"

Pawel Krolikowski, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Discussants:

- 1. Jin Woo Chang, University of Michigan
- 2. Nicholas A. Jolly, Marquette University
- 3. Marta Lachowska, W. E. Upjohn Institute
- 4. Joe Ritter, University of Minnesota

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.Grand B

Session 6B: Time Series Analysis: Financial

Chair: Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

1. "Financial Development and Economic Growth Nexus: time series evidence from SADC"

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota-Duluth Gibson Nene, University of Minnesota Duluth

2. "Is it Risky to Go Green? A Volatility Analysis of the Green Bond Market"

Linh Pham, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

3. "A Comparative Study of GARCH and EVT model in modeling Value-at-Risk (VaR)"

Longqing Li, Suffolk University

4. "More Crime, More Guns? Reassessing Causality"

Jacob Rich, Eastern Michigan University

Discussants:

1. Linh Pham, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

- 2. Wei Geng, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics
- 3. Jacob Rich, Eastern Michigan University
- 4. Longqing Li, Suffolk University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m......Grand C

Session 6C: Teachers and Education

Chair: James Self, Indiana University-Bloomington

- 1. ""Integrating Blackboard and Class Webpages on Weebly and Facebook to Your Teaching"
 Theeradej Suabtrirat, Texas Tech University
- 2. "Are Your Students Absent, Not Absent, Or Present"

Albert Sumell, Youngstown State University

Eric Chiang, Florida Atlantic University

- 3. "The Impact of the Influx of New Foreign Undergraduates on American Universities" Ying Shen, University of Notre Dame
- 4. "Who Wants an iPad? An Exercise in Rationing"

David Carr, University of South Dakota

Michael Allgrunn, University of South Dakota

Kathryn Birkeland, University of South Dakota

Discussants:

- 1. Albert Sumell, Youngstown State University
- 2. Ying Shen, University of Notre Dame
- 3. David Carr, University of South Dakota
- 4. Theeradej Suabtrirat, Texas Tech University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m......North Shore

Session 6D: Gender Differences

Chair: Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

- 1. "Gender Differences in Evaluation of Job Satisfaction: Evidence from U.S. Institutions" Zarrina Juraqulova, Denison University
- 2. "Brothers are Better: The Effect of Sibling Sex Composition on Women's Schooling, Earnings, Health, and Labor Supply"

Moiz Bhai, University of Illinois at Chicago

Discussants:

- 1. Moiz Bhai, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2. Zarrina Juraqulova, Denison University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m......Lake Michigan

Session 6E: Health Economics Medley I

Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Chair: Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

1. "The Long-Term Health Impacts of Medicaid and CHIP"

Owen Thompson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2. "Medicaid and Birth Outcomes over the Business Cycle"

Yusun Kim, Syracuse University

Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University

Yilin Hou, Syracuse University

Doug Wolf, Syracuse University

3. "The Effects of Tobacco Control Policies on Electronic Cigarette Purchases: Evidence from Household and Retail Scanner Data"

Erik Nesson, Ball State University

Chad Cotti, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Nathan Tefft, Bates College

Discussants:

- 1. John Bowblis, Miami University
- 2. Lauren Hersch Nicholas, Johns Hopkins University
- 3. Noah Hammarlund, Indiana University

Session 6F: Experimental Economics

Chair: Xiaoyan Youderian, Xavier University

1. "Provision of Public Goods using a Combination of Lottery and Provision Point"

Bijetri Bose, Oberlin College

Sergey Rabotyagov, University of Washington

2. "Volunteering for the Public Good: Do Mandates Matter?"

Brian Scott, Washington College

Sara Helms, Samford University

3. "The Roommate's Dilemma: An Experimental Analysis of Choice Bracketing in Games"

Iames Bland, Purdue University

Discussants:

- 1. Brian Scott, Washington College
- 2. Bijetri Bose, Oberlin College
- 3. Katherine Snipes, Denison University

Session 6G: Undergraduate Session: Applied Micro II

Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University

Chair: Sandra Trejos, Clarion University

1. "Measuring Patterns of Heterogeneity in Political Violence"

Michael Galperin, University of Chicago

2. "Affirmative Action, Percent Plans, and the Impact on Minority Enrollment"

Michelle Jiang, University of Chicago

3. "Are Methods of Indiscriminate Violence subject to Rebound Effects? An Exploration of Drone Strike Efficacy"

Benjamin Goldman, Macalester College

Discussants:

- 1. William D. Ferguson, Grinnell College
- 2. John Deal, Manchester University
- 3. Sandra Trejos, Clarion University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Rogers

Session 6H: Economic Development

Chair: Erwin Erhardt, University of Cincinnati

1. "Which Type of Trust Matters?:Interpersonal vs. Institutional vs. Political Trust" In Do Hwang, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2. "The Role of Personal Ethics on Development"

Juan-Pedro Garces-Voisenat, Siena College

3. "Scarcity and Abundance in Islamic Economic Thought"

Ayman Reda, Grand Valley State University

4. "The Decision to Innovate: Aggregate Implications of Size-Based Distortions"

Tyler Schipper, University of St. Thomas

Discussants:

- 1. Tyler Schipper, University of St. Thomas
- 2. In Do Hwang, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 3. Erwin Erhardt, University of Cincinnati
- 4. Juan-Pedro Garces-Voisenat, Siena College

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m......Bonbright

Session 6I: Taxation

Chair: Zhiqi Zhao, Clemson University

1. "A Quantitative Theory of Tax Evasion and Informality"

José Joaquin López, University of Memphis

2. "Japanese Multinationals Activates and Corporate Tax issue"

Shaif Jarallah, Qatar University

3. "Progressive Taxation and Risky Occupational Choices"

Zhiqi Zhao, Clemson University

Discussants:

- 1. Shaif Jarallah, Qatar University
- 2. Pete Soule, Park University
- 3. José Joaquin López, University of Memphis

Session 6J: Inflation

Chair: Wan Wei, Western Michigan University

1. "Household Dynamis and Sluggish Inflation: Wealth Money Demand and the Velocity Mechanism"

Kersten Stamm, Georgetown University

"Inflation Uncertainty and Exchange Rate volatility Spillover in the Greek Economy"
 Marzi Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazelton

3. "Dynamics of Wage and Price Inflation"

David Crary, Eastern Michigan University

Discussants:

- 1. Marzi Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazelton
- 2. David Crary, Eastern Michigan University
- 3. Kersten Stamm, Georgetown University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Hinman

Session 6K: Health Determinants II

Chair: Herman Sahni, Northern Illinois University

1. "Intrahousehold Bargaining and Child Health Development in Ghana: Do Domestic Violence Laws Matter?"

Ahmed Salim Nuhu, Eastern Illinois University

2. "Parental Schooling and Child Health: A Bivariate Probit Model Approach"

Udbodha Rijal, Wayne State University

3. "The Effect of Social Environment on Health Perceptions"

Lindsey Novak, University of Minnesota

4. "Urban-Rural Health Analysis: Evidence from U.S. County Data"

M. Sedig Sameem, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Kevin Sylwester, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Discussants:

1. Udbodha Rijal, Wayne State University

- 2. Lindsey Novak, University of Minnesota
- 3. M. Sediq Sameem, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
- 4. Ahmed Salim Nuhu, Eastern Illinois University

Session 6L: Stock Markets

Chair: Guodong Chen, University of Michigan

1. "Credit-Fueled Bubbles"

Antonio Doblas-Madrid, Michigan State University

Kevin Lansing, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

2. "Upside and Downside Volatility: How do they directionally transmit across global equity markets?"

Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University

Veysel Ulusoy, Yeditepe University

3. "The Effect of Oil Price Shanges on the Stocks Prices in Select GCC Markets"

Mohammed Elgammal, Qatar University

Mohamed Abdelaziz Eissa

Diana Jalloul

4. "Out-of-Sample Stock Return Prediction: what have we missed?"

Fanning Meng, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Luiz Renato Lima, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Discussants:

- 1. Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University
- 2. Mohammed Elgammal, Qatar University
- 3. Antonio Doblas-Madrid, Michigan State University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Evans

Session 6M: Applied Econometrics

Chair: Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati

1. "Using Nonlinear Testing Procedures to Specity the Right Hand Side of an Aggregate Production Function containing Financial Variables in the Period 1967-2011"

Houston Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago

2. "Production and Costs in the U.S. Apparel Industry"

Genevieve Alorbi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

3. "Gasoline Demand in the United States: An Asymmetric Spatial Approach"

Najmeh Kamyabi, Texas Tech University

4. "Effects of Energy Efficiency Policy on Residential Energy Consumption: a Dynamic Panel Data Approach"

Bishwa S. Koirala, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Alok K Bohara, University of New Mexico

Discussants:

- 1. Tom Hamami, Northwestern University
- 2. Najmeh Kamyabi, Texas Tech University
- 3. Bishwa S. Koirala, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
- 4. Genevieve Alorbi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Session 6N: Unemployment

Chair: Kristen Roche, Mount Mary University

1. "Underemployment in the U.S. Aggregate Labor Market—Trend Persistence and Sectoral Patterns"

Lonnie Golden, Penn State University-Abington

Stuart Glosser, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

2. "Unemployment Among The Veterans of Global War On Terrorism"

Davut Ayan, University of Kansas

3. "The Impact of Local Labor Market Shocks on Education Outcomes: Evidence from Michigan"

Daniel Hubbard, University of Michigan

Discussants:

- 1. Davut Ayan, University of Kansas
- 2. Stan Veuger, American Enterprise Institute
- 3. Lonnie Golden, Penn State University-Abington

Saturday, April 2, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.Marcy Boardroom

MEA Executive Board Meeting and Luncheon

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m......Grand A

Session 7A: Employment

Chair: Mark Borschulte, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1. "Impacts of Shorter Working Hours on Labor Market: Evidence from the Working Hour Reduction in South Korea"

Yeon-jeong Son, University of Illinois at Chicago

2. "Cautious Hiring"

Enoch Hill, Wheaton College

Kai Ding, University of Minnesota

3. "Do Taller Mice Bell the Cat? The Effect of Height on Wage and Early Career"

Teng-Jen Chang, Ohio State University

Discussants:

- 1. Enoch Hill, Wheaton College
- 2. Teng-Jen Chang, Ohio State University
- 3. Yeon-jeong Son, University of Illinois at Chicago

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m......Grand B

Session 7B: Banks

Chair: Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University

1. "On the Scale and Scope of Oil Prices: Islamic vs. Conventional Banking"

Nihan Dalgıç, Yeditepe University

Veysel Ulusoy, Yeditepe University

2. "Bank Asset Reallocation and Sovereign Debt"

Francesco Marchionne, Indiana University

Michele Fratianni, Indiana University

3. "Risk Management in Islamic Banks: Evidence from Qatar"

Adel Elgharbawy, Qatar University

4. "The Effects of Cross-Border Banking and Institutional Quality on Accounting Information of Banks in Africa"

Mohammed Amidu, University of Ghana

Aisha Mohammed Sissy, Ashesi University College

- 1. Francesco Marchionne, Indiana University
- 2. Nihan Dalgıç, Yeditepe University
- 3. Mohammed Amidu, University of Ghana
- 4. Adel Elgharbawy, Qatar University

Session 7C: Panel Discussion: Teaching with Group Projects

Organized by James Hornsten, Northwestern University

Moderator: James Hornsten, Northwestern University

1. Eva Dziadula, University of Notre Dame

"Projects in Health, Micro"

2. Sara Hernandez, Northwestern University

"Projects in Gender, Labor"

3. Jose Vazquez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"Projects in Micro, MOOCs"

4. James A. Hornsten, Northwestern University

"Projects in Industrial, Monopoly/Antitrust"

Session 7D: Inequality

Chair: Masha Brussevich, Purdue University

1. "Technological Change and Wage Inequality"

Diane Monaco, Heidelberg University

2. "Correcting Overestimation in Functional Forms of the Lorenz Curve"

Jason Gurtovoy, Embry University

3. "Real Exchange Rate and Income Inequality"

Guangjun Qu, Birmingham-Southern College

Kevin Sylwester, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Discussants:

- 1. Guangjun Qu, Birmingham-Southern College
- 2. Diane Monaco, Heidelberg University
- 3. Jason Gurtovoy, Embry University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.....Lake Michigan

Session 7E: Health Economics Medley II

Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Chair: Erik Nesson, Ball State University

1. "Do Size and Composition of Inspection Teams Affect Regulatory Violations? A Case Study of the Nursing Home Industry"

John Bowblis, Miami University

Alexander W. McCorkle

2. "Electronic Medical Records and Procedure Choice: Evidence from Cesarean Sections"

Noah Hammarlund, Indiana University

Seth Freedman, Indiana University

3. "Diffusion of Minimally Invasive Procedures across Hospitals and Traits of Fast Adopting Hospitals"

Ashley Hodgson, St. Olaf College

- 1. Marcus Dillender, Upjohn Institute
- 2. Padmaja Ayyagari, University of Iowa

3. Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Session 7F: Crime and Criminal Justice

Chair: Rachel Childers, University of Kansas

1. "Child Spacing and Risky Behavior"

Mehrnoush Motamedi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2. "Path Dependence: The Impact of Early Exposure to Prison Violence on Prisoner Behavior"

Logan Lee, Grinnell College

Glen Waddell, University of Oregon

Ben Hansen, University of Oregon

3. "Determinants of Juvenile Recidivism in the United States"

Zi Yang, Suffolk University

4. "Conscription and Military Service: Do They Result in Violent and Non-Violent

Incarcerations and Recidivism?"

Xintong Wang, SUNY-Binghamton

Alfonso Flores-Lagunes, Syracuse University

Discussants:

- 1. Michael Malcolm, West Chester University
- 2. Zi Yang, Suffolk University
- 3. Xintong Wang, SUNY-Binghamton
- 4. Logan Lee, Grinnell College

Session 7G: Undergraduate Session: International Economics

Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University

Chair: Grace Tsiang, University of Chicago

1. "Modern Trade Liberalizations: British Corn Laws in Perspective"

Ahwaz Akhtar, Georgetown University

- 2. "Pricing Behaviors and Deviations from Law of One Price of Multinational Retailers" Yuzhu Xiang, Macalester College
- 3. "Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect: Regulatory Impact on Dual-Listed Share Premiums"
 Querida Qiu, University of Chicago
- 4. "Exchange Rate Pass-Through In Inflation Targeting Emerging Market Economies: The Experience of South Africa and Ghana"

Zhou Yang, Augsburg College

Discussants:

- 1. Houston Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2. Stan Veuger, American Enterprise Institute
- 3. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
- 4. Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth

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Session 7H: Consumption

Chair: Sarah Taylor, Alma College

1. "Trust and Macroeconomic Performance: A Two-Step Approach"

Sokchea Lim, John Carroll University

AKM Mahbub Morshed, Southern Illinois University

Channary Khun, Southern Illinois University

2. "House Prices and Consumption in the United States"

Philip Vinson, Indiana University

3. "Does Consumer Confidence afffect Durable Goods Spending during Normal and Slack Times Equally?"

M. Igbal Ahmed, Kansas State University

Steven P. Cassou, Kansas State University

Discussants:

- 1. Quazi Fidia Farah, Kansas State University
- 2. Sokchea Lim, John Carroll University
- 3. Philip Vinson, Indiana University

Session 7I: Government Intervention - AERE

Organized by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Chair: Mark Witte, Northwestern University

1. "Political Pressure and Power Plant Pollution Abatement"

Matthew Doyle, Colorado School of Mines

Ian Lange, Colorado School of Mines

2. "Environmental Labor and End-of-Pipe Treatment Capital: An Analysis of Firm Response to Government Interventions"

Zachary Raff, University of Kansas

Dietrich Earnhart, University of Kansas

3. "Assessing Participation in ISO 14001 in China: Implications for Environmental Performance"

Yuan Liao, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

4. "Ownership Rights vs. Access Rights Allocation to Critical Resources: An Empirical Study of the Economic Impact of Changes in Oil Governance"

Mohammad Kemal, Colorado School of Mines

Discussants:

- 1. Mark Witte, Northwestern University
- 2. Richard T. Melstrom, Oklahoma State University
- 3. Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology
- 4. Claire Brunel, American University

Session 7J: **International Trade and Policy**

Chair: Kyu Yub Lee, Michigan State University

1. "Processing Trade Policy, Export VAT Rebate and International Trade: Evidence from Chinese Firm-level Data"

Jianpeng Deng, Pennsylvania State University

2. "The Effects of Canadian Competition Policy on International Trade and Export" Rubin Luniku, Wayne State University

3. "Food Safety Standards and Quality Upgrading"

Jihyun Eum, Ohio State University

Stanley Thompson, Ohio State University

Discussants:

- 1. Rubin Luniku, Wayne State University
- 2. Jihyun Eum, Ohio State Univrsity
- 3. Jianpeng Deng, Pennsylvania State University

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Session 7K: Healthcare II

Chair: Tony Han, Ohio State University

1. "Gender and Racial Wage Differentials for Hospital Workers in the Nonprofit and For-profit Sectors"

Gabriel Courey, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2. "Formal and Informal Payments in the Health Care Sector in Russia"

Alexandra Polovinka, Western Michigan University

3. "Impact of Female Autonomy on Antenatal Care and Institutional Delivery: Evidence from Nepal"

Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris

Samyukta Ghimire, Eastern Illinois University

Mukti Upadhyay, Eastern Illinois University

4. "The Impact of Unwanted Pregnancies on Birth Outcomes: The Role of Selection Due to Induced Abortions and Miscarriages"

Zhuang Hao, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Vidhura Tennekoon, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Discussants:

- 1. Besufekad Alemu, University of Minnesota
- 2. Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
- 3. Zhuang Hao, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- 4. Alexandra Polovinka, Western Michigan University

Session 7L: Empirical Macroeconomics

Organized by N. Kundan Kishor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Chair: N. Kundan Kishor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1. "Bubble-like Behavior in Housing Markets"

Yamin Ahmad, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Eylem Ersal-Kiziler, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

2. "Forward-looking Taylor Rules, Real-time Forecasts, and the Price Puzzle"

Gabriela Best, California State University-Fullerton

Pavel Kapinos, Carleton College

3. "Asymmetric Business Cycles and Slow Recoveries in Labor Markets"

Irina Panovska, Lehigh University

Discussants:

- 1. Irina Panovska, Lehigh University
- 2. N. Kundan Kishor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 3. Yamin Ahmad, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m......Evans

Session 7M: Financial Markets II

Chair: Zhiyong Liu, Indiana State University

1. "Determinants of the Bitcoin Price Movement"

Hio Loi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

2. "Users' and Preparers' Perceptions of Corporate Reporting and Disclosures: Evidence from Kuwait"

Issa Dawd, Qatar University

Burce Burton

Theresa Dunne

3. "The Geography of Bidding Behavior in Peer-to-Peer Lending Markets"

Garrett Senney, Ohio State University

4. "Credit Ratings Under Economic Fluctuation: A Two-Sided Moral Hazard Approach"

Guodong Chen, University of Michigan

Sugato Bhattacharyya, University of Michigan

Discussants:

- 1. Issa Dawd, Qatar University
- 2. Guodong Chen, University of Michigan
- 3. Dean Showalter, Texas State University
- 4. Hio Loi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

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Session 7N: Macroeconomics and the Great Recession

Chair: Antonio Doblas-Madrid, Michigan State University

1. "A Contribution to the Secular Stagnation Analysis after the Great Recession: From Alvin Hansen's historical approach and Harrod's model along 1938-1952"

Adrian de Leon Arias, Universidad De Guadalajara

2. "Monetary Policy, Fiscal Policy, and the Great Recession"

Thomas Stockwell, Eastern Michigan University

Abdullah Dewan, Eastern Michigan University

3. "The Impact of U.S. Macroeconomic News on Domestic and International Banks"

Julieta Yung, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Christoffer Koch, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

4. "The Behavior of Interest Rates: Assessing the Degree of Monetary Policy Co-movement Among Selected Emerging Economies"

Semih Cekin, Governors State University

Menelik Geremew, Kalamazoo College

Discussants:

- 1. Thomas Stockwell, Eastern Michigan University
- 2. Adrian de Leon Arias, Universidad De Guadalajara
- 3. Semih Cekin, Governors State University
- 4. Julieta Yung, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Saturday, April 2, 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m......Grand Ballroom Foyer

Coffee Break

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Session 8C: Education II

Chair: Nirupama Devaraj, Valparaiso University

1. "The Previous Generation: Free Primary Education in sub-Saharan Africa from 1960 to 1997"

Luke Chicoine, DePaul University

- 2. "Life Satisfaction and School Performance-More Evidence from the Business Classroom" Sandra Trejos, Clarion University Pennsylvania
- 3. "Parents' Decision-Making on the Consumption of Private Tutoring of School Going Children: A Behavioral Game Theoretic Approach"

Sakib Mahmud, University of Wisconsin-Superior

Tanzeem I. Ali, University of Wisconsin-Superior

4. "Bullying, Peer Effects and Student Achievement"

Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

Discussants:

- 1. Anthony Gyapong, Pennsylvania State University-Abington
- 2. Sakib Mahmud, University of Wisconsin-Superior
- 3. Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University
- 4. Luke Chicoine, DePaul University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m......North Shore

Session 8D: Families II

Chair: Zarrina Juragulova, Denison University

1. "The Relationship between Housing and Fertility: Evidence from Russia"

Eric Nielsen, Federal Reserve Board

2. "Mother's Time Allocation in Fragile Families and the Effects o Children's Cagnitive Development"

Raúl Sánchez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

3. "Sibling Sex Composition and Noncognitive Skill Formation"

Iryna Hayduk, Kent State University at Trumbull

4. "The Effects of Job Displacement on Family Expenditures"

Kyong Hyun Koo, Michigan State University

Discussants:

- 1. Iryna Hayduk, Kent State University at Trumbull
- 2. Eric Nielsen, Federal Reserve Board
- 3. Kyong Hyun Koo, Michigan State University
- 4. Raúl Sánchez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Session 8E: Impact of Government Policies on Elderly Adults

Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Chair: John Bowblis, Miami University

1. "The Role of Medical Expenditure Risk in Portfolio Allocation Decisions"

Padmaja Ayyagari, University of Iowa

Daifeng He, College of William and Mary

2. "The Impact of Income on the Use of Medical Care: Evidence from the Social Security Notch Cohort"

Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

3. "The Impact of Medical Marijuana Access on the Health and Labor Supply of Older Adults: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study"

Lauren Nicholas, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

Catherine Maclean, Temple University

Discussants:

- 1. Erik Nesson, Ball State University
- 2. Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University
- 3. Owen Thompson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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Session 8F: Networks

Chair: Daniel Hubbard, University of Michigan

- 1. "Revisiting the Trade-Comovement Puzzle: the Role of Asymmetric Input-Output Networks" Vegard Nygaard, University of Minnesota
- 2. "Social Networks during Immigrant Settlement and Intergenerational Mobility"

Besufekad Alemu, University of Minnesota

3. "Network Effects, Bargaining Power, and Product Review Bias: Theory and Evidence"
Tom Hamami, Northwestern University

4. "Does the Confucius Institute Network Impact Cultural Distance? A Panel Data Analysis of Cross-Border Flows in and out of China"

Sucharita Ghosh, University of Akron

Donald Lien, University of Texas, San Antonio

Steven Yamarik, California State University, Long Beach

Discussants:

- 1. Sucharita Ghosh, University of Akron
- 2. Daniel Hubbard, University of Michigan
- 3. Vegard Nygaard, University of Minnesota
- 4. Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota-Duluth

Session 8G: Markets

Chair: Genevieve Alorbi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

1. "Stability and Efficiency in Dynamic Spectrum Sharing Games: A Simulation Approach"

Dmitri Pianov, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Alison Watts, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2. "Effects of Spectrum Holdings on Equilibrium in the Wireless Industry"

Jonathan Lhost, Lawrence University

Brijesh Pinto, Keystone Strategy, LLC

David Sibley, University of Texas at Austin

3. "Wal-Mart and Price Convergence among U.S. Cities"

Md Rafayet Alam, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

AKM Mahbub Morshed, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Discussants:

- 1. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
- 2. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
- 3. Jonathan Lhost, Lawrence University

Session 8H: Housing Markets

Chair: C. Martin Konou, McNeese State University

1. "Small Homes, Fiscal Externalities, and the Property Tax: Evidence from the Cities and Schools, 1970 - 2010"

Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University

2. "Environmental Risk and Housing Price: Evidence from China"

Xianchun Liao, University of Jinan

Wei Zhang, University of Jinan

Wei Geng, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics

3. "Valuing Thy Neighbor's House: State Marginal Tax Rates and Housing Prices at State Borders"

Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

Georgeanne Artz, Iowa State University

Hieu Nguyen, Iowa State University

4. "Monetary Policy and the U.S. Housing Bubble: A VAR Study with Structural Breaks"

Mahua Barari Mitra, Missouri State University

Srikanta Kundu, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India

Discussants:

- 1. Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
- 2. Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University
- 3. Eman Selim, Tanta University
- 4. Stuart Glosser, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Session 8I: Land and Water - AERE

Organized by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Chair: Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

1. "Good for the Air, Bad for the Water: The Effect of Ethanol Production on Surface-Water **Ouality**"

Barrett Kirwan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2. "Which Factors Affect the Willingness of Households to Adopt Stormwater Management Practices?"

Dong Shin, University of Missouri-Columbia

Laura McCann, University of Missouri-Columbia

3. "Benefits of Using Yield Monitors to Assess Crop Moisture"

Lyubov Kurkalova, North Carolina A&T State University

Lemuria Carter, Virginia Commonwealth University

4. "The Employment Impacts of Listing the Lesser Prairie Chicken as an Endangered Species in Areas of Critical Habitat"

Richard T. Melstrom, Oklahoma State University

Kangil Lee, Oklahoma State University

Discussants:

- 1. Tracy A. Boyer, Oklahoma State University
- 2. Andrew Meyer, Marquette University
- 3. Zach Raff, University of Kansas
- 4. Sahan T.M. Dissanayake, Colby College

Session 8J: International Finance I

Chair: Marzi Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazelton

1. "Do Natural Resource Revenues Lower Govrnment Reliance on Seigniorage?"

Nasr Elbahnasawy, Kent State University

Michael A. Ellis, Kent State University

2. "Neo Determinants of a Reserve Currency"

Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

3. "Institutional Quality and Foreign Reserves"

David Moreno, University of Maryland

4. "Clamoring for Greenbacks: Explaining the Resurgence of the US Dollar in International Debt"

Cesar Rodriguez, Portland State University

Hiro Ito, Portland State University

- 1. Cesar Rodriguez, Portland State University
- 2. David Moreno, University of Maryland
- 3. Jason Reed, University of Notre Dame
- 4. Nasr Elbahnasawy, Kent State University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m......Hinman

Session 8K: Health in Developing Countries

Chair: Vinícius Vidigal, University of Minnesota

1. "Health Policies and the Effectiveness of Health Aid: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis"
Hyeon Joon Shin, Anderson University

Sajal Lahiri, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2. "Understanding the Linkage of Indonesia's Conditional Cash Transfer Program and Child Health in Indonesia"

Milda Irhamni, University of Minnesota

3. "Maternal Stress and Birth Outcomes: Evidence from the 1994 Northridge Earthquake"

Bongkyun Kim, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Celeste Carruthers

Matthew C. Harris

Discussants:

- 1. Bongkyun Kim, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- 2. Hyeon Joon Shin, Anderson University
- 3. Milda Irhamni, University of Minnesota

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.....Evans

Session 8M: Imperfect Competition

Chair: Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

1. "Demand Spillovers of Food Recalls in Differentiated Product Markets"

Jeta Rudi, University of Minnesota

Metin Çakır, University of Minnesota

2. "The Effect of Mergers and Acquisitions on Market Power and Efficiency"

Justin Pierce, Federal Reserve Board

Bruce A. Blonigen, University of Oregon and NBER

3. "The Effects of Short-Term Interest Rate Changes on Price-Cost Margins"

Mahsa Gholizadeh, Bureau of Economics Analysis

Discussants:

- 1. Zouhair Mrabet, Qatar University
- 2. Mahsa Gholizadeh, Bureau of Economics Analysis
- 3. Jong Hun Kim, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m......Heritage

Session 8N: From the Micro to the Macro: Economic Works Using Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Data

Organized by Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Chair: Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1. "Do Consumers' Expenditures Follow Their Sentiment? Evidence from the Consumer Expenditure Survey and the Consumer Sentiment Index"

Acenis Rojas, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2. "Hitting Us Where We Live: Examining Relationships Between Housing Debt and Consumer Expenditures"

Taylor Wilson, Bureau of Labor Statistics

3. "After Graduation: How Student Loan Debt Relates to Income, Expenditures, Asset Accumulation, and Other Debt"

Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

4. "Declining Labor Force Participation of Women: Investigating the Roles of Education, Marital Status, and Presence of Children" Cassandra Wirth, Bureau of Labor Statistics Saturday, April 2, 5:30 p.m-6:30 p.m. Heritage **Presidential Address** "The Topography of the New Landscape of International Trade Negotiations" Speaker: Alan Deardorff, University of Michigan He will be reporting on and discussing the highs and lows of the proliferation of free trade agreements and the recent initiatives for "mega-FTAs" such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership. **MEA Business Meeting - all welcome President's Reception** Cash bar Saturday, April 2, 7:45 p.m.-9:30 p.m......Lake Michigan Past Presidents' and Secretary-Treasurers' Dinner **Invitation only Conference Registration** Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Grand B **Session 9B: Forecasting** Chair: Semih Cekin, Governors State University 1. "The Content of Discount Rate Recommendations" David Miller, Federal Reserve Board 2. "Do Financial Indicators have Directional Predictability for U.S. Home Sales" Ilker Kaya, American University of Sharjah Hamid Baghestani, American University of Sharjah 3. "Forecasting Interest Rates with Error Adjustment" **Jarrod Hunt, DePauw University** 4. "Forecasting Entry and Exit in the Banking Industry" Brendan Newell, DePaul University Burhan Biner, DePaul University Discussants: 1. Jarrod Hunt, DePauw University 2. David Miller, Federal Reserve Board 3. Burhan Biner, DePaul University 4. Ilker Kaya, American University of Sharjah

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Grand C **Session 9C: Education III**

Chair: Guanlin Gao, Indiana University South Bend

1. "The Causal Impact of Graduation Rate Accountability Under No Child Left Behind"
Thomas Goldring, Carnegie Mellon University

2. "The Effects of No Pass, No Drive Policies on High School Education"

Kendall Kennedy, Purdue University

3. "No Longer Left-behind: Impact of Returned Parents on Children's Performance"

Li Yu, Central University of Finance and Economics

Zhiqiang Liu, SUNY Buffalo

Xiang Zheng, Iowa State University

Discussants:

- 1. Kendall Kennedy, Purdue University
- 2. Li Yu, Central University of Finance and Economics
- 3. Thomas Goldring, Carnegie Mellon University

Session 9D: How to Obtain and Use Tabular and Microdata from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE)

The CE is the most detailed source of income, demographics, assets, liabilities, and expenditures collected by the Federal government directly from consumers. This segment of the workshop features "hands-on" training in use of CE microdata, which are available for free download from the CE website (www.bls.gov/cex).

Bureau of Labor Statistics Workshop

Organized by Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1. Locating Data: A Tour of the CE Website

Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2. Understanding the Data: Means, Standard Errors, and Other "Vital" Statistics from Standard, Detailed, and Experimental Tables

Taylor Wilson, Bureau of Labor Statistics

3. Analyzing the Data: How to Use LABSTAT, an Online Tool for Time-Series and Graphical Analyses

Arcenis Rojas, Bureau of Labor Statistics

4. Unlimited Time Offer: Downloading the 1996-2014 PUMD Files at No (Monetary) Cost Taylor Wilson, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Lake Michigan

Session 9E: Development: Migration

Chair: Michael LeFors, Truman State University

1. "Skilled Migration and Remittances in a Model of Monopolistic Competition"

Dambar Uprety, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Sajal Lahiri, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

2. "Impact of Remittances on Household Productivity: Evidence from Nepal"

Gvan Pradhan, Eastern Kentucky University

Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris

Bishwa Koirala, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Discussants:

- 1. Gyan Pradhan, Eastern Kentucky University
- 2. Dambar Uprety, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Mulford

Session 9F: Econometrics

Chair: Vidhura Tennekoon, Indiana University-Purdue University

1. "Objective Bayes Factors for Model Selection"

Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati

Hamed Namavari, University of Cincinnati

2. "Bounding Average Treatment Effect with Misclassification Error: the Linear Programming Approach"

Yang He, Iowa State University

3. "Finite Sample Properties of Bias-Corrected Fixed Effects Estimators in Panel Binary Response Models"

Robert Martin, Michigan State University

4. "Bayesian Inference in Non-linear/Non-Gaussian Switching State Space Model: Regimedependent Leverage Effect in U.S. Stock Market"

Jaeho Kim, University of Oklahoma

Discussants:

- 1. Robert Martin, Michigan State University
- 2. Dmitri Pianov, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- 3. Jaeho Kim, University of Oklahoma
- 4. Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati

Session 9G: Healthcare III

Chair: Zhuang Hao, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

1. "Cost Efficiency in Nursing Homes: Do Five-Star Quality Ratings Matter?"
Raiendra Dulal. Wavne State University

2. "Avoidable Mortality and Healthcare Expenditure in OECD Countries: DEA and SFA methods to health expenditure efficiency"

Jia Yu, Christopher Newport University

3. "The Influence of Gaining Employment Process on Individual Prescription Drug Utilization in the U.S., 2007-2012"

Xiaohui You, University of Memphis

Cyril F. Chang, University of Memphis

Discussants:

- 1. Jia Yu, Christopher Newport University
- 2. Xiaohui You, University of Memphis
- 3. Rajendra Dulal, Wayne State University

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m......Rogers

Session 9H: Developing Country Studies II

Chair: Tyler Schipper, University of St. Thomas

1. "Measuring the Impact of Formal and Informal Borrowing on Household Well-Being: The Case of Nepal"

Olga Kondratjeva, Ohio State University

2. "Fluctuations in Terms of Trade and Its Effect on Economic Growth: Evidence from South and East-Asian Countries"

Hem Basnet, Methodist University

Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris

3. "Remittance and Structural Transformation: An Analysis of the Nepal Living Standard Survey"

Kul Kapri, College of St Benedict-St. John's University

Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University

- 1. Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
- 2. Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University
- 3. Olga Kondratjeva, Ohio State University

Session 9I: Environmental Economics

Chair: Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University

1. "Cost-share Effectiveness in The Planting of Cover Crops"

M. Jimena González Ramirez, Iowa State University

J. Gordon Arbuckle Jr., Iowa State University

2. "Do Women Value Improvements in Water Quality More? Evidence from the Village Panchayat Council Amendments in India"

Nirupama Devaraj, Valparaiso University

Suchandra Basu, Rhode Island College

Discussants:

- 1. Nirupama Devaraj, Valparaiso University
- 3. M. Jimena González Ramirez, Iowa State University

Session 9J: International Trade

Chair: Pete Soule, Park University

1. "Headquarters Gravity"

Zi Wang, Pennsylvania State University

2. "Direct and Indirect Exporting in the Presence of Domestic Sales"

Seifu Zerihun, Caterpillar, Inc.

Sridhar Ramaswamy

3. "Estimating Import Quality: Do Countries Agree on Rankings?"

Kan Yue, Purdue University

4. "Revisiting National Border Effects in Foreign Trade in Goods of Canadian Provinces"

Farrukh Suvankulov, Bank of Canada

Discussants:

- 1. Diego Mendez-Carbajo, Illinois Wesleyan University
- 2. Kan Yue, Purdue University
- 3. Farrukh Suvankulov, Bank of Canada
- 4. Zi Wang, Pennsylvania State University

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Grand A

Session 9K: International Finance II

Chair: Justin Pierce, Federal Reserve Board

1. "Limited Stock Market Participation and Goods Market Frictions: A Potential Resolution for Puzzles in International Finance"

Nam Jong Kim, Georgia Institute of Technology

Alexander Schiller, Carnegie Mellon University

2. "What can Mean-Square Stability, Adaptive Learning, and Regime Changes Tell us about the Forward Premium Puzzle"

Jason Reed, University of Notre Dame

3. "Unemployment and Currency Devaluation in an Open Economy"

Yoonho Choi, Iowa State University

4. "The Interaction between Public and Private Capital Investment"

Ahmed Abou-Zaid, Eastern Illinois University

- 1. Justin Pierce, Federal Reserve Board
- 2. Yoonho Choi, Iowa State University

- 3. Ahmed Abou-Zaid, Eastern Illinois University
- 4. Nam Jong Kim, Georgia Institute of Technology

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.Grand B

Session 10B: Labor Supply II

Chair: Li Yu, Central University of Finance and Economics

1. "Population Growth, Decline and Shocks to Local Labor Markets"

Mike Zabek, University of Michigan

2. "Employment Effect of Unemployment Insurance Tax Base"

Po-Chun Huang, Michigan State University

3. "The Effect of Alcohol Consumption on Job Search Behavior: A Regression Discontinuity Application of Minimum Drinking Age Laws"

Mona Sameni, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:

- 1. Po-Chun Huang, Michigan State University
- 2. Mona Sameni, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 3. Mike Zabek, University of Michigan

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.Grand C

Session 10C: Matching

Chair: Jose Vazquez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1. "Skill-remoteness, Mismatch and Employment Fluctuations in Heterogeneous Labor Markets"

Claudia Macaluso, University of Chicago

2. "Educational Mismatch and the Earnings Distribution: Where Does the Mismatch Bite?"
Kristen Roche, Mount Mary University

Keith A. Bender, University of Aberdeen

3. "Good Enough Jobs: Skill Mismatch and Two-Sided Heterogeneity in Frictional Labor Markets"

Jacklyn Buhrmann, Purdue University

Discussants:

- 1. Kristen Roche, Mount Mary University
- 2. Jacklyn Buhrmann, Purdue University
- 3. Claudia Macaluso, University of Chicago

Session 10D: Overview of Public Use Microdata (PUMD) Files from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE)

The CE is the most detailed source of income, demographics, assets, liabilities, and expenditures collected by the Federal government directly from consumers. This segment of the workshop features "hands-on" training in use of CE microdata, which are available for free download from the CE website (www.bls.gov/cex).

Bureau of Labor Statistics Workshop

Organized by Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1. Overview of File Structure

Arcenis Rojas, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2. Introduction to Summary Variables: How to See the Forest Without Having to Add Up Individual Trees

Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

3. Exercises Using CE Microdata

Hands-on training led by the instructors

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Lake Michigan

Session 10E: Food Prices and Inequality

Chair: James Bland, Purdue University

- 1. "Impact of Monetary Policy on Inflation and Distribution of Relative Food Prices in India" Kuhelika De, University of Georgia
- 2. "Do Universal or Targeted Food Security Programs Provide Longer Term Gains for the Poor? Evidence from India's Public Distribution System"

Sanjukta Das, University of Georgia

3. "Huji System, Social Identity and Inequality: Evidence from a Field Experiment"

Guanlin Gao, Indiana University South Bend

Jun Luo, Zhejiang University of Finance and Economics

Yefeng Chen, Zhejiang University

Haoran He, Beijing Normal University

4. "Food Price Shocks and their macroeconomic policies implications in Sub-Saharan Africa: DSGE Models"

C. Martin Konou, McNeese State University

Discussants:

- 1. Guanlin Gao, Indiana University South Bend
- 2. C. Martin Konou, McNeese State University
- 3. Kuhelika De, University of Georgia
- 4. Sanjukta Das, University of Georgia

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Session 10F: Economic History

Chair: David Carr, University of South Dakota

1. "Bank Networks and Systemic Risk: Micro-evidence before and after the National Banking Acts of 1863-1864"

Haelim Park, U.S. Treasury

Mark Paddrik, U.S. Treasury

Jessie Jiaxu Wang, Arizona State University

2. "Underwater and Understudied: Unterseebooten in the First World War"

Bruce McClung, Texas State University

3. "The Impact of Commuting and Mass Transport on the London Labour Market: Evidence from the New Survey of London Life and Labour"

Jessica Bean, Denison University

Andrew Seltzer, Royal Holloway University of London

Jonathan Wadsworth, Royal Holloway University of London

Discussants:

- 1. Jessica Bean, Denison University
- 2. Haelim Park, U.S. Treasury
- 3. Bruce McClung, Texas State University

Session 10G: Health Policies: Medicare/Medicaid/ACA

Chair: Jia Yu, Christopher Newport University

- 1. "Do Medicaid Expansions Affect SSI Disability Benefit Applications and Take-Up?"

 Molly Hawkins, University of Michigan
- 2. "Does Medicare Part D Abet Advantageous Selection by Medicare Advantage Plans?"
 Tony Han, Ohio State University

Kurt Lavetti, Ohio State University

3. "The Effect of Parental Medicaid Expansions on Children's Health Insurance Coverage"

Matthew Kim, University of St. Thomas

Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University

Brenden Timpe, University of Michigan

4. "Does the Affordable Care Act Help to Increase 340b Utilization?"

Svetlana Gavrilova, Middle Tennessee State University

Maxim Terekhov, Vanderbilt University

Discussants:

- 1. Tony Han, Ohio State University
- 2. Brenden Timpe, University of Michigan
- 3. Svetlana Gavrilova, Middle Tennessee State University
- 4. Molly Hawkins, University of Michigan

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Session 10H: Information

Chair: Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

1. "Does Wall Street affect Main Street? Examining Potential Spillovers from Investor Stock Market Sentiment to Personal Consumption Expenditures"

Jocelyn Evans, College of Charleston

KhasadYahu ZarBabal, Medgar Evers College

2. "Internet Health Information, Consumer Types, and Health Production"

Molla Mursaleen Shiraj, Illinois State University

Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

Discussants:

- 1. M. Iqbal Ahmed, Kansas State University
- 2. Eric Munshower, University of Dubuque

Session 10I: Environment: Air Pollution

Chair: Douglas Schreder, National Louis University

- 1. "Growing Up in a Steel Town: Early-life Pollution Exposure and Later-life Mortality" Sarah Taylor, Alma College
- 2. "The Environment Kuznets Curve Hypothesis in the Case of Qatar: an ARDL Bounds Test Analysis"

Zouhair Mrabet, Qatar University

Mouyad Samara, Qatar University

3. "Air Pollution and Labor Supply"

Mark Borschulte, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

David Molitor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Eric Zou, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

4. "Emissions Leakage, Environmental Policy and Trade Frictions"

Shreekar Pradhan, University of Tennessee

J. Scott Holladay, University of Tennessee

Mohammed Mohsin, University of Tennessee

- 1. Mark Borschulte, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2. Seifu Zerihun, Caterpillar, Inc.
- 3. Yang He, Iowa State University
- 4. Sarah Taylor, Alma College

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Session 10K: Heterogeneous Firms and Startups

Chair: Dean Showalter, Texas State University

1. "Threat Effect and Strategic Response to Discriminatory Trade Policy" Miao Ouyang, Brandeis University

2. "Heterogeneous Firms and the Micro Origins of Aggregate Fluctuations"

Glenn Magerman, University of Leuven

Karolien De Bruyne, University of Leuven

 $Emmanuel\ Dhyne,\ National\ Bank\ of\ Belgium\ and\ University\ of\ Mons$

Jan Van Hove, University of Leuven

3. "Immigration, Firm Heterogeneity, and Welfare"

Kyu Yub Lee, Michigan State University

4. "University Start-ups and Spillovers"

Dean Showalter, Texas State University

- 1. Glenn Magerman, University of Leuven
- 2. Kyu Yub Lee, Michigan State University
- 3. Mohammed Saeed, Middle Tennessee State University
- 4. Miao Ouyang, Brandeis University