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Rice Mini-conference on Household Consumption

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

Conference Schedule

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

Organizers: *Zach Bethune, Shihan Shen*

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