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Inaugural Godfrey Conference Schedule

**Activities are in Moore-Rooker Hall, A220 (Stelling Study) unless otherwise specified. Presenters (P) have 30 min and Discussants (D) have 10 min followed by a 5 min discussion.*

Friday, April 26th

12:30-1:30pm	Lunch and welcome
1:30-3:00pm	Session 1 Rhet Smith (P) and Vincent Pohl (D) Jordan Peeples (P) and Julio Garin (D)
3:00-3:30pm	Break/Coffee
3:30-5:00pm	Session 2 Cameron Ellis (P) and Len Goff (D) Bailey Palmer (P) and Meredith Paker (D)
5:15-6:00pm	Keynote Address, Scott Cunningham
6:30-8:00pm	Dinner, Location TBD

Saturday, April 27th

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast
9:00-10:30am	Session 3 Meghan Esson (P) and Tina Marsh Dalton (D) Sam Hempel (P) and Andrew Kane (D)
10:30-10:45am	Break/Coffee
10:45-12:15pm	Session 4 Fan Liang (P) and Berrak Bahadir (D) Zach Weingarten (P) and Mike Kofoed (D)
12:15pm	Box Lunches and Conference Closing

Conference Participants

Berrak Bahadir is an Associate Professor of Economics at Florida International University. Her research interests include macroeconomics and international finance. She is an Associate Editor at the *Journal of Macroeconomics* and Co-Editor of *Economic Analysis and Policy*. Berrak earned her economics PhD at Emory in 2008 and was an Assistant Professor of Economics at UGA from 2010-2014.

Scott Cunningham is the Ben H. Williams Professor of Economics at Baylor University. His research interests include mental healthcare, sex work, abortion and drug policy. He is widely known for his book, Causal Inference: The Mixtape and the associated workshops and podcasts. Scott earned his economics PhD at UGA in 2007.

Christina Marsh Dalton is an Associate Professor of Economics at Wake Forest University. Her research interests include health economics and industrial organization. She is the founder and chair of the North Carolina Health Economics Colloquium. Christina earned her economics PhD at the University of Minnesota in 2010 and was an Assistant Professor of Economics at UGA from 2010-2014.

Cameron Ellis is the Hentges Fellow in Finance and Assistant Professor of Finance at the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa. His research interests include insurance economics and household finance. Cameron earned his economics PhD at UGA in 2017.

Meghan Esson is an Assistant Professor of Finance at the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa. Her research interests include health and insurance economics. Meghan earned her economics PhD at UGA in 2019.

Julio Garin is the Peter K. Barker Associate Professor of Economics and a George R. Fellow at the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance at Claremont McKenna College. His research interests include macroeconomics and monetary policy. Julio earned his economics PhD from Notre Dame in 2012 and was an Assistant Professor of Economics at UGA from 2012-2017.

Leonard Goff is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Calgary. His research interests include econometrics and labor economics. Len earned his economics PhD from Columbia University in 2021 and was an Assistant Professor of Economics at UGA from 2021-2023.

Sam Hempel is a Senior Economist at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve. His research interests are in short-term funding markets and asset management. Sam earned his finance PhD at Cornell University in 2020 after graduating from UGA in 2016 with Master's and Bachelor's degrees in economics and a Bachelor's degree in statistics.

Andrew Kane is a PhD candidate in financial economics at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. His research interests include asset pricing, nominal rigidities,

corporate debt, and macro-finance. Andrew earned Master's and Bachelor's degrees in economics and Bachelor's degrees in mathematics and statistics from UGA in 2016.

Mike Kofoed is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Tennessee with a joint appointment in the Department of Economics and the Boyd Center for Business and Economics Research in the Haslam College of Business. He previously served as an Associate Professor of Economics at the US Military Academy at West Point. His research interests include economics of education and defense economics, and he is an Associate Editor at the Southern Economic Journal. Mike earned his economics PhD at UGA in 2014.

Fan Liang is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at Loyola Marymount University. Her research interests include asset markets with search and information frictions. Fan earned her economics PhD at UGA in 2022.

Meredith Paker is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at Grinnell College. Her research interests include economic history and labor economics. Meredith earned her PhD in economic history at Oxford University in 2021 after completing her Bachelor's degree in economics at UGA in 2016.

Bailey Palmer is a PhD candidate in economics at the University of California-Berkeley. Her research interests include labor and development economics. Bailey earned Bachelor's degrees in economics and Arabic from UGA in 2018.

Jordan Peebles is a PhD candidate in economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research interests include macroeconomics and education. Jordan earned Master's and Bachelor's degrees in economics from UGA in 2019.

Vincent Pohl is a senior researcher at Mathematica. His research interests include health and labor economics. Vincent earned his economics PhD from Yale University in 2012 and was an Assistant Professor of Economics at UGA from 2015-2019.

Rhet Smith is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Texas at El Paso. His research interests include health economics, crime, and labor economics. Rhet earned his economics PhD at UGA in 2018.

Zach Weingarten is a PhD candidate in economics at the University of Pennsylvania. His research interests include labor economics, economics of education, and empirical industrial organization. Zach earned Master's and Bachelor's degrees in economics from UGA in 2020.