

Midwest Economics Association 2021 Annual Conference

SESSIONS

All sessions are listed as Central Daylight Time (Chicago).

The conference program is accessible through a conference platform provided by Whova and available for use on your computer and mobile phone. Conference sessions will take place via Zoom.

To attend the conference, you must create an account with Whova. (see HOW TO ATTEND)

If you are presenting in the session, go to the live stream link that is embedded in the listing for your session. While the link to each session is embedded in the Whova app, the session will take place entirely in Zoom. CAUTION: When entering your assigned session, if you are presented with a choice to enter the session using ZOOM vs. Whova, please select ZOOM.

The Session Chair/Zoom Host will admit you to the session. You will have full control of your mic and video and will be able to share your screen during your presentation.

CHAIR GUIDELINES

[The following guidelines are for the MEA's general sessions. Organized Session guidelines will be defined by the Organizer.]

With the need for an online conference, the association has made some adjustments to how sessions will be conducted. These organizational changes include choosing to encourage enhanced group Q&A instead of assigning individual discussants.

As session chair, we ask you to do the following:

Host the Zoom meeting for your session. With more than one hundred Zoom sessions including concurrent sessions planned for the week, assistance with starting and managing the Zoom sessions is required. The Zoom meeting for your session will be created and embedded in the program, but we are asking Session Chairs to serve as the Alternative Zoom Host. This designation means the session chair will be able to start the meeting in Zoom.

Introduce the presenters and keep time. Most sessions will have three papers (some may have four). All presenters will be given 15 minutes to present their research.

Kick-off and moderate the Q&A session. We have replaced discussant assignments with extended time for group Q&A. After three 15-minute presentations, there will be 30-45 minutes for discussion. The session chair will initiate the Q&A period and moderate questions from the audience. We also ask the session chair to have a prepared comment or question for each presenter in case discussion requires some encouragement.

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PRESENTER GUIDELINES

The conference organizers have grouped papers that share a content focus, methodological approach, or other theme into a session. We understand that 15 minutes is a relatively short time block, so we ask you to consider the key facets of your research you want to share. Each session will be moderated by a session chair who will introduce the speakers, keep time, and facilitate discussion. In lieu of individual discussants, each session will have time for group Q&A. In addition to questions from the audience, we ask each presenter to be familiar with the other papers in the session and to contribute to the group Q&A.

Please be prepared to distribute your research paper to the other presenters and the chair of the session by Friday, March 12. Sharing research papers will allow for a greater understanding of the work in the session and potential overlap in research questions, methods, and findings. We hope this might stimulate some comments and discussion points during the Q&A period.

HOW TO ATTEND

[Because the conference will use live streaming to conduct sessions, it is recommended that you use Chrome browser for the web app.]

Go to the webapp link: https://whova.com/portal/webapp/meaam_202103/

Click “Sign up here” if you do not have an account and fill in your email and password. Make sure to use the email you used when registering for the event. Otherwise, you will be unable to join the event.

The app will automatically take you to the event main page.

