

Thursday, March 17 – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Pick up Registration Packets – Grand Suite Foyer
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Friday, March 18 – 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1A: Crime

Chair: Thomas Garrett, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

- 1. U.S. Guns and Mexican Homicide Rates**
Luke Chicoine, University of Notre Dame
- 2. The Effect of Vacant Land on Crime under Depopulation**
Christina Plerhoples, Michigan State University
Eric Scorsone, Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency
- 3. Neighborhood Offending: Do Sex Offenders Reside and Offend in the Same Places?**
Amanda Agan, University of Chicago
J.J. Prescott, University of Michigan

Discussants:

1. Thomas Garrett, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
2. Manu Raghav, DePauw University
3. Erik Byro, University of Illinois-Chicago

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1B: Energy Economics

Chair: Robert Garlick, University of Michigan

- 1. Biofuels: Correspondence and Contingent Analysis**
Juan Manuel Dominguez Andrade, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral
- 2. Impact of Moderns Fuels on Education in India**
Shruti Kapoor, The World Bank
Douglas F. Barnes, The World Bank

Discussants:

1. Melanie Blackwell, Washington University
2. Robert Garlick, University of Michigan

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1C: Women, Society, and the Economy

Chair: Nasrin Shahinpoor, Hanover College

- 1. Volunteering as a Human Capital Investment for Women**
Yuchuan Zhang, Northern Illinois University
- 2. Women's Representation and Nations' Health: An Exploratory Note**
Marianne Ferber, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
Michael Brün, Illinois State University
- 3. Do Democratizations Raise Female Labor Force Participation?**
Ghazal Bayanpouretehrani, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Kevin Sylwester, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Discussants:

1. John Lopresti, Purdue University
2. Nasrin Shahinpoor, Hanover College
3. Nasrin Shahinpoor, Hanover College

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1D: Global Perspectives in Social Economics

Organized for ASE by Bruce Pietrykowski, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Chair: Patrick Welch, St. Louis University

1. *The Right to Organize in the Philippine Business Process Outsourcing Industry*

Jason Patalinghug, University of Connecticut

2. *Improving Economic Governance in a Democratic Setup by Strengthening Transparency*

Sumanjeet Singh, University of Dehli

3. *An Examination of Islamic Perspectives on the Structure and Substance of Markets*

Ayman Reda, Lebanese American University

Discussant:

Allan MacNeill, Webster University

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1E: Children's Health

Chair: Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University

1. *Using Incentives to Increase Fruit and Vegetable Intake Among Wisconsin Elementary School Students*

Eric Jamelske, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

2. *Effects of Family, Friends, and Relative Prices on Fruit and Vegetable Consumption by African American Youths*

Oleksandr Zhylyevskyy, Iowa State University

Helen H. Jensen, Iowa State University

Steven B. Garasky, Iowa State University

Carolyn E. Cutrona, Iowa State University

Frederick X. Gibbons, Dartmouth College

3. *How Important is Food Security to a Child's Health? The Case of Peru*

Irma Arteaga, University of Missouri-Columbia

4. *Parental Income, Household Characteristics and Child Health: Evidence from the U.K.*

Bénédicte Apouey, University of South Florida

Murat Munkin, University of South Florida

Discussants:

1. Jonathan Richards, Ohio State University

2. Daniel Fuhrmann, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

3. Bénédicte Apouey, University of South Florida

4. Oleksandr Zhylyevskyy, Iowa State University

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1F: Empirical Trade I

Chair: Assande Adom, Eastern Illinois University

1. *Furniture Imports: The Canadian Perspective*

Marzieh Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazleton

2. *The Implications of HO and IRS Theories for Bilateral Trade Flows within Sub-Saharan Africa*

Julie Lohi, West Virginia University

Discussants:

1. Luciana Juvenal, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

2. Assande Adom, Eastern Illinois University

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1G: Income Distribution and Income Mobility

Chair: Rik Hafer, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

1. *Endogenous Debt Constraint, Education Choice and Income Distribution*

Yang Tang, Washington University

2. *Tax Reforms in Small Open Economies: Progressivity and Income Mobility*

Nathalie Mathieu-Bolh, University of Vermont

3. *The Determinants of Income Inequality in Thailand: A Synthetic Cohort Analysis*

Sasiwimon Warunsiri, University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce
Robert McNown, University of Colorado-Boulder

Discussants:

1. Rik Hafer, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
2. Wilfrid Csaplar, Jr., Bethany College
3. Patrick Imam, International Monetary Fund

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1H: Education Production

Chair: Luis Garcia, Pontifical Catholic University

1. ***Class Size Reduction and Teacher Quality***
Steven Dieterle, Michigan State University
2. ***The Role of Schools in the Production of Achievement***
Maria Canon, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
3. ***Do Charter Schools Improve Student Achievement?***
Hiren Nisar, University of Wisconsin-Madison
4. ***The Effect of Merit Pay on Teacher Behavior***
Michael Jones, University of Notre Dame

Discussants:

1. Tanya Byker, University of Michigan
2. Daniel Hickman, Eastern Illinois University
3. Luis Garcia, Pontifical Catholic University
4. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1J: Mergers and Acquisitions

Chair: Yong Chao, University of Louisville

1. ***Merger and Acquisition among Polluting Firms: Theory and Evidence***
Mahelet Fikru, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
2. ***Executive Employment Histories and the Pattern of Acquisitions***
Caleb Stroup, Vanderbilt University
3. ***Privatizing by Merger: The Case of an Inefficient Public Leader***
Juan Gelves, Midwestern State University
John S. Heywood, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
4. ***Gains from Horizontal Merger: The Effects of Differentiated Products on Merger Paradox***
Arun Sarkar, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Juan Alejandro Gelves, Midwestern State University

Discussants:

1. Tong Wang, Iowa State University
2. Sang Yoon Lee, University of Wisconsin-Madison
3. Chia-wen Chen, University of California-Davis
4. Yong Chao, University of Louisville

Friday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 1K: Economic Effects of Immigration

Chair: Rebecca Lessem, University of Wisconsin-Madison

1. ***Labor Market Effects of Immigration***
Sandra Orozco-Aleman, University of Pittsburgh
2. ***Give Us Your Wired and Your Highly Skilled: Measuring the Impact of Immigration Policy on Employers and Shareholders***
Carl Lin, Rutgers University

Discussants:

1. Anastasiya Denisova, Georgetown University

2. Rebecca Lessem, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, March 18 – 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2A: Emerging Markets and Economic Integration

Chair: TBA

1. Economic Integration and National Identity

Chun-Fang Chiang, National Taiwan University
Jin-Tan Liu, and Tsai-Wei Wen

2. Danger of Asset Shortage in Emerging Market Countries

Patrick Imam, International Monetary Fund
Jiaqian Chen, London School of Economics

Discussants:

1. Jipeng Zhang, University of Pittsburgh
2. Gaber Burnik, Eastern Michigan University

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2B: Economics and Politics

Chair: Michael Brün, Illinois State University

1. Dollars on the Sidewalk: Should U.S. Presidential Candidates Advertise in Uncontested States?

Carly Urban, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sarah Niebler, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2. The Effect of Campaign Visits on Election Outcomes

Steven Bednar, Elon University

3. A Hazard Model of Democratic Transition

Michael Pistone, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussants:

1. Steven Bednar, Elon University
2. Malokele Nanivazo, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
3. Sumanjeet Singh, University of Dehli

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2C: Applied Microeconomics I

Organized by Rubén Hernández-Murillo. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Chair: Rubén Hernández-Murillo, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

1. The Role of Location in Evaluating Racial Wage Disparity

Natalia Kolesnikova, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Dan A. Black, University of Chicago and NORC
Seth G. Sanders, Duke University
Lowell J. Taylor, Carnegie Mellon University and NORC

2. Economic Freedom and Employment Growth in U.S. States

Thomas Garrett, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Russell M. Rhine, St. Mary's College of Maryland

3. Spatial Diffusion of Subprime Mortgages

Rubén Hernández-Murillo, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

4. An Evaluation of the Employment Effects of Barriers to Outsourcing

Subhayu Bandyopadhyay, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and IZA
Sugata Marjit, Center for Studies in Social Sciences, India
Lei Yang, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2D: Natural Resources

Chair: John R. Stoll, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

1. Modeling Recreation Demand when the Access Point is Unknown

Yongjie Ji, Iowa State University

Joseph A. Herriges, Iowa State University

Catherine L. Kling, Iowa State University

2. Economic Valuation of the Water Quality in Sugar Creek

Chonghyun Byun, Wabash College

3. Economic Impact of the Crop Sector on the Northwest Missouri

Naveen Musunuru, Northwest Missouri State University

J. Arley Larson, Northwest Missouri State University

Discussants:

1. Matthew Winden, Ohio State University
2. John R. Stoll, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
3. Sonam Gupta, University of Florida

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2E: Business Cycles and Leading Indicators

Chair: TBA

1. The Costs and Benefits of the Financial Sector

Francisco Rivadeneyra, Bank of Canada

Lorenzo Caliendo, University of Chicago

Marc Teignier, University of Chicago

2. Pricing-to-market and Business Cycle Synchronization

Luciana Juvenal, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Paulo Santos Monteiro, University of Warwick

3. Contingent Labor Utilization Metric: A Leading Business Indicator

Ali Rassuli, Indiana Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Mayeong Kim, Indiana Purdue University-Fort Wayne

4. The Impact of the U.S. and El Salvador Business Cycle on Remittances

Karla Morgan, Whitworth University

Discussants:

1. Yang Tang, Washington University
2. Bernard Walley, Berea College
3. TBA
4. Juan Gelves, Midwestern State University

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2F: Economic Effects of Foreign Direct Investment

Chair: Marzieh Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazleton

1. FDI and Rural Educational Attainment in China

Hong Zhuang, Indiana University-South Bend

2. On Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth in South Asia

Zheng Du, Southern Illinois University

Subhash C. Sharma, Southern Illinois University

3. Wage and Non-Wage Effects of FDI on U.S. Non-Manufacturing Industries

Özlem Eren, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:

1. Rebecca Cape, Western Michigan University
2. Caleb Stroup, Vanderbilt University
3. Marzieh Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazleton

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2G: Effects of Health Interventions

Chair: Heather Bednarek, St. Louis University

1. ***Does Defensive Medicine Vary with Patients' Socioeconomic Status and Age?***
Erik Byro, University of Illinois-Chicago
2. ***Mandatory Versus Voluntary Approaches in Johnes Disease Control Program***
Tong Wang, Iowa State University
3. ***The Impact of Medicare Part B Reimbursement on Incidence and Cost of Diabetic Preventable Hospitalizations***
Christopher Brunt, Lake Superior State University
Gail Jensen, Wayne State University

Discussants:

1. Heather Bednarek, St. Louis University
2. Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology
3. Heather Bednarek, St. Louis University

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2H: Financial Aid, Student Loans, and Credit Markets

Chair: Maria Canon, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

1. ***Financial Aid and Student Outcomes***
Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University
Michael Wenz, Northeastern Illinois University
2. ***Institutional Structure of Higher Education, Credit Markets and Persistent Inequality***
Bledi Taska, New York University
3. ***The Impact of Student Loans on Educational Attainment: the Case of a Program in Peru***
Luis Garcia, Pontifical Catholic University

Discussants:

1. Maria Canon, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
2. Rebecca Chenevert, U.S. Census Bureau
3. Shruti Kapoor, The World Bank

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2I: Population and Immigration

Chair: Adam Bee, University of Notre Dame

1. ***Family Migration Decisions: A Historical Perspective***
Charles Rambeck, St. John's University
2. ***Panel Approach to Population Location within U.S. Counties***
Ziwen Zhang, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Eric Thompson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
3. ***Immigration and the Decision to Return to School***
Anastasiya Denisova, Georgetown University

Discussants:

1. Ghazal Bayanpouretehrani, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
2. Adam Bee, University of Notre Dame
3. Carl Lin, Rutgers University

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2J: Microenterprises and Microfinance in Developing Countries

Chair: Devesh Raval, University of Chicago

1. ***Interpreting High Returns to Microenterprise Investment***
Timothy Huegerich, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2. ***Effectiveness of Microfinance: A Case Study of Rajasthan, India***
Meenaskshi Dalal, Wayne State College
3. ***Nicaraguan Microcredit Impacts: Analysis of Combined Panel Data***
Soren Hauge, Ripon College

Brad Barham, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Jonathan Littel, Working Capital for Community Needs
 Dylan Fitz, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Caroline Reddy, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussants:

1. Devesh Raval, University of Chicago
2. Jason Patalinghug, University of Connecticut
3. Meenaskshi Dalal, Wayne State College

Friday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 2K: Empirical Models of Entry

Chair: Mahelet Fikru, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

1. ***Competitive Effects of Barriers to Entry: Evidence from Cable TV Regulation***
 Sutirtha Bagchi, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
 Jagadeesh Sivadasan, University of Michigan
2. ***Building New Plants or Entering by Acquisition? Estimation of an Entry Model for the U.S. Cement Industry***
 Hector Perez Saiz, Bank of Canada
3. ***Incumbent Response to Entry by Low-Cost Carriers in the U.S. Airline Industry***
 Kerry Tan, Ohio State University
4. ***Does Generic Drug Entry Increase the Brand Name Drug Price?***
 Musa Ayar, University of Wisconsin-Baraboo

Discussants:

1. Kerry Tan, Ohio State University
2. Mahelet Fikru, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
3. Arun Sarkar, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
4. Matthew Jones, Ohio State University

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3A: Methods in Monetary Economics

Organized by James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Chair: James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

1. ***Assessing the accuracy of Perturbative Solutions When the Zero Bound is Occasionally Binding***
 Hess Chung, Federal Reserve Board
2. ***Time-varying Oil Price Volatility and Macroeconomic Aggregates: What Does Theory Say?***
 Michael Plante, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
 Nora Traum, North Carolina State University
3. ***Estimating Sovereign Default Risk: A Bayesian Approach***
 Nora Traum, North Carolina State University
 Huixin Bi, Bank of Canada

Discussants:

1. Susan Yang, International Monetary Fund
2. James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
3. Ekaterina Peneva, Federal Reserve Board

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3B: Issues in Teaching Undergraduate Economics

Organized by Kathryn Birkeland, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Chair: Kathryn Birkeland, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

1. ***How Course Embedded Assessment Impacted Instruction of the Foreign Exchange Market in Principles of Economics***
 Glenn Knowles, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
 Besty Knowles, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2. ***Academic Misconduct in an Entirely Online Class: A Case Study***

Wahhab Khandker, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

3. Waste=Food: Model, Film, and Hands-On Resources for an Ecological Economics Course

Donna Anderson, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

4. Revise and Resubmit: Using Exams as Teaching Tools

Kathryn Birkeland, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Discussants:

1. Cara McDaniel, Kenyon College
2. Pete Soule, Park University
3. Lea Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
4. Michael Wenz, Northeastern Illinois University

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3C: Foreign Aid

Chair: Hanafiah Harvey, Penn State University-Mont Alto

1. Aid-Induced R&D Spillovers and Productivity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Technical Cooperation Grants and Overseas Development Assistance Grants

Bernard Walley, Berea College

2. Foreign Aid for Trade Policy Reforms: The Case of Borrowing Constraint

Malokele Nanivazo, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

3. A Comparative Study of the Impacts of Intra-regional Trade and Aid on Growth in Africa: A Case Study of ECOWAS

Assande Adom, Eastern Illinois University

Discussants:

1. Eugene Bempong Nyantakyi, West Virginia University
2. Seungrae Lee, University of Texas-Austin
3. Hanafiah Harvey, Penn State University-Mont Alto

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3D: Managers and CEOs

Chair: Christine Armstrong, University of Illinois-Chicago

1. The Impact of Managerial Capacity and Fundraising Productivity on Donations to Charities

Jipeng Zhang, University of Pittsburgh

2. Entrepreneurs, Managers and Inequality

Sang Yoon Lee, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussants:

1. Karla Morgan, Whitworth University
2. Wei Gao, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3E: Wages and Labor Market Outcomes

Chair: Natalia Kolesnikova, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

1. Evolving Labor Force Outcomes for Married Couples Associated with Gender Trends in Education

Rebecca Chenevert, U.S. Census Bureau

2. Who Benefits from a Minimum Wage Increase?

John Lopresti, Purdue University

Kevin J. Mumford, Purdue University

3. Sources of Urbanization and the Urban Wage Premium

Hanna Hartman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Eric Thompson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Discussants:

1. Tanyamat SrungBoonmee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Yuchuan Zhang, Northern Illinois University
3. Christina Plerhoples, Michigan State University

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Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3F: Meet FRED (Federal Reserve Economic Data) for the Classroom

Organized by Mary Suiter, Manager, Economic Education, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis offers Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED).

It includes 23,000 data sets and tools for creating graphs. The St. Louis Fed is also developing tutorials and problem sets for college students to learn how to use FRED and interpret data. Join us in this session. We want you to see what we have and tell us what we can do to make it better.

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3G: Higher Education

Chair: Frederick G. Tiffany, Wittenberg University

1. *The Importance of the Kerr Model to Public Higher Education in the United States: An Examination of Its Effect on Competition for Scarce Resources and Faculty Labor Union Bargaining Power*

Lynn Smith, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Robert Balough, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

2. *The Effects of Higher Education Structure on the Skill Level of a State's Workforce*

Daniel Hickman, Eastern Illinois University

3. *The Diffusion of Information Technology in the United States and Its Impact on Social Science Research Across Institutions of Higher Education*

Anne Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Sharon Levin, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Paula Stephan, Georgia State University and NBER

Wolfgang Glänzel, Centre for R&D Monitoring, K.U. Leuven, Belgium

Discussants:

1. Michael Jones, University of Notre Dame
2. Todd Pugatch, University of Michigan
3. Bledi Taska, New York University

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3H: Jobs and the Workplace

Chair: Kristen Roche, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1. *Does a Good Job Really Require a Breath of Fresh Air?*

John Navin, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Timothy S. Sullivan, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Warren W. Richards, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

2. *Cold Turkey and Retirement*

Xiaodong Fan, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussants:

1. Emma Bojinova, Canisius College
2. Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3I: Factors Affecting Immigration

Chair: Nasrin Shahinpoor, Hanover College

1. *US- Mexico Immigration: Effects of Wages and Border Enforcement*

Rebecca Lessem, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2. *The Effect of Climate on the Decision to Migrate from Mexico to the United States*

Robert Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University

Gerónimo Barrios, Universidad Autónoma Chapingo

Francisco Perez Soto, Universidad Autónoma Chapingo

Discussants:

1. Luke Chicoine, University of Notre Dame
2. Nasrin Shahinpoor, Hanover College

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3J: Industrial Organization I

Chair: Dale Bremmer, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

- 1. Strategic Effects of Three-Part Tariffs under Oligopoly**
Yong Chao, University of Louisville
- 2. Endogenous Entry and Price Responsiveness**
Yuko Imura, Ohio State University
Yi-Chan Tsai, University of Tokyo
- 3. The Way of Accelerating Private Sector Development: The Optimum Strategy for Privatization in Mixed Oligopoly Market**
Yi Liu, Southern Illinois University

Discussants:

1. Huyen Pham, University of Notre Dame
2. Dale Bremmer, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
3. Jose Fernandez, University of Louisville

Friday, March 18 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3K: Firms and the Environment

Chair: John R. Stoll, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

- 1. Firm Entry and Growth in the Green Industry**
Dakshina De Silva, Texas Tech University
Timothy P. Hubbard, Texas Tech University
Robert McComb, Texas Tech University
Anita Schiller, Texas Tech University
- 2. Do Production Tax Credits make Paychecks Greener in Green Power?**
Anita Schiller, Texas Tech University
Dakshina G. De Silva, Texas Tech University
Robert P. McComb, Texas Tech University
- 3. Determinants and Environmental Impact of Private Politics: An Empirical Analysis**
Sonam Gupta, University of Florida
Robert Innes, University of California-Merced

Discussants:

1. Naveen Musunuru, Northwest Missouri State University
2. Juan Manuel Dominguez Andrade, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral
3. W. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4A: Environmental Economics- Energy, Greenhouse Gases, and Environmental Giving

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

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

- 1. An Experimental Analysis of Market Based Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Instruments: Alternative Market Designs, Monitoring, and Enforcement**
Brian Scott, Washington College
- 2. Energy-Efficiency Building Codes, Climate Change and the State Heterogeneity: Effects on Residential Energy Demand in U.S. Households**
Bishwa Koirala, St Louis University
Alok K. Bohara, University of New Mexico
- 3. Integration of Life Cycle Impact Assessment and Choice Analysis for Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Fuel Evaluation in the United States**
Matthew Winden, Ohio State University

Bhavik Bakshi, Ohio State University
 Nathan Cruz, Ohio State University
 Tim Haab, Ohio State University

4. Gender and Household Decision-Making Patterns and Environmental Giving: Evidence from a Regional Environmental Organization

Debra Israel, Indiana State University

Discussants:

1. Julia Brandes, Kansas University
2. Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University
3. Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University
4. Allen Bellas, Metropolitan State University

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4B: Teaching Economics

Chair: Robin L. Bartlett, Denisen University

- 1. Using Blogs and Ebay to Teach Economics**
 Basel Saleh, Radford University
- 2. Using Reflection Papers in Principles of Macroeconomics classes**
 Stefan Ruediger, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 Jodi Olmsted, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- 3. Nash [1951] and the Concept of Equilibrium**
 Graham Lemke, Northwestern College
 Tim Huffman, Northwestern College

Discussants:

1. Wahhab Khandker, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2. Charles Rambeck, St. John's University
3. Katrina Davis, Indiana State University

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4C: Earnings and Wealth among Immigrants

Chair: Ali Rassuli, Indiana Purdue University-Fort Wayne

- 1. Wealth Accumulation Patterns of Different Groups of Immigrants in US**
 Julio Cesar Hernandez-Correa, Western Michigan University
 Tamrat Workalemaliu Gashaw, Western Michigan University
- 2. Local Immigrant Concentrations and Native Workers' Wages in the U.S.: Differential Effects across Education**
 Tanyamat Srungboonmee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:

1. Sandra Orozco-Aleman, University of Pittsburgh
2. Özlem Eren, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4D: Household Economics I

Chair: Laurie Strangman, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

- 1. Car Ownership, Employment, and Complementarities in Household Production**
 Adam Bee, University of Notre Dame
- 2. What Types of Households Utilize a Housing Voucher When Offered? New Evidence from Chicago**
 Joshua Hyman, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- 3. Borrowing and Saving Attitudes and Personal Bankruptcy**
 Sofyan Azaizah, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University

Discussants:

1. John Navin, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
2. Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University
3. Laurie Strangman, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4E: Topics in Education

Chair: Xue Li, University of Maryland-College Park

- 1. Identifying the Heterogeneous Effects of Child Labor and Compulsory Schooling Laws in Rural and Urban Areas**
Caroline Theoharides, University of Michigan
- 2. The Opt-Out Continuation: Education, Work and Motherhood from 1984-2008**
Tanya Byker, University of Michigan
- 3. Impact of Education on Lifestyle Choices: What Do Longitudinal Data Show?**
Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University
Shah Danyal, Middle Tennessee State University
- 4. What Mature People Study**
Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
Sam Redlitz, Grinnell College

Discussants:

1. Xue Li, University of Maryland-College Park
2. Aine McCarthy, University of Minnesota
3. Steven Dieterle, Michigan State University
4. Kathryn Birkeland, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4F: Economics of Obesity

Chair: Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University

- 1. Does Walking or Riding a Bike to School Reduce Obesity? Evidence from the NLSY 1979 using Propensity Score Matching**
Hussain Zakir, Middle Tennessee State University
Joachim Zietz, Middle Tennessee State University and EBS Business School
- 2. An Analysis of the Effects of Single-parent Family Structure on Adolescent Weight Outcomes**
Andrea Beller, University of Illinois-Urbana
Alexander Slade, University of Illinois-Urbana
- 3. Does the Link between Fast-food Availability and Obesity vary across Socio-economic Status? An instrumental Variable Approach within a Multilevel Framework**
Daniel Fuhrmann, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:

1. Eric Jamelske, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
2. Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University
3. Hussain Zakir, Middle Tennessee State University

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4G: State and Local Economic Development I

Chair: Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University and WE Upjohn Institute

- 1. The Impact of an Educational Change on Community-Level Economic Development**
Pete Soule, Park University
John Noren, Park University
- 2. State Economic Growth: The Role of IQ**
Rik Hafer, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Garett Jones, George Mason University
Bradley K. Hobbs, Florida Gulf Coast University
- 3. The Impact of Observing Daylight Saving Time in Indiana: Was Economic Prosperity Only an Hour Away?**
Dale Bremmer, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Discussants:

1. Michael Hensley, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
2. Michael Hensley, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

3. Kevin Mumford, Purdue University

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4H: Economic Impact of the Financial Sector

Chair: Hajar Aghababa, University of Kansas

1. Financial Globalization and U.S. Monetary Policy: An Empirical Analysis

Farrokh Nourzad, Marquette University

Kyle Kennedy, Federal Housing Finance Agency

2. Financial Development and Economic Growth: the Case of Austria, Croatia, and Slovenia

Gaber Burnik, Eastern Michigan University

3. Regulatory Reform and Expected Profitability of Low-Income Financial Service Providers: An Event Study Analysis

W. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

Discussants:

1. Cindy Houser, Anoka Ramsey Community College
2. Usama Al-qalawi, Hasemite University
3. Hajar Aghababa, University of Kansas

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4I: Trade, Foreign Direct Investment, and Free Trade Agreements

Chair: Hong Zhuang, Indiana University-South Bend

1. Testing the Catch-Up Hypothesis for Japanese FDI Decisions

Rebecca Cape, Western Michigan University

2. Regional Economic Integration and Multinational Firm Strategies in Middle-Income Countries

Seungraee Lee, University of Texas-Austin

Sanghyun Hwang, Korea Economic Research Institute

3. Bilateral J-curve between Singapore and her Trading Partners

Hanafiah Harvey, Penn State University-Mont Alto

4. Impact of Rules of Origin on FTA Utilization in Korean FTAs

Mee Jin Cho, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

HanSung Kim, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

Discussants:

1. Hong Zhuang, Indiana University-South Bend
2. Chun-Fang Chiang, National Taiwan University
3. Julie Lohi, West Virginia University
4. Shadrack Mwilaria, West Virginia University

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4J: Monetary Policy and Business Cycles

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

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

1. News and Inflation Dynamics

Pavel Kapinos, Carleton College

2. Financial Sector Shocks and Business Cycle Fluctuations

David Rapach, St. Louis University

3. Consumption and Expected Asset Returns: An Unobserved Component Approach

N. Kundan Kishor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Swati Kumari, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:

1. Monique Newiak, Munich Graduate School of Economics
2. N. Kundan Kishor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3. Pavel Kapinos, Carleton College

Friday, March 18 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 4K: Industrial Organization II

Chair: John Lunn, Hope College

1. Implications of Endogenous Cost Reduction and Firm Size on Oligopolistic Competition

Huyen Pham, University of Notre Dame

2. On the Profitability of Pay-what-you-like Pricing

Jose Fernandez, University of Louisville

Babu Nahata, University of Louisville

3. Two-Stage Buy-It-Now Auctions

Yu Zhang, Texas A&M University

Rajiv Sarin, Texas A&M University

4. Forestalling Efficient Entry in Dynamic Two-Sided Markets

Matthew Jones, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Musa Ayar, University of Wisconsin-Baraboo
2. Dakshina De Silva, Texas Tech University
3. Joseph Cullen, Harvard University
4. Yi Liu, Southern Illinois University

Friday, March 18 – 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

C Woody Thompson Lecture

ExtrapoLATE-ing: External Validity and Overidentification in the LATE Framework

Joshua D. Angrist, Ford Professor of Economics at MIT

Friday, March 18 – 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

CWT Lecture Reception

Sponsored by Olin Business School, Washington University

Saturday, March 19 – 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Pick up Registration Packets – Grand Suite Foyer

Take escalators up from lobby

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5A: Environmental Economics - Water and Regulation

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

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

1. Using Best-Worst Scaling to Examine Household Perceptions of Municipal Water Conservation Tools

Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University

Michael Reilley, Oklahoma State University

2. The Clean Water Act and Technological Advances in Cooling Systems at U.S. Power Plants

Allen Bellas, Metropolitan State University

Duane Finney, Metropolitan State University

Ian Lange, University of Stirling

3. Impacts of a Renewable Portfolio Standard and Rate-of-Return Regulation

Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University

4. From Cournot to the Commons: An Analysis of Regulatory Property Rights

Lea Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Discussants:

1. Laura McCann, University of Missouri-Columbia
2. Debra Israel, Indiana State University
3. Brian Scott, Washington College
4. Bishwa S. Koirala, Saint Louis University

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5B: Teaching in College

Chair: Donna Anderson, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

1. Gender Diversity in Economics at Indiana State University

Katrina Davis, Indiana State University

Debra Israel, Indiana State University

2. The Prevalence and Correlates of Academic Dishonesty at a Small, Midwestern Liberal Arts School

John Deal, Manchester College

Jason Elliott, Manchester College

Matt Hendryx, Manchester College

3. The Millennial Drain on College Faculty: Coping with Active Learning Techniques

Tara Westerhold, Western Illinois University

Christine Berry Lloyd, North Hennepin Community College

Discussants:

1. Donna Anderson, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2. Robert Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University
3. Graham Lemke, Northwestern College

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5C: Corruption and Crime

Chair: Tobias Pfütze, Oberlin College

1. An Economic Analysis on Mexico Crime Activities

Yu Liu, University of Texas-El Paso

Thomas M. Fullerton, Jr., University of Texas-El Paso

Nathan Ashby, University of Texas-El Paso

2. Assassination and Medium-run Economic Growth

Wei Gao, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

3. Measuring the Impact of Development on Corruption Perceptions: A Comparative Study of Developed and Developing Countries

Ariel Belasen, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Kyle Peyton

Discussants:

1. Xiaodong Fan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2. Tobias Pfütze, Oberlin College
3. Kevin Mongeon, University of New Haven

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5D: Economics of the Internet and Wireless Communication

Chair: Yu Zhang, Texas A&M University

1. Measuring Consumer Switching Costs in the Wireless Industry

Joseph Cullen, Harvard University

Oleksandr Shcherbakov

2. Economics in the Kingdom of Loathing: Analysis of Virtual Market Data

Aaron Lowen, Grand Valley State University

Christoph Safferling, University of Vienna

3. The Indirect Network Effect of the Internet on Software Piracy

Seoung Joun Won, Missouri Public Service Commission

Discussants:

1. Andrew Perumal, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2. Sabri Yilmaz, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
3. Yu Zhang, Texas A&M University

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5E: CSWEP: Financial Markets and Currency

Organized by Kaye Husbands Fealing, University of Minnesota

Chair: TBA

- 1. Interrupted: Job Interruptions and Their Effects on the Gender-Wage Gap**
Jill Kearns, East Tennessee State University
- 2. The Informational Content of the Volatility Index (VIX) in Ultra-high Frequency Domain**
Inna Khagleeva, University of Illinois-Chicago
- 3. Empirical Investigation of Currency Crises**
Sheida Teimouri, West Virginia University
- 4. The Demand for Money in Iran Using Flexible Functional Form**
Hajar Aghababa, University of Kansas

Discussants:

1. Colleen Manchester, University of Minnesota
2. TBA
3. Anita Schiller, Texas Tech University
4. Martin Montero, West Virginia University

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5F: Dynamics of Monetary Macroeconomics

Organized by James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Chair: James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

- 1. The Timing and the Effects of Monetary Policy Shocks across Sectors**
Ekaterina Peneva, Federal Reserve Board
- 2. Government Investment in Resource Abundant Low-Income Countries**
Susan Yang, International Monetary Fund
- 3. Learning with Judgment Shocks in U.S. Business Cycles**
James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Discussants:

1. Nora Traum, North Carolina State University
2. Hess Chung, Federal Reserve Board
3. Michael Plante, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5G: Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment

Chair: Miao Wang, Marquette University

- 1. Determinants of Provincial Foreign Direct Investment in China in Different Industries: a Spatial Autoregression Analysis**
Miao Wang, Marquette University
- 2. Time Cost, Port Efficiency and Foreign Direct Investment: Empirical Evidence from US Manufacturing Affiliates**
Eugene Bempong Nyantakyi, West Virginia University

Discussants:

1. Rong Ma, Western Michigan University
2. Mee Jin Cho, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5H: Trade and Regulation

Chair: Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota – Duluth

- 1. International Trade Policy and Labor Market Rigidity: An Econometric Study of the Effects of Labor Market Regulations on Trade Liberalization**
Shadrack Mwilaria, West Virginia University
- 2. Trade Liberalization and the Geographic Location of Industries**
Emma Bojinova, Canisius College
- 3. The Operability of Immigrants' Pro-Trade Effects**

Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth
 Roger White, Franklin and Marshall College

Discussants:

1. Julio Garin, University of Notre Dame
2. Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota – Duluth
3. David Carr, University of South Dakota

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5I: Public Goods

Chair: Philip Grossman, St Cloud State University

1. *The Convergence Rate of the Probability of Public Good Provision to Its Efficient/Inefficient Level as the Market Becomes Large*

Kang Rong, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign

2. *Impure Public Goods and the Sustainability of the Theater Arts*

Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology

Tyler Pugliese, Rochester Institute of Technology

3. *Taxes, Public Goods and Policies of (In)Competent Politicians*

Odilon Camara, University of Southern California

Discussants:

1. Barry Keating, University of Notre Dame
2. Carly Urban, University of Wisconsin-Madison
3. Nathalie Mathieu-Bolh, University of Vermont

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5J: Factors Affecting Children

Chair: Juan Pantano, Washington University

1. *Home Investment in Children in Anticipation of Divorce*

Daniel Schmierer, University of Chicago

2. *Does Head Start Affect the Formation of Noncognitive Skills?*

Jonathan Richards, Ohio State University

3. *Birth Spacing and Sibling Outcomes*

Elizabeth Munnich, University of Notre Dame

Kasey Buckles, University of Notre Dame

4. *Non-Cognitive Skills and Crime*

Amanda Agan, University of Chicago

Discussants:

1. Caroline Theoharides, University of Michigan
2. Andrea Beller, University of Illinois-Urbana
3. Irma Arteaga, University of Missouri-Columbia
4. Timothy Classen, Loyola University

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5K: Education Policy

Organized by Gregory Gilpin, Montana State University

Chair: Gregory Gilpin, Montana State University

1. *How 4 Year Old Preschool (4K) and Full Day Kindergarten Programs Affect District Achievement*

David Welsch, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

2. *Estimating the Wage Elasticity of Teacher Quality across Subjects*

Gregory Gilpin, Montana State University

3. *Retirement Migration & Community Choice: Effects on Public School Funding*

Chris Ferguson, University of Wisconsin-Stout

4. *Student-Teacher Ratios in Public and Private K-12 Schools*

John Stone, Indiana University

Discussants:

1. Chris Ferguson, University of Wisconsin-Stout
2. David Welsch, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
3. John Stone, Indiana University
4. Gregory Gilpin, Montana State University

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5L: Education in Developing Countries

Chair: Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College

1. ***Education and Ability Signals in the South African Labor Market***
Robert Garlick, University of Michigan
2. ***Bumpy Rides: School to Work Transitions in South Africa***
Todd Pugatch, University of Michigan
3. ***The Census Data Wealth Index: An Application to Predict Education Outcomes in Developing Countries***
Aine McCarthy, University of Minnesota
Rodrigo Lovaton Davila, University of Minnesota
Dorothy Gondwe, University of Minnesota
Phatta Kirdruang, University of Minnesota
Uttam Sharma, University of Minnesota
4. ***Gender Discrimination in Education - The Impact of Rainfall Shocks on School Enrollment in India***
Laura Zimmermann, University of Michigan

Discussants:

1. Timothy Huegerich, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2. Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
3. Hiren Nisar, University of Wisconsin-Madison
4. Hanna Hartman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Saturday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 5M: Topics in Economic Development

Organized by Sanjukta Roy, World Bank Institute and Internews Network

Chair: Subhayu Bandyopadhyay, Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis

1. ***Biofuel Subsidies and International Trade***
Subhayu Bandyopadhyay, Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis
Sumon Bhaumik, Aston University and IZA
Howard J. Wall, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
2. ***Entrepreneurship and Migration***
Saurav Roychowdhury, Capital University
Pavel A. Yakovlev, Duquesne University
3. ***Remittances and Financial Development: Re-visiting the Relationship***
Nabamita Dutta, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Sanjukta Roy, World Bank Institute and Internews Network
Javed Younas, American University at Sharjah
4. ***Can Decentralization have Countervailing Effect on Terrorism? A Case for Domestic vs. Transnational Terrorism***
Javed Younas, American University of Sharjah

Discussants:

1. Javed Younas, American University of Sharjah
2. Sanjukta Roy, World Bank Institute and Internews Network
3. Saurav Roychowdhury, Capital University
4. Nabamita Dutta, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Saturday, March 19 – 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break sponsored by Stata

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6A: Empirical Industrial Organization

Chair: Hector Perez Saiz, Bank of Canada

1. Estimating the Foreclosure Effects of Exclusive Dealing in the Beer Industry

Chia-wen Chen, University of California-Davis

2. Determinants of Saving: a Study of U.S. Non-Profit Organization

Laudo Ogura, Grand Valley State University

David T. Yi, Xavier University

3. Structural Change in the U.S. Confectionery Industry

Jason Patalinghug, University of Connecticut

Discussants:

1. Hector Perez Saiz, Bank of Canada
2. Jafar Olimov, Ohio State University
3. Sutirtha Bagchi, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6B: Pollution

Chair: Melanie Blackwell, Washington University

1. Trade, Pollution Transfers and Spillovers: Conditions for Welfare Outcomes

John Dogbey, Ohio University

2. Subsidies for Non-polluting Goods vs. Taxes on Polluting Goods to Promote Pollution Reduction

Robert Main, Butler University

3. End-of-pipe Pollution Abatement Subsidies and Multilateral Policy Reform in the Presence of Cross-boarder Pollution and Emission Taxes

Luis Gautier, Whitman College

Discussants:

1. John Deal, Manchester College
2. Chonghyun Byun, Wabash College
3. Robert Main, Butler University

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6C: Productivity

Chair: Stefan Ruediger, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

1. Trade and Financial Integration: A Marginal Product of Capital Perspective

Elena Bondarenko, West Virginia University

2. Is the Elasticity of Substitution Really One? Estimation of the CES Production Function with Factor Biased Technical Differences using US Micro Data

Devesh Raval, University of Chicago

3. Estimating Production Efficiency, and the Role of Inflation, The Case of Middle-Eastern Countries

Usama Al-qalawi, Hasemite University

Arqam Abbul-Razzaq M Al-Rabbaie, Hashemite University

4. Productivity Growth in Manufacturing and Services across US States: What can We Learn from Factor Prices?

Bibhudutta Panda, Wabash College

Areendam Chanda, Louisiana State University

Discussants:

1. Andreas Assiotis, Southern Illinois University
2. Shuo Chen, State University of New York-Geneseo
3. Dongsoo Shin, Santa Clara University
4. Stefan Ruediger, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6D: Fertility

Chair: Catherine McDevitt, Central Michigan University

1. Does the Student-Loan Burden Weigh into the Decision to Start a Family?

Dora Gicheva, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

2. Do Family Wealth Shocks Affect Fertility Choices? Evidence from the Housing Market Boom and Bust

Kevin Mumford, Purdue University

Michael F. Lovenheim, Cornell University

3. Why is Sex Unbalanced in China? The Role of One-Child Policy, Social Insurance and Parental Expectation

Xue Li, University of Maryland-College Park

4. Baby Boom, the Marriage Market and the World War II

Wung Lik Ng, Washington University

Discussants:

1. Eisuke Okada, University of Chicago
2. Deniz Gevrek, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
3. Yoo-Mi Chin, Missouri University of Science and Technology
4. Catherine McDevitt, Central Michigan University

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6E: State and Local Economic Development II

Chair: Paul Natke, Central Michigan University

1. Industrial Composition and Urban Growth

Andrew Perumal, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2. Cannibalization within the Riverboat Gaming Industry: The Case of Illinois

Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University

3. Can Rural America Support a Sustainable Knowledge Economy? A Case Study for Wisconsin

Lawrence Gomes, University of Wisconsin-Washington County

Discussants:

1. Viktor Khanzhyn, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2. Paul Natke, Central Michigan University
3. Joshua Hyman, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6F: CSWEP: Perspectives on Gender and Family: Session in Honor of Marianne A. Ferber

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

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

1. The Transmission of Women's Fertility, Human Capital and Work Orientation Across Immigrant Generations

Francine D. Blau, Cornell University

Lawrence M. Kahn, Cornell University

Albert Yung-Hsu Liu, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Kerry L. Papps, University of Oxford

2. Specialization and the Division of Labor in Families

Robert A. Pollak, Washington University

3. Queering Economics

Robin L. Bartlett, Denison University

4. Gender and the Economics of Care

Julie A. Nelson, University of Massachusetts - Boston

Discussants:

1. Carole A. Green, University of South Florida
2. Carole A. Green, University of South Florida
3. Lisa Saunders, University of Massachusetts Amherst
4. Lisa Saunders, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6G: Economics of Risky Behavior

Chair: Amanda Agan, University of Chicago

1. Local Matching Markets and Risky Adolescent Behavior

Timothy Classen, Loyola University

2. The Effects of the Oklahoma City Bombing and 9/11 on Smoking Prevalence

Michael Pesko, University of Illinois-Chicago

Discussants:

1. Daniel Schmierer, University of Chicago
2. Stacy Miller, Michigan State University

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6H: State and Local Tax Policy

Chair: Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University and WE Upjohn Institute

1. The Battle of Taxes: Strategic Interaction in Multiple Tax Policies among States

Kusum Singh, University of Kentucky

2. The Poverty of States: Do State Tax Policies Affect State Labor Productivity?

Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

Discussants:

1. Eric Nielsen, St Louis Community College-Meramec
2. Matthew Metzgar, SUNY Alfred State College

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6I: Mortgage Debt and Foreclosures

Chair: Francisco Rivadeneyra, Bank of Canada

1. The Impact of Subprime Mortgage Crisis on Exchange Rate Volatility: Evidence from NAFTA Countries

Dilara Tas, Lake Erie College

2. U.S. Residential Mortgage and Nonrecourse Debt: Default Decision in a Dynamic Framework

Julio Garin, University of Notre Dame

3. Regulatory Mechanisms for Pooled-Risk Lending in the Private Mortgage Market

Xinyan Shi, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Sarah Riley, University of North Carolina

Discussants:

1. Farrokh Nourzad, Marquette University
2. Francisco Rivadeneyra, Bank of Canada
3. Sofyan Azaizeh, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6J: Exchange Rates and Interest Rates

Chair: Hamid Milani, University of Wisconsin-Marathon

1. Toward a Solution to the Uncovered Interest Rate Parity Puzzle

Norman Miller, Miami University

George W. Davis, Miami University

Ruxandra Prodan

2. Exchange Rate Regime Durability and Export Performance

Seifu Gebrehanna, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Discussants:

1. Chih-Wei Wang, Pacific Lutheran University
2. Jui-Chi Huang, Pennsylvania State University Berks

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6K: Macroeconomic Models

Chair: Cindy Houser, Anoka Ramsey Community College

1. The Rise in Health Spending: A Macroeconomic Analysis

Kai Zhao, University of Western Ontario

2. A General Equilibrium Model of Decision Makers with Belief Dependent Preferences

Hyeon Park, University of Pittsburgh

3. The Twin Deficits Hypothesis for the USA and Turkey: an Empirical Analysis

Filiz Giray, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Discussants:

1. Shuhei Takahashi, Ohio State University
2. Kai Zhao, University of Western Ontario
3. Elizabeth Quin, Michigan State University

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6L: Games and Group Behavior

Chair: Aaron Lowen, Grand Valley State University

1. A Note on the Formulation and Solution Concepts of Robustness Games

Xiangrong Yu, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2. Foundations of Motivation: Social Preference and Rationality

William Ferguson, Grinnell College

3. The Optimal Sorting of Players in Contests between Groups

Dmitri Ryvkine, Florida State University

Discussants:

1. Marc St-Pierre, University of the South
2. Basel Saleh, Radford University
3. Aaron Lowen, Grand Valley State University

Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 6M: Applied Time Series and Empirical Finance

Chair: Sel Dibooglu, University of Missouri-St. Louis

1. The Performance of Nonlinearity Tests on Asymmetric Nonlinear Time Series

Eun Ahn, University of Hawaii-West Oahu

Ji Man Lee, DePaul University

2. Oil Price Shocks and the U.S. Stock Market under Different Nonlinear Transformations

Zeina Alsalman, Wayne State University

3. Structural Shifts in Stock Market Indices using Semblance Analysis

Christine Armstrong, University of Illinois-Chicago

J. Darin Jensen, University of Illinois-Chicago

Discussants:

1. Jongyeon Lee, University of Michigan
2. Bonnie Wilson, Saint Louis University
3. Jong Hun Kim, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Saturday, March 19 – 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

CSWEP Business Meeting and Luncheon

Saturday, March 19 – 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

MEA Executive Board Meeting and Lunch

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7A: Models of Firm Behavior

Chair: TBA

1. Asset Composition, Future Pension Benefits, and Corporate Pension Funding and Asset Allocation Decisions: Theory and Preliminary Evidence

Ousmane Seck, University of Texas-El Paso

Yul Lee; Jeffrey Zhang

2. Private Firms, Public Entities, and the Middle Ground

Barry Keating, University of Notre Dame
Maryann Keating, Indiana Policy Review Group

3. Organizational Capital and Barriers to Firm Formation

Fatma Deli, Florida International University

4. Determinants of Firm Bankruptcy

Jeff Traczynski, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussants:

1. Arun Sarkar, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Seoung Joun Won, Missouri Public Service Commission
3. Kristen Roche, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
4. TBA

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7B: Causes and Consequences of Economic Growth

Chair: Nasrin Shahinpoor, Hanover College

1. Growth, Taxes and Time Allocation

Cara McDaniel, Kenyon College

2. Okun's Law: The Importance of Spatial Spillovers

Martin Montero, West Virginia University

3. Religion and Economic Growth: A Spatial Approach

Hossein Radmard, West Virginia University

Discussants:

1. Ali Rassuli, Indiana Purdue University-Fort Wayne
2. Xiangrong Yu, University of Wisconsin-Madison
3. Sudipto Banerjee, Ohio State University

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7C: Exchange Rates and Currency

Chair: Dilara Tas, Lake Erie College

1. Exchange Rate Pass-Through for Dynamic Strategic Pricing in Thai Automobile Import Market

Jui-Chi Huang, Pennsylvania State University Berks

Tantatape Brahmasrene, Purdue University North Central

2. On Exchange Rates and Monetary Policy Coordination: Case of Latin America

Hem Basnet, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Subhash C. Sharma, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

3. Public Information in Contagious Currency Crisis

Frederick Oh, Washington University

4. What is the Extent of Exchange Rate Flexibility in South America? An Analysis across Decades

Amit Ghosh, Illinois Wesleyan University

Discussants:

1. Amit Ghosh, Illinois Wesleyan University
2. John Dogbey, Ohio University
3. Kang Rong, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
4. Dilara Tas, Lake Erie College

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7D: International Financial and Capital Markets

Chair: Swarna (Bashu) Dutt, University of West Georgia

1. International Risk-Sharing and Commodity Prices

Chih-Wei Wang, Pacific Lutheran University

Martin Berka, Massey University

Mario J. Crucini, Vanderbilt University and NBER

2. *International Capital Mobility amongst the G5 Economies; Examining Feldstein-Horioka Using Panel Cointegration Tests*

Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University
Swarna (Bashu) Dutt, University of West Georgia

3. *Incomplete Markets, Optimal Portfolios, and the International Comovements Puzzle*

Adam Gulan, Rutgers University

4. *Trend Shocks, Valuation Effects and Portfolio Dynamics*

David Amdur, Muhlenberg College
Eylem Ersal, Georgetown University

Discussants:

1. Yi Chen, University of California-Davis
2. Norman Miller, Miami University
3. Chadwick Curtis, University of Notre Dame
4. Sheida Teimouri, West Virginia University

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7E: Banking Performance and Crises

Chair: Massomeh Hajilee, University of Houston-Victoria

1. *Banking Crises: Do Special Interest Groups Matter?*

Bonnie Wilson, Saint Louis University
Dennis Coates, University of Maryland Baltimore County

2. *Bank Performance and Foreign Ownership: Do bank origin and recipient location matter?*

Rong Ma, Western Michigan University

3. *Bank Concentration, Competition, Institution, and Crisis: New Evidence*

Yao Yao, Peking University

Discussants:

1. Massomeh Hajilee, University of Houston-Victoria
2. Elena Bondarenko, West Virginia University
3. Filiz Giray, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7F: Health Providers: Nurses and Physicians

Chair: Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University

1. *Why do HealthCare Workers Migrate? Empirical Analysis of Physicians from Developing Countries*

Uwaoma Nwaogu, Western Michigan University
Huang Wei-Chiao

2. *The Labor Market Effects of California's Minimum Nurse Staffing Law*

Elizabeth Munnich, University of Notre Dame

3. *Does Foreign Human Capital Earn a Lower Return in the U.S.? The Case of Nurses*

Serena Huang, University of Kansas

Discussants:

1. Douglas Schwalm, Illinois State University
2. Julie A. Nelson, University of Massachusetts
3. Uwaoma Nwaogu, Western Michigan University

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7G: CSWEP: Labor Market Differentials and Outcomes

Organized by Kaye Husbands Fealing, University of Minnesota

Chair: Kaye Husbands Fealing, University of Minnesota

1. *The Effect of Time Use in Explaining Male-Female Productivity Differences Among Economists*

Colleen Manchester, University of Minnesota
Debra Barbezat, Colby College

2. *The Impact of Affirmative Action on the Employment of Minorities and Women Over Three Decades: 1973-2003*

Fidan Ana Kurtulus, University of Massachusetts

3. Market and Non-Market Child Labor in Rural India: Role of Mother's Labor Force Participation

Sharmistha Self, Missouri State University

Discussants:

1. Sharon Levin, University of Missouri-St. Louis
2. Francine D. Blau, Cornell University
3. Lisa Saunders, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7H: Economics of Gender and Relationships

Chair: Robert A. Pollak, Washington University

1. Social Change and Legal Status for Women in Nineteenth Century Virginia and Pennsylvania

Catherine McDevitt, Central Michigan University

2. Male Backlash, Bargaining, or Exposure Reduction? : Women's Working Status and Physical Spousal Violence in India

Yoo-Mi Chin, Missouri University of Science and Technology

3. HIV and Incentives for Monogamy among Gay Men

Nicholas Papageorge, Washington University

Discussants:

1. Ayman Reda, Lebanese American University
2. Nolan Noble, University of Notre Dame
3. Jill Kearns, East Tennessee State University

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7I: Economics of Sports

Chair: Glenn Knowles, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

1. Sports Participation and Peer Effects

Katie Schultz, Purdue University

2. Let the Better Team Win! The Economics of Bias Officiating

Kevin Mongeon, University of New Haven

3. Strategic Decision Making and Risk Taking in PGA Golfers

Eric Nielsen, St Louis Community College-Meramec

4. College Football Attendance: A Panel Study of the Football Bowl Subdivision

Paul Natke, Central Michigan University

Discussants:

1. Yevgeniya Savchenko, Georgetown University
2. Glenn Knowles, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
3. Xinyan Shi, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
4. David Carr, University of South Dakota

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7J: Topics in Development

Organized by Juergen Jung, Towson University

Chair: Juergen Jung, Towson University

1. A Life Insurance Deterrent to the Spread of HIV and AIDS in Africa

Pedro de Araujo, Colorado College

James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

2. Does Health Insurance Decrease Health Expenditure Risk in Developing Countries? The Case of China

Jialu Liu, Allegheny College

Juergen Jung, Towson University

3. Transfers and Labor Market Behavior of the Elderly in Developing Countries: Theory and Evidence from Vietnam

Juergen Jung, Towson University

Chung Tran, University of New South Wales

Discussants:

1. Juergen Jung, Towson University
2. Pedro de Araujo, Colorado College
3. Jialu Liu, Allegheny College

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7K: Commodities Markets

Chair: Horacio Gonzalez Perez, Universidad Autonoma Chapingo

1. ***Separating Demand and Supply Shocks in the Oil Market - An Analysis Using Disaggregated Data***
Latika Lagalo, Wayne State University
2. ***Corn Prices***
Matthew Metzgar, SUNY Alfred State College

Discussants:

1. Zeina Alsalman, Wayne State University
2. Philip Grossman, St Cloud State University

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7L: Undergraduate Session 1

Organized by Marsha Blumenthal, University of St. Thomas

Chair: Marsha Blumenthal, University of St. Thomas

1. ***The Impact of Health Shocks on Employment and Health Insurance Coverage***
Jianyu Tu, Purdue University
2. ***The Effect of Teachers' Unions on Student Achievement in the Midwest***
Keith Timmons, Northern Illinois University
3. ***Discounting and Utility: Systematic Changes in Willingness to Pay as a Response to Changes in Price***
Evan Piermont, Lake Forest College
4. ***The Effect of Niche Occupation on Income: A Closer Look at Chinese, Filipino, and Asian Indian Immigrants***
Paige Maynard, Illinois Wesleyan University

Discussants:

1. Christopher S. Brunt, Lake Superior State University
2. Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University and WE Upjohn Institute
3. Christopher S. Brunt, Lake Superior State University
4. Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University and WE Upjohn Institute

Saturday, March 19 - 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7M: Government and Institutions

Chair: Sandra Trejos, Clarion University - Pennsylvania

1. ***Do Good Institutions Lower the Benefit of Democratization?***
Andreas Assiotis, Southern Illinois University
Kevin Sylwester, Southern Illinois University
2. ***Growth Hills and Optimal Government Spending: Location and Movement along the Curve***
Viktor Khanzhyn, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Eric Thompson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
David Rosenbaum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Discussants:

1. Sandra Trejos, Clarion University - Pennsylvania
2. Bibhudutta Panda, Wabash College

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8B: Occupational Choice and Mobility

Chair: Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1. ***Skill Uncertainty, Skill Accumulation, and Occupational Choice***
Carl Sanders, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2. Gender Differences in the Earnings Effects of Occupational Mobility

Kristen Keith, University of Toledo

3. Occupation and Industry Movement among Workers who Transition from Careers to Bridge Jobs

Kristen Roche, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

4. Joint Elicitation of Risk and Time Preference and Occupational Choice

Meenakshi Beri, Wayne State University

Discussants:

1. Ariel Belasen, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
2. Laura Zimmermann, University of Michigan
3. Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
4. Wung Lik Ng, Washington University

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8C: Intergenerational Transmissions

Chair: Dora Gicheva, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

1. Intergenerational Transmission of SES

Douglas Schwalm, Illinois State University

2. Culture, Intermarriage, and Differentials in Second-Generation Immigrant Women's Labor Supply

Deniz Gevrek, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Z. Eylem Gevrek, University of Konstanz

Sonam Gupta, University of Florida

Discussants:

1. TBA
2. Dora Gicheva, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8D: Provision of Health: Nurses and Nursing Homes

Chair: Michael Pesko, University of Illinois-Chicago

1. Prices, Market Structure, and Close Substitute Competitors in Nursing Homes

John Bowblis, Miami University

2. The Effect of Nursing Home Ratings on Consumers

Stacy Miller, Michigan State University

3. The Implementation of Minimum Direct Care Staffing Laws: Impact on Nurse Staffing Levels and Composition

Andrew Ghattas, Miami University

John Bowblis, Miami University

Discussants:

1. Michael Pesko, University of Illinois-Chicago
2. Jennifer Doleac, Stanford University
3. Elizabeth Munnich, University of Notre Dame

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8E: Household Consumption, Saving, and Debt

Chair: Jeff Traczynski, University of Wisconsin-Madison

1. Do We Know What We Owe? A Comparison of Borrower- and Lender-Reported Consumer Debt

Meta Brown, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Andrew Haughwout, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Donghoon Lee, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

2. The Impact of Negative Health Shocks on Consumption: Evidence from Indonesia

Nolan Noble, University of Notre Dame

Molly Lipscomb, University of Notre Dame

3. Does Social Security Reduce Household Savings?

Sudipto Banerjee, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Mai Seki, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2. Serena Huang, University of Kansas
3. Jeff Traczynski, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8F: Private and Public Banking

Chair: Inna Khagleeva, University of Illinois-Chicago

1. Asset Allocation and Risk in Banking Failures

Grace Wang, Texas A&M University - Galveston

2. Hide and Seek: Financial Intermediation and the Shadow Banking System

Ettore Panetti, Stockholm University

Discussants:

1. Inna Khagleeva, University of Illinois-Chicago
2. Yao Yao, Peking University

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8G: Capital Flows

Chair: Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University

1. Increasing Returns, Institutions, and Capital Flows

Thomas Snyder, University of Central Arkansas

2. Do International Capital Flows Smooth or Transmit Macroeconomic Volatility?

Scott Hegerty, Canisius College

Discussants:

1. Adam Gulan, Rutgers University
2. Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8H: Economic Development

Chair: Wilfrid Csaplar, Jr., Bethany College

1. Development Paths of India and China: Distinguishing Characteristics and Outcomes

Vinod Sharma, Ohio State University

2. Traditional Ethnic Ecological Wisdom and Its Enlightenment on Sustainable Development

Faye Peng, University of Wisconsin-Richland

Cuiwei Xue, Kunming University of Science and Technology

3. Environmental Sustainability and Economic Development in Africa

Sandra Trejos, Clarion University - Pennsylvania

Discussants:

1. Bojan Ilievski, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
2. Monique Newiak, Munich Graduate School of Economics
3. Huimin Shi, Ohio State University

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8I: Monetary Policy

Chair: Norman Miller, Miami University

1. Housing Bubbles across U.S. States and Monetary Policy: Evidence from A Spatial Dynamic Model

Abeba Mussa, Western Michigan University

2. Liquidity, Unemployment and Monetary Policy

Tsz-Nga Wong, Washington University-St. Louis

3. Heterogeneous Firms, Endogenous Entry, and Monetary Policy in an Open Economy

Yuko Imura, Ohio State University

4. Monetary Policy and Wealth Effect

Jaya Dey, Oklahoma State University

Discussants:

1. Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University
2. Jaya Dey, Oklahoma State University
3. Hem Basnet, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
4. Mark Wheeler, Western Michigan University

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8J: Contracts

Chair: Dmitri Ryvkine, Florida State University

1. ***Endogenous Preferences, Self-Control, and Dynamic Contract Design***
Wei Zhang, Northern Illinois University
2. ***Relational Contracts and the Economic Well-Being of Nations***
Bohdan Kukharsky, University of Passau
Michael Pflüger, University of Passau
3. ***Contract-Induced Preferences and The Nature of Time-Inconsistency***
Marc St-Pierre, University of the South

Discussants:

1. Ousmane Seck, University of Texas-El Paso
2. Wei Zhang, Northern Illinois University
3. Dmitri Ryvkine, Florida State University

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8K: Panel Data Methods

Chair: Scott Gilbert, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

1. ***Estimating Binary Response Panel Data Models with Sample Selection***
Anastasia Semykina, Florida State University
Jeffrey Wooldridge, Michigan State University
2. ***Spatio-Temporal Dynamic Modeling of Economic Growth in the State of Missouri: a Hierarchical Bayesian Approach***
Tetyana Beregovska, University of Missouri
3. ***Estimation of Latent Dependent Variables in Dynamic Panel Data Models with Lagged Ranking as a Regressor***
Jongyeon Lee, University of Michigan

Discussants:

1. Latika Lagalo, Wayne State University
2. Hossein Radmard, West Virginia University
3. Scott Gilbert, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8L: Undergraduate Session 2

Organized by Marsha Blumenthal, University of St. Thomas

Chair: Michael Seeborg, Illinois Wesleyan University

1. ***Formal and Informal Financing Channels for Small and Medium Enterprises***
Zhaoning Wang, Williams College
2. ***Growth Empirics and Economic Convergence in the European Union***
Isaac E. Boring, Georgia State University
3. ***Refundable Tax Credits and Refund Anticipation Loans: Taking from the Poor***
Alexandra Tran, University of Missouri-St. Louis
4. ***Understanding Economic Growth in Jamaica***
Tasheka Aikman, Lake Forest College

Discussants:

1. Soren Hauge, Ripon College
2. David Amdur, Muhlenberg College
3. Frederick G. Tiffany, Wittenberg University
4. Frederick G. Tiffany, Wittenberg University

Saturday, March 19 - 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Session 8M: Fuel Demand and Supply

Chair: Michael Ye, St Mary's College of Maryland

1. *The Effect of Sulfur Regulation on the U.S. Diesel Market*

Ker Zhang, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2. *An Examination of the Effects of Environmental Regulations on Retail Gasoline Price Seasonality*

Michael Davis, Missouri Science and Technology

3. *The Transmission of Changes the Price of Natural Gas in the Production of Anhydrous Ammonia in Mexico*

Horacio Gonzalez Perez, Universidad Autonoma Chapingo

José Antonio Ávila Dorantes, Universidad Autónoma Chapingo

Robert J. Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University

Miguel Ángel Martínez Damián, Colegio de Posgraduados

Discussants:

1. Javier Bustos-Salvagno, Georgetown University
2. Michael Ye, St Mary's College of Maryland
3. Luis Gautier, Whitman College

Saturday, March 19 – 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Presidential Address

Thoughts on Heterogeneity in Econometric Models

Jeffrey M. Wooldridge, Michigan State University

Saturday, March 19 – 6:35 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

MEA Business Meeting – please attend

Saturday, March 19 – 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Presidential Reception

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Saturday, March 19 – 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Past Presidents' and Secretary-Treasurers' Dinner – invitation only

Sunday, March 20 – 7:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Pick up Registration Packets – Grand Suite Foyer

Take escalators up from lobby

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9A: Undergraduate Paper Session 3

Organized by Marsha Blumenthal, University of St. Thomas

Chair: Marsha Blumenthal, University of St. Thomas

1. *Unemployment and Real Property Tax Delinquency in Ohio*

Aryn Taylor, Ohio Wesleyan University

2. *Gender Empowerment and Domestic Violence: A State by State Analysis*

Elyse Krause, Xavier University

Emily Dougherty, Xavier University

3. *An Empirical Analysis of Bidder Behavior in Asymmetric Procurement Auctions*

Eric Hardy, Oberlin College

4. *The External Benefits of Rural Public Golf Courses*

Tim SH, University of South Dakota

Discussants:

1. Odilon Camara, University of Southern California
2. Kristen Keith, University of Toledo

3. Odilon Camara, University of Southern California
4. Kristen Keith, University of Toledo

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9B: Peer Effects

Chair: Lawrence Gomes, University of Wisconsin-Washington County

1. ***Peer Networks as a Determinant of Female Autonomy and Child Welfare***
Eeshani Kandpal, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
2. ***To Migrate or Not - Peers, Status, and Relative Consumption***
Muhammad Bhuiyan, Carleton College

Discussants:

1. Katie Schultz, Purdue University
2. Lawrence Gomes, University of Wisconsin-Washington County

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9C: Investment

Chair: Thomas Snyder, University of Central Arkansas

1. ***On the Relation between Currency Depreciation and Domestic Investment***
Massomeh Hajilee, University of Houston-Victoria
Mohsen Bahmani-Oskooee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. ***Hold-up and the Lock-in Effect of Specific Investment***
Jafar Olimov, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Thomas Snyder, University of Central Arkansas
2. Fatma Deli, Florida International University

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9D: Economic Effects of Remittances and Outsourcing

Chair: Vinod Sharma, Ohio State University

1. ***The Cleansing Effect of Offshore Outsourcing in an Analysis of Employment***
Jooyoun Park, Kent State University
2. ***The Macroeconomic Impact of Migrant Remittances***
Shyam Gouri Suresh, Davidson College
3. ***Offshoring: Endogenous Technology Adoption, Innovation and Skill Premium***
Manisha Goel, Ohio State University
4. ***Remittances, Economic Growth and Poverty in Africa***
Elias Shukralla, Siena College

Discussants:

1. Vinod Sharma, Ohio State University
2. Elias Shukralla, Siena College
3. TBA
4. Yu Liu, University of Texas-El Paso

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9E: Trade at the Micro Level

Chair: Grace Johnson, Lindenwood University

1. ***Financial Constraints and Exports***
Xiao Wang, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2. ***The Role of International Spillovers in Using Second-Best Trade Policy to Promote Workplace Safety***
Areerat Kichkha, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
3. ***The Missing Trade of China: Balls and Bins Model***
Huimin Shi, Ohio State University
4. ***Is It Good Or Bad To Open Up? Factor Reallocation and Relative Productivity in a Transition Economy***

Joanna Tyrowicz, National Bank of Poland/University of Warsaw

Jan Hagemeyer, National Bank of Poland/University of Warsaw

Discussants:

1. Grace Johnson, Lindenwood University
2. Jingbo Cui, Iowa State University
3. Xiao Wang, University of Wisconsin-Madison
4. Michael Pistone, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9F: Stock Markets and Their Economic Effects

Chair: Meta Brown, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

1. Tax Base in the Presence of a Stock Exchange

Bojan Ilievski, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

2. Banks and Stock Markets in Four East Asian Financial Crisis Economies

Jong Hun Kim, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Peter L. Rousseau, Vanderbilt University

3. The International Impacts of the U.S. Stock Market Crash

Mark Wheeler, Western Michigan University

Rajeev Sooreea, Pennsylvania State University

4. Expectation Fulfillment Effect on the Fed's Announcement Day: Evidence in the U.S. Stock Market

Shuo Chen, State University of New York-Geneseo

Anthony Gu, SUNY Geneseo

Discussants:

1. Meta Brown, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
2. Tsz-Nga Wong, Washington University-St. Louis
3. Michael Wilkerson, Claremont Graduate University
4. Brian Melzer, Northwestern University

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9G: Household Economics II

Chair: John Bowblis, Miami University

1. Impact of Universal Health Coverage on Household Precautionary Savings in Thailand

Phatta Kirdruang, University of Minnesota

2. Housing Wealth Effect: Evidence from the Threshold Estimation

Ousmane Seck, University of Texas-El Paso

Sherif Khalifa; Elwin Tobing

3. Bargaining with Grandma: The Impact of the South African Pension on Household Decision-making

Kate Ambler, University of Michigan

4. Compare the Effects of Children's Medical Insurance Program on the Utilization of Medical Services

Shishu Zhang, University of the Incarnate Word

Discussants:

1. John Bowblis, Miami University
2. Shishu Zhang, University of the Incarnate Word
3. Julio Cesar Hernandez-Correa, Western Michigan University
4. Phatta Kirdruang, University of Minnesota

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9H: Employment and Unemployment

Chair: Emily Beam, University of Michigan

1. The Impact of Obesity on the Impact of Unemployment Spells

Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University

Jeremy Groves, Northern Illinois University

2. *Emergency Extended Benefits and Unemployment Duration: Sensitivity of Estimates to Econometric Assumptions*

Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University/WE Upjohn Institute

Michael A. Allgrunn, Michigan State University

Jeff E. Biddle, Michigan State University

3. *Discrimination and Self-Employment: An Empirical Investigation*

John Lunn, Hope College

Todd Steen, Hope College

Discussants:

1. Jay Walker, University of Memphis
2. Emily Beam, University of Michigan
3. Meenakshi Beri, Wayne State University

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9I: Industrial Organization III

Chair: Michael Davis, Missouri Science and Technology

1. *Diffusion and Growth in a Networked Economy*

Ezra Oberfield, University of Chicago and FRB Chicago

2. *The Visible Hand: Race and Online Market Outcomes*

Jennifer Doleac, Stanford University

Luke C.D. Stein, Stanford University

3. *Technology Adoption, Entry and Forward Trading*

Javier Bustos-Salvagno, Georgetown University

Discussants:

1. Ece H Guleryuz, Florida International University
2. Ker Zhang, University of Wisconsin-Madison
3. Michael Davis, Missouri Science and Technology

Sunday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Session 9J: Property Rights

Chair: Papak Nabipay, University of Minnesota

1. *Geographic Separation as a Factor in Avoiding the Tragedy of the Commons*

Dmytro Zhosan, Ripon College

2. *Imitation and Innovation Driven Development under Imperfect Intellectual Property Rights*

Monique Newiak, Munich Graduate School of Economics

Christian Lorenczik, Munich Graduate School of Economics

3. *Defining vs. Privatizing Property in Mexico's Ejido Reform*

Tobias Pfutze, Oberlin College

Discussants:

1. Gregory Howard, Ohio State University
2. Sarah Ali, University of Missouri-Columbia
3. Papak Nabipay, University of Minnesota

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10A: Bargaining

Chair: Tetyana Beregovska, University of Missouri

1. *An Axiomatic Arbitration Game and the Kalai-Smorodinsky*

Kang Rong, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign

2. *The Value and Applicability of Coasian Bargaining in an Intergenerational Setting*

Gregory Howard, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Abeba Mussa, Western Michigan University
2. Tetyana Beregovska, University of Missouri

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10B: Macroeconomic Theory

Chair: Ezra Oberfield, University of Chicago and FRB Chicago

1. *The Value of Future Earnings in Perfect Foresight Equilibrium*

Scott Gilbert, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

2. *State-Dependency in Price and Wage Setting*

Shuhei Takahashi, Ohio State University

3. *Long-Run News and International Macro-Finance Puzzles*

Yi Chen, University of California-Davis

Discussants:

1. Grace Wang, Texas A&M University - Galveston
2. Scott Hegerty, Canisius College
3. Jooyoun Park, Kent State University

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10C: Applied Microeconomics II

Chair: Rubén Hernández-Murillo. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

1. *Managing Innovation in Vertical Relationships*

Dongsoo Shin, Santa Clara University

2. *Bundling of Information Goods: Metered versus Flat-rate Pricing*

Papak Nabipay, University of Minnesota

Andrew Odlyzko, University of Minnesota

Zhi-Li Zhang, University of Minnesota

3. *Loving the Longshot: Risk Taking with Skewed Gambles*

Philip Grossman, St Cloud State University

Catherine C. Eckel, University of Texas-Dallas

Discussants:

1. Bohdan Kukharsky, University of Passau
2. Rubén Hernández-Murillo. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
3. Eun Ahn, University of Hawaii-West Oahu

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10D: Models of Trade

Chair: Joanna Tyrowicz, National Bank of Poland/University of Warsaw

1. *International Trade and Environmental Economics with Heterogeneous Firms*

Jingbo Cui, Iowa State University

2. *Trade Networks Under Asymmetric Information*

Sabri Yilmaz, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Discussants:

1. Areerat Kichkha, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
2. Joanna Tyrowicz, National Bank of Poland/University of Warsaw

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10E: Mortgages and Housing Markets

Chair: Shishu Zhang, University of the Incarnate Word

1. *Strategic Default - A Formal Model of Decision Making in the Housing Crash of the 2000s in Southern California*

Michael Wilkerson, Claremont Graduate University

2. *Mortgage Debt Overhang: Reduced Investment by Homeowners with Negative Equity*

Brian Melzer, Northwestern University

Discussants:

1. Ettore Panetti, Stockholm University
2. Laudo Ogura, Grand Valley State University

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10F: Economics of College Attendance

Chair: Jay Walker, University of Memphis

- 1. Community College Transfer Policies and Post-Secondary Outcomes**
Elizabeth Quin, Michigan State University
- 2. Greeks Just Want to Have Fun, or Do They? Fraternal Membership and College Outcomes**
Jay Walker, University of Memphis
- 3. Returns to College Quality and the Option Value of Advanced Degrees**
Mai Seki, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussants:

1. Jay Walker, University of Memphis
2. Elizabeth Quin, Michigan State University
3. Carl Sanders, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10G: Immigrant Labor Markets

Chair: Robert Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University

- 1. Immigrant Networks in Australia: Do They Help Newly Arrived Immigrants to Find Jobs and Get Higher Income?**
Yevgeniya Savchenko, Georgetown University
Francis Vella, Georgetown University, and IZA
- 2. Reducing Imperfect Information among Jobseekers in the Philippines**
Emily Beam, University of Michigan
- 3. The Value of Permanent Access to the U.S. Labor Market: Evidence from Inter-marriage between Hispanic Immigrants and U.S.-born Individuals**
Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Miao Chi, Rollins College

Discussants:

1. Manisha Goel, Ohio State University
2. Michael Hensley, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
3. Muhammad Bhuiyan, Carleton College

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10H: Fertility and Maternity Leave

Chair: Kate Ambler, University of Michigan

- 1. Maternity Leave Coverage and Leave Taking in the U.S.: a Quantile Regression for Counts Approach**
Huyen Nguyen, Northern Illinois University
- 2. C-Sections and Subsequent Fertility**
Juan Pantano, Washington University
Karen Norberg, Washington University
- 3. The Labor Force Participation and Fertility Decisions of Young Women**
Eisuke Okada, University of Chicago

Discussants:

1. Anastasia Semykina, Florida State University
2. Kate Ambler, University of Michigan
3. Huyen Nguyen, Northern Illinois University

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10I: Environmental Practices among Consumers and Firms

Chair: Allen Bellas, Metropolitan State University

- 1. The Influence of Voluntary Environmental Practices on Facility-Level Discharges**
Julia Brandes, University of Kansas
D. H. Earnhart,

2. Media attention and toxic releases under the EPA's Toxic Release Inventory program

Shrawantee Saha, College of St Benedict

3. Adoption of Environmental Practices Among U.S. Consumers

Sarah Ali, University of Missouri-Columbia

Discussants:

1. Shrawantee Saha, College of St Benedict
2. Dmytro Zhosan, Ripon College
3. Eeshani Kandpal, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign

Sunday, March 20 - 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Session 10J: Topics in Growth and Development

Chair: Faye Peng, University of Wisconsin-Richland

1. The Chinese Business Cycle after Economic Reforms

Chadwick Curtis, University of Notre Dame

2. Land Size, Distortions, and Market Imperfections in Explaining the Existence of Subsistence Farmers in Bolivia

Naneida Lazarte, Oklahoma State University

3. Political Power Conflicts, Natural Resource Abundance and Human Capital

Ece H Guleryuz, Florida International University

Discussants:

1. Shyam Gouri Suresh, Davidson College
2. Faye Peng, University of Wisconsin-Richland
3. William Ferguson, Grinnell College