



Rice Mini-conference on Household Consumption

Friday, October 24, 2025 - Kraft Hall 130, Rice University

Conference Schedule

8:30-9:00	<i>Breakfast Coffee and Pastries</i>
9:00-10:00	“Earnings Instability” <i>with Peter Ganong, Pascal Noel, Christina Patterson, and Alexander Weinberg</i> <i>Presenter: Joseph Vavra (Chicago)</i>
10:00-11:00	“Consumption Wedges: Measuring and Diagnosing Distortions” <i>with Raymond Kluender, Ulrike Malmendier, and Michael Stepner</i> <i>Presenter: Sasha Indarte (UPenn Wharton)</i>
11:00-11:15	<i>Break</i>
11:15-12:15	“Online Shopping Access and Retail Pricing Behavior” <i>Presenter: Francisca Sara-Zaror (Federal Reserve Board)</i>
12:15-2:00	<i>Lunch (Faculty Club)</i>
2:00-3:00	“How Does Household Spending Affect Retail Prices?” <i>with Greg Kaplan</i> <i>Presenter: Lukas Nord (UPenn)</i>
3:00-3:15	<i>Break</i>
3:15-4:15	“Consumer Search, Market Power, and the Distributional Effects of Inflation” <i>with Zach Bethune</i> <i>Presenter: Shihan Shen (Rice)</i>
4:15-4:30	<i>Break</i>
4:30-5:30	“How Does Monetary and Fiscal Policy Shape Macroeconomic Dynamics in the Face of Large Shocks?” <i>with Ken Miyahara</i> <i>Presenter: Greg Kaplan (Chicago)</i>
7:00	<i>Dinner - Hamsa (by invitation), 5555 Morningside Dr #100, Houston, TX 77005</i>

Organizers: Zach Bethune, Shihan Shen

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