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Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ................................................................. Grand A
Session 1A: Families I
Chair: Orgül Öztürk, University of South Carolina
1. “Why A Great Woman Is Behind Every Great Man”
   Adan Silverio Murillo, University of Minnesota
2. “Learning by "I Do"ing”
   Melanie Zaber, Carnegie Mellon University
3. “Does Age of Leaving Parental Home Affect Future Income?”
   Mahsa Akbari, Simon Fraser University
   Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
   Miao Chi, Drew University

Discussants:
1. Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Mahsa Akbari, Simon Fraser University
3. Melanie Zaber, Carnegie Mellon University
4. Mark Heil, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ................................................................. Grand B
Session 1B: Business Cycles
Chair: Anthony Diercks, Federal Reserve Board
1. “Real Wage Rigidity and the Business Cycles”
   Eunseong Ma, Texas A&M University
   Chen Yeh, University of Chicago
3. “Resilience of Developing Countries to Shocks: Case Study of WAEMU Countries with SUR and VAR Approaches”
   A. Désiré Adom, Eastern Illinois University

Discussants:
1. Chen Yeh, University of Chicago
2. Eunseong Ma, Texas A&M University
3. Scott Hegerty, Northeastern Illinois University
Session 1C: Education and Race
Chair: P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College
1. “The Impact of the Michigan Merit Curriculum on High School Math Course Taking”
   Soobin Kim, Michigan State University
   Claudia Vidigal, University of Minnesota
3. “Financial Literacy and Financial Behaviors Among African American College Students: Evidence and Implications from One Historically Black Institution”
   Kusum Singh, LeMoyne-Owen College
4. “Maturity and Minorities: the Impact of the Minimum School-Starting Age on Achievement Gaps”
   Pablo Peña, Microanalitica LLC
   Matthew A. Lenard, Wake County Public School System
Discussants:
1. Kusum Singh, LeMoyne-Owen College
2. Soobin Kim, Michigan State University
3. Claudia Vidigal, University of Minnesota
4. P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

Session 1D: Gender Inequality
Chair: Moiz Bhai, University of Illinois at Chicago
1. “Evolution of Gender Wage Gap: Trade Shocks and Sectoral Mobility”
   Masha Brussevich, Purdue University
2. “A Meta-Regression Analysis of Gender Inequality and Economic Growth”
   Eman Selim, Tanta University
3. “The Impact of Mandated Maternity Benefits on the Gender Differential in Promotions: Examining the Role of Adverse Selection”
   Mallika Thomas, Cornell University
Discussants:
1. Mallika Thomas, Cornell University
2. Robert Munk, Ohio State University
3. Masha Brussevich, Purdue University

Session 1E: Healthcare 1
Chair: Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University
1. “An Examination of Veteran Health Adequacy Around the Medicare Eligibility Age”
   Amanda Stype, Michigan State University
   Herman Sahni, Northern Illinois University
   Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University
   Toluwalope Ayangbayi, University of Memphis
   Albert Okunade, University of Memphis
4. “How do Preferences Elicited through DCEs Vary over Time and with Changing Experience? Empirical Evidence from a Multi-phase Asthma Clinical Trial”
Ishrat Hossain, Qatar University
Jane Hall, University of Technology
Denzil Fiebig, University of New South Wales
Madeleine King, University of Sydney

Discussants:
1. Herman Sahni, Northern Illinois University
2. Toluwalope Ayangbayi, University of Memphis
3. Ishrat Hossain, Qatar University
4. Amanda Stype, Michigan State University

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**Session 1F: Sports**
Chair: Kailin Clarke, University of Minnesota

1. **"A New Way to Compare NHL Goalies and their Salaries"**
   Bret Gitar, University of Cincinnati

2. **“Team Payroll, Defensive and Offensive Capacities and Team Performance: Evidence from the U.S. Major League Baseball”**
   Hong Zhuang, Indiana University-South Bend
   Jason Matthews, Korhorn Financial Group

3. **“Dynamic Ticket Pricing with Price Discrimination and Evolving Products”**
   Kailin Clarke, University of Minnesota

Discussants:
1. Miguel Castro, Michigan State University
2. Kailin Clarke, University of Minnesota
3. Bret Gitar, University of Cincinnati

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Cummings

**Session 1G: Energy**
Chair: Bishwa S. Koirala, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

   Le Tang, Brandeis University

2. **“Competitive Position of U.S. Natural Gas Exports”**
   Nathan Mol, University of Findlay
   Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

3. **“Modeling Individual Preferences for Energy Sources: the Transient Population Effect”**
   Ozgur Kaya, American University of Sharjah
   Davide Contu, London School of Economics and Political Science

Discussants:
1. Ozgur Kaya, American University of Sharjah
2. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
3. Le Tang, Brandeis University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Rogers

**Session 1H: Industrial Organization**
Chair: R. Andrew Butters, Indiana University

1. **“Acquisitions & Product Similarity: An Application to the Music Industry”**
   Kellie Konsor, Purdue University

2. **“Families of Films: An Analysis of the Release-Date Timing Decision for Major Motion Pictures”**
Andrew Meisner, Purdue University

3. “A Model of Church Exit and the Effect of Denominational Ties”
   Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas

4. “Product Market Competition and Corporate Demand for Insurance”
   Zhiyong Liu, Indiana State University
   Hae Won Jung, University of Melbourne

Discussants:
1. Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas
2. Zhiyong Liu, Indiana State University
3. Andrew Meisner, Purdue University
4. Kellie Konsor, Purdue University

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**Session 1I: Hedonic Pricing**

Chair: Stephen A. Woodbury, Michigan State University and W.E. Upjohn Institute

1. “The Value of Air and Water Quality in Mining Economies: A Quantile Hedonic-Wage Analysis on Households’ Perceptions”
   Nathaly Rivera, Michigan State University

2. “Income Thresholds and Demand Estimation for Housing Services”
   W. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John’s University
   Nhu Nguyen, University of Illinois-Chicago

Discussants:
1. W. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John’s University
2. Stephen A. Woodbury, Michigan State University and W.E. Upjohn Institute

Friday, April 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ----------------------------------------------- James

**Session 1J: Developing Country Studies I**

Chair: Soren Hauge, Ripon College

1. “Gender Gaps in STEM Career Choices: The Effect of Information and Encouragement among students in Colombia”
   Catalina Franco, University of Michigan

2. “Productivity Growth and Input Demand: The Effect of Learning-By-Doing in a Gold Mining Firm in a Developing Economy”
   John Baffoe-Bonnie, Pennsylvania State University

3. “A Failed Socialist Experiment: Venezuela’s Economic Crisis”
   Erwin Erhardt, University of Cincinnati

4. “Informal Hiring Practices by Formal Firms: Evidence from Mexico”
   Brenda Samaniego de la Parra, University of Chicago

Discussants:
1. Belkis Cerrato Caceres, Edgewood College
2. Wilfrid W. Csaplar Jr., Bethany College
3. Julia Frankland, Malone University
4. Catalina Franco, University of Michigan

Friday, April 1, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. --------------------------------------------------- Grand Ballroom Foyer

**Coffee Break**

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. --------------------------------------------------- Grand A

**Session 2A: Immigration**

Chair: Volha Belskaya, Ohio University
1. “The Heterogeneous Impact of H-1b High-skilled Temporary Immigration on the Native Labor Market”
   Yanjun Liu, Northern Illinois University

2. “Growth in the English Fluency Premium among Refugees and Other U.S. Immigrants”
   Abdihafit Shaeye, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

3. “German and Foreign Workers in Germany: Wage Differentials and Impacts of Return Migration”
   Alexander Persaud, University of Michigan

Discussants:
1. Abdihafit Shaeye, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Alexander Persaud, University of Michigan
3. Yanjun Liu, Northern Illinois University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. .................................................................Grand B

Session 2B: Time Series Analysis: Macroeconomic
Chair: Hardik Marfatia, Northeastern Illinois University

   Mark Wheeler, Western Michigan University
   Marc Schaffer, St. Norbert College

   Mouyad Al Samara, Qatar University

   Esmaeil Ebadi, Illinois State University

Discussants:
1. Mouyad Al Samara, Qatar University
2. Esmaeil Ebadi, Illinois State University
3. Mark Wheeler, Western Michigan University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. .................................................................Grand C

Session 2C: Economics of Education
Organized by Jay K. Walker, Niagara University, and P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College
Chair: P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

1. “High School Athletics Participation and Future Health Behavior”
   Vasilios Kosteas, Cleveland State University

2. “Does the Early Bird Catch the Worm or a Lower GPA? Evidence from a Liberal Arts College”
   Manu Raghav, DePauw University
   Timothy M. Diette, Washington and Lee University

3. “What Happens the Morning After? Post-Baccalaureate Health, Marital, and Educational Impacts of Greek Membership”
   P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College
   Jay K. Walker, Niagara University

4. “The Effects of GED Exam Changes”
   Katy Rouse, Elon University
   Tonmoy Islam, Elon University

Discussants:
1. Katy Rouse, Elon University
2. Jay K. Walker, Niagara University
3. Manu Raghav, DePauw University
4. Vasilios Kosteas, Cleveland State University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. North Shore

Session 2D: Career Advice for Job Seekers: Finding the Right “Fit”
Organized for CSWEP by Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Panelists:
1. Eliza Forsythe, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
   “Positions in Academia versus Full-Time Research”
2. Bamali Gupta, Miami University
   “Combining Teaching and Research at a non-PhD institution”
3. Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota-Duluth
   “The Job Search for International Students”
4. Jessica Bean, Denison University
   “Being a PhD Economist from Multiple Perspectives: Job Candidate, Assistant Professor, Employer”

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Session 2F: Human Capital
Chair: Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University
   Abraham Asfaw, Northern Illinois University
2. “The Impact of Wartime Deployment on Transition into the Civilian Labor Market”
   Dhiren Patki, University of Michigan
3. “Parental Time Investment in Children and Early Education Policy”
   Xiaoyan Youderian, Xavier University
4. “Progressive Tax and Risky Occupations Choices”
   Zhiqi Zhao, Clemson University

Discussants:
1. Dhiren Patki, University of Michigan
2. Abraham Asfaw, Northern Illinois University
3. Zhiqi Zhao, Clemson University
4. Xiaoyan Youderian, Xavier University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Cummings

Session 2G: Urban and Regional Economics
Chair: Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University
1. “Small Business Lending and Housing Equity, 2000-2012”
   Mark Heil, U.S. Department of the Treasury
2. “Impacts of Taxes on Firm Entry Rates Along State Borders”
   Kevin Duncan, Iowa State University
3. “Commercial Bank Locations and “Banking Deserts”: A Statistical Analysis of Milwaukee and Buffalo”
   Scott Hegerty, Northeastern Illinois University

Discussants:
1. Kevin Duncan, Iowa State University
2. Hong Zhuang, Indiana University-South Bend
3. John Baffoe-Bonnie, Pennsylvania State University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Rogers
Session 2H: Political Economy
Chair: Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
1. “Seizing Advantage: Strategic Moves and Power in Exchange”
   William D. Ferguson, Grinnell College
   Ruizhi Ma, University of Pennsylvania
   Jingbo Cui, Wuhan University
   Bilal Celik, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Discussants:
1. Bilal Celik, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
2. A. Désiré Adom, Eastern Illinois University
3. William D. Ferguson, Grinnell College

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. .............................................................. Bonbright

Session 2I: Electricity
Chair: Ozgur Kaya, American University of Sharjah
   Miguel Castro, Michigan State University
   R. Andrew Butters, Indiana University
   Jermaine Moulton, Binghamton University
   Kai Sun, University of Salford
4. “Air Emissions and the EU cross-border Trade in Electricity”
   Grzegorz Pac, Alfred University
   Andrew Meyer, Marquette University

Discussants:
1. R. Andrew Butters, Indiana University
2. Jermaine Moulton, Binghamton University
3. Grzegorz Pac, Alfred University
4. Mar Reguant, Northwestern University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................................... James

Session 2J: Exchange Rates I
Chair: Everett Grant, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
1. “FX Puzzles: Some Low Hanging Fruit”
   Norman Miller, Miami University
2. “Determinants of the Colombian Peso: Is the price of cocaine a factor?”
   Alexi Thompson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
   Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
3. “Currency Undervaluation and Economic Growth in CEE Countries”
   Alina Klein, University of Dubuque
   Rudolf F. Klein, University of Dubuque
4. “On Cross-country Differences in the contribution of nontraded Goods to Real Exchange Rate Fluctuations”
   Erick Kitenge, Southern Illinois University
AKM Mahbub Morshed, Southern Illinois University

Discussants:
1. Alexi Thompson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
2. Alina Klein, University of Dubuque
3. Erick Kitenge, Southern Illinois University
4. Norman Miller, Miami University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Hinman

Session 2K: Financial Markets I
Chair: Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Muhlenberg College

   Lanouar Charfeddine, Qatar University
   Noureddine Benlagha, Al Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University

2. “Speed and Trading Behavior in an Order-Driven Market: An Analysis on a High Quality Dataset”
   Seongkyu Park, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
   Doojin Ryu, Sungkyunkwan University

3. “The Role of Learning for Asset Prices and Business Cycles”
   Fabian Winkler, Federal Reserve Board

4. “Securitization and the Real Economy”
   Mari Robertson, University of Cincinnati

Discussants:
1. Seongkyu Park, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2. Mari Robertson, University of Cincinnati
3. Lanouar Charfeddine, Qatar University
4. Fabian Winkler, Federal Reserve Board

Friday, April 1, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. ........................................................................... Lake Michigan Room

CSWEP Networking Luncheon
Open to current members and anyone interested in knowing more about the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession.

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ........................................................................... Grand A

Session 3A: Unemployment and Job Search – SOLE
Organized by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. “Changes over Time in the Job Search Methods of Young Adults”
   Joshua Pinkston, University of Louisville

2. “Do Workers Direct Their Search?”
   Bryan Engelhardt, College of the Holy Cross
   Christine Braun, UC Santa Barbara
   Ben Griffy, UC Santa Barbara
   Peter Rupert, UC Santa Barbara

   Lewis Warren, University of Kentucky

4. “Health Insurance Coverage and Sources of Coverage Following Job Displacement”
   Nicholas Jolly, Marquette University
Brian J. Phelan, DePaul University
Discussants:
1. Ian Fillmore, W.E. Upjohn Institute
2. Eliza Forsythe, University of Illinois
3. Pawel Krolikowski, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
4. Marcus Dillender, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. .................................................................Grand B

**Session 3B: Macro Policies: Fiscal and Monetary**
Chair: Mark Wheeler, Western Michigan University
1. "Financial Structure, Unconventional Monetary Policy and Stock Repurchases: Evidence from a Comparison between the United States and Japan"
   Ling Wang, Hannan University
   Marc Hayford, Loyola University
   Ryan Eiben, Indiana University
Discussants:
1. Ryan Eiben, Indiana University
2. Ling Wang, Hannan University
3. Marc Hayford, Loyola University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. .................................................................North Shore

**Session 3D: Career Advice on Mentoring, Grants, and Teaching**
Organized for CSWEP by Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Panelists:
1. Elizabeth Hoffman, Iowa State University
   "Building and Maintaining a Successful Mentoring Relationship"
2. Nancy Lutz, National Science Foundation
   "Ins and Outs of Getting Grants"
3. Debra Israel, Indiana State University
   "Getting Women into Upper-Division Economics Classes: Challenges and Ideas"
4. Shahina Amin, University of Northern Iowa
   "Teaching and Managing Faculty-Student Interactions as an International Faculty Member"

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. .................................................................Mulford

**Session 3F: Social Policy**
Chair: Kevin Murphy, Oakland University
1. "Exploring a Multidimensional Index for Veteran Reintegration"
   Brandon Vick, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
2. "One More Saturday Night: Food Stamp Timing and Monthly Consumption Patterns"
   Orgül Öztürk, University of South Carolina
   Elena Castellari, University of Connecticut
   Chad Cotti, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
   John Gordanier, University of South Carolina
3. "Do Conditional Cash Transfers Affect Labor Force Participation? Evidence from Brazil's Bolsa Familia"
   Vinicius Vidigal, University of Minnesota
4. “Childhood Family Income and Labor Market Outcomes as a Young Adult: Evidence from the EITC”
   Paul Thomas, Purdue University

Discussants:
1. Paul Thomas, Purdue University
2. Vinicius Vidigal, University of Minnesota
3. Brandon Vick, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
4. Orgül Öztürk, University of South Carolina

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3G: Undergraduate Session: Topics in Development Economics
Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University
Chair: Jessica Bean, Denison University
   Nicole Gorton, University of Chicago
   Andrew Lightner, University of Dayton
3. “The Impact of Family Size on Education in Latin America”
   Claire O’Donnell, University of Notre Dame
4. “A Revolution in Savings: The Impact of M-PESA on Savings Patterns in Kenya”
   Luke Fesko, Ohio State University

Discussants:
1. Nancy Haskell, University of Dayton
2. Douglas Schreder, National Louis University
3. Jessica Bean, Denison University
4. Barnali Gupta, Miami University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 3H: Applied Microeconomics
Organized by Jay K. Walker, Niagara University, and P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College
Chair: P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College
1. “The Obesity Wage Penalty: Distributional, Evolutionary, and Deviatory Effects”
   Christian Brown, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
   P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College
2. “Immigration Law Enforcements and Mental Health”
   Mehmet Yaya, Eastern Michigan University
   Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, San Diego State University
   Susan Averett, Lafayette College
3. “Investigating the Extent and Determinants of Gender Earnings Differentials among Academic Economists”
   Andrew Hussey, University of Memphi
   Nicholas Kanamar, University of Memphis
   Jay Walker, Niagara University
   Michael Jetter, University of Western Australia

Discussants:
1. Mehmet Yaya, Eastern Michigan University
2. Andrew Hussey, University of Memphis  
3. Jay K. Walker, Niagara University  

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Session 3I: Consumer Behavior and Choice - AERE  
Organized by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Chair: Mar Reguant, Northwestern University  
   Andrew Meyer, Marquette University  
   Daniel Hickman, University of Idaho  
2. "Commercial Irrigation Conservation: Willingness to Accept Rebates Under Increased Information and Block Rate Pricing"  
   Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University  
   Harshanee Deshamithra, Oklahoma State University  
   Allen Bellas, Metropolitan State University  
   Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis  
4. "Valuing Ecosystem Service Benefits from Shade Credit Programs: A Choice Experiment Survey in the Tualatin Watershed"  
   Sahan T.M. Dissanayake, Colby College  
   Gilbert Kiggundu, Colby College  
   David Ervin, Portland State University  
   Rondi Schei, Portland State University  
   Robert Emanuel, Clean Water Services  
Discussants:  
1. Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University  
2. Lyubov A. Kurkalova, North Carolina A&T State University  
3. Barrett Kirwan, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
4. Ian Lange, Colorado School of Mines

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Session 3J: Aid for Trade  
Chair: Anusua Datta, Philadelphia University  
1. "Aid-for-Trade, High-Technology Exports, and Economic Growth"  
   Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University  
   Kul Kapri, College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University  
2. "Are Bilateral and Multilateral Aid for Trade Complementary?"  
   Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth  
   Elias Shukralla, Qatar University  
   Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University  
Discussants:  
1. Kyriacos Aristotelous, Otterbein University  
2. Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Session 3K: Macro Policies: Monetary  
Chair: Fabian Winkler, Federal Reserve Board  
1. "Central Bank Independence and the Conduct of Monetary Policy"  
   Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Muhlenberg College
   Hardik Marfatia, Northeastern Illinois University
3. “The Equity Premium, Long-Run Risk, and Optimal Monetary Policy”
   Anthony Diercks, Federal Reserve Board
4. “Bayesian Estimation with Search Friction Models on Rationing Unemployment”
   Jhih-Chian Wu, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Discussants:
1. Jhih-Chian Wu, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2. Anthony Diercks, Federal Reserve Board
3. Hardik Marfatia, Northeastern Illinois University
4. Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Muhlenberg College

Friday, April 1, 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. ................................................................. Grand Ballroom Foyer
Coffee Break

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .................................................................................. Grand C

Session 4C: Teaching Economics
Chair: W. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John’s University
1. “Explaining Variation in Gender Composition of Economics Majors Across Colleges and Universities”
   David Switzer, St. Cloud State University
   David M. Lang, California State University, Sacramento
2. “Why Innovative Multiple Choice Questions Do Not Make It onto Standardized Exam in Economics”
   James Self, Indiana University-Bloomington
   William E. Becker, Indiana University--Bloomington
   Jennifer Hafer, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
4. “Using ‘Shark Tank’ to Teach Microeconomics to Business Majors”
   Ora Freedman, Stevenson University

Discussants:
1. James Self, Indiana University-Bloomington
2. Jennifer Hafer, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
3. Ora Freedman, Stevenson University
4. David Switzer, St. Cloud State University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .................................................................................. North Shore

Session 4D: Labor Supply I
Chair: Sang-Wook Cho, University of New South Wales
   Robert Munk, Ohio State University
   Fady Mansour, Middle Tennessee State University
3. “Young Adults’ Self-Perceived Body Weight and Labor Market Outcomes”
   Patricia Smith, University of Michigan-Dearborn
   Jay L. Zagorsky, Ohio State University

Discussants:
1. Pablo Peña, Microanalitica LLC
2. Patricia Smith, University of Michigan-Dearborn
3. Fady Mansour, Middle Tennessee State University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ................................................................. Lake Michigan

**Session 4E: Health: Causes and Effects**
Chair: Amanda Cook, Purdue University

1. “Does Health affect Occupational Choices? A study of Adolescents with Early-Onset Major Depressive Disorder”
   Mojisola Tayo, Northern Illinois University
   Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University
2. “State-Level Characteristics of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Rates of Fatal Overdoses from Prescription Opiate Painkillers”
   Timothy Classen, Loyola University
   Huan Ni, Kennesaw State University
   Aniruddha Bagchi, Kennesaw State University
   Jomon Aliyas Paul, Kennesaw State University

Discussants:
1. Timothy Classen, Loyola University
2. Huan Ni, Kennesaw State University
3. Mojisola Tayo, Northern Illinois University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ................................................................. Mulford

**Session 4F: Effects of the Great Recession**
Chair: Dominic Smith, University of Minnesota

1. “The Great Recession and Retirement Saving”
   Ngina Chiteji, New York University
   Sheldon Danziger, Russell Sage Foundation
2. “Understanding Changes in Trade Flows”
   Dominic Smith, University of Minnesota
   Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University
   Donka Mirtcheva, College of New Jersey
   Daniel Kidane, Ohio Wesleyan University

Discussants:
1. Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University
2. Ruizhi Ma, University of Pennsylvania
3. Dominic Smith, University of Minnesota
4. Ngina Chiteji, New York University

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ................................................................. Cummings

**Session 4G: Undergraduate Session: Applied Micro I**
Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University
Chair: Shahina Amin, University of Northern Iowa

1. “How Did the Affordable Care Act of 2010 Affect the U.S. Labor Market After the Great Recession?”
   Cory Stern, Macalester College
2. “Reinvesting in Quality or Stuffing Stakeholder’s Pockets: How does increased Post-acute Care Patients impact Quality and Profitability in Skilled Nursing Facilities?”
   Derek Hoodin, Miami University

3. “The Effect of Surprise: comparing behavior following expected and unexpected outcomes”
   Edward Yonkers, Lake Forest College

4. “Bank Stress Testing”
   Jack Fischer, Iowa State University

Discussants:
1. John Bowblis, Miami University
2. Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
3. Scott Drewianka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
4. Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Rogers

Session 4H: Investment
Chair: William D. Ferguson, Grinnell College

1. “Why is Investment in Africa Low Despite Relatively High Profits?”
   Anthony Gyapong, Pennsylvania State University-Abington

   Hui Tong, International Monetary Fund
   Yangfan Sun, Georgetown University

Discussants:
1. Adan Silverio Murillo, University of Minnesota
2. Baker Siddiquee, University of Illinois Springfield

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Bonbright

Session 4I: Electricity and Greenhouse Gas Emissions – AERE
Organized by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

   Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology
   Matt Oliver, Georgia Institute of Technology

   Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University
   Isaac Duah, Washington State University

   Kangil Lee, Oklahoma State University
   Richard T. Melstrom, Oklahoma State University

4. “Local and Global Pollutants: A Broader Consideration of the Effects of Environmental Policies”
   Claire Brunel, American University
   Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology

Discussants:
1. Mar Reguant, Northwestern University
2. Kangil Lee, Oklahoma State University
3. Yuan Liao, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
4. Mohammad Kemal, Colorado School of Mines

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. James
Session 4J: International Trade: Causes and Effects
Chair: Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth
1. “Import Exposure and Productivity Gaps: are Privately Owned Enterprises pulling away?”
   Maria D. Tito, Federal Reserve Board
   Ruoying Wang, University of British Columbia
2. “Exposure to International Crises: Trade vs. Financial Contagion”
   Everett Grant, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
   Anusua Datta, Philadelphia University
Discussants:
1. Everett Grant, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
2. Anusua Datta, Philadelphia University
3. Maria D. Tito, Federal Reserve Board

Friday, April 1, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .................................................. Hinman

Session 4K: Health Determinants I
Chair: Mehrnoush Motamedi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
1. “Analyzing the Relation of the Food Environment and Childhood Obesity: A Case Study of Worcester, MA”
   Belkis Cerrato Caceres, Edgewood College
2. “Direct and Indirect Effects of Childhood Circumstances on Healthy Aging among Older U.S. Adults”
   Nasim B. Ferdows, Wayne State University
   Gail A. Jensen, Wayne State University
   Wassim Tarraf, Wayne State University
   Volha Belskaya, Ohio University
   Klara Sabirianova Peter, UNC Chapel Hill
   Christian Posso, Colombia Central Bank
   Eric McDermott, Cornell University
Discussants:
1. Nasim B. Ferdows, Wayne State University
2. Eric McDermott, Cornell University
3. Mehrnoush Motamedi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
4. Volha Belskaya, Ohio University

Friday, April 1, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. ........................................................................... Grand BC

C. Woody Thompson Lecture
“The Effects of Trade Competition on Reallocations, Productivity, and Welfare”
Speaker: Marc Melitz, Harvard University
Sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Friday, April 1, 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m. ........................................................................... Heritage

Thompson Lecture Reception
Food sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Cash bar
Saturday, April 2, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ................................................................. 2nd Floor Corridor
Conference Registration

Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ................................................................. 2nd Floor Corridor
Exhibitors

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. .......................................................Grand A

Session 5A: Technology, Wages, and Labor Mobility – SOLE
Organized by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. "Wage Rigidity in the United States: A Re-examination using Administrative Records"
   Marta Lachowska, W. E. Upjohn Institute
   Alexandre Mas, Princeton University
   Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University

2. "Job Changes and the Return to Tenure"
   Joseph Ritter, University of Minnesota

3. "Locked In? Effects of Noncompete Enforceability on Mobility and Wage of High Tech Workers"
   Jin Woo Chang, University of Michigan
   Natarajan Balasubramanian, Syracuse University
   Mariko Sakakibara, UCLA
   Jagadeesh Sivadasan, University of Michigan
   Evan Starr, University of Maryland

4. "Technological Change and Obsolete Skills: Evidence from Men's Professional Tennis"
   Ian Fillmore, W.E. Upjohn Institute
   Jonathan Hall, University of Toronto

Discussants:
1. Joshua C. Pinkston, University of Louisville
2. Stephen Woodbury, Michigan State University
3. Lewis Warren, University of Kentucky
4. Todd Jones, Cornell University

Session 5B: Time Series Analysis
Chair: Stuart Glossen, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

1. "IT Shocks and Capacity Utilization of the U.S Manufacturing Industry"
   Quazi Fidia Farah, Kansas State University
   Mohammad Iqbal Ahmed

2. "Growth and Debt: An Endogenous Smooth Coefficient Approach"
   Mustafa Koroglu, University of Guelph
   Thanasis Stengos, University of Guelph

3. "What Can We Make of Unsubstantiated Child Abuse Reports? A New Approach"
   Michael Malcolm, West Chester University

4. "Discretizing a Process with Non-zero Skewness and High Kurtosis"
   Simone Civale, University of Minnesota
   Luis Díez-Catalán, University of Minnesota
   Fatih Fazilet, University of Minnesota

Discussants:
1. Mahua Barari Mitra, Missouri State University
2. Luis Díez-Catalán, University of Minnesota
3. Stuart Glosser, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
4. Mustafa Koroglu, University of Guelph

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. .................................................................Grand C

Session 5C: Education I
Chair: Jennifer Hafer, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

   Julia Frankland, Malone University
   Michelle Hollinger, Malone University

2. “School Choice: The Demand for Public and Private Schooling”
   Stella Hofrenning, Augsburg College

   Kevin Murphy, Oakland University
   Oded Izraeli, Oakland University

Discussants:
1. Brenda Samaniego de la Parra, University of Chicago
2. Kevin Murphy, Oakland University
3. Stella Hofrenning, Augsburg College

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..................................................................................North Shore

Session 5D: Wages
Chair: Martha Bailey, University of Michigan

1. “Are Income Differences Driven By Talent Or Tastes? Implications For Redistributive Taxation”
   Ian Fillmore, W E. Upjohn Institute
   Trevor Gallen, Purdue University

   David Schaffer, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
   Joseph Westenberg, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

3. “Skill Premium Divergence: The Roles of Trade, Capital and Demographics”
   Sang-Wook Cho, University of New South Wales
   Julian Diaz, Loyola University Chicago

Discussants:
1. Sang-Wook Cho, University of New South Wales
2. Trevor Gallen, Purdue University
3. David Schaffer, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..................................................................................Lake Michigan

Session 5E: Effects of Health Insurance
Chair: Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris

1. “Effects of Insurance Status on Emergency Room Care and Outcomes”
   Rachel Childers, University of Kansas

   Sarajane Parsons, Michigan State University

3. “Why Do HMOs spend less? Patient selection, cost-control incentives, and prices”
Daniel Sacks, Indiana University

4. “Hospital-Insurer Bargaining and Negotiated Rates”
   Amanda Cook, Purdue University
   James Bland, Purdue University

Discussants:
1. SaraJane Parsons, Michigan State University
2. Daniel Sacks, Indiana University
3. Amanda Cook, Purdue University
4. Rachel Childers, University of Kansas

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. .................................................................Mulford

Session 5F: Organizations
Chair: Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas

1. “Pay Day before Mayday”
   Yu Peng Lin, University of Detroit Mercy

2. “The Local Economic Impact of Nonprofit Organizations in Central Illinois”
   Diego Mendez-Carbajo, Illinois Wesleyan University

3. “Philanthropy or Filling One’s Pocket? Which Nonprofit Model Best Fits the Data and Why it Matters for Public Policy and Mixed Industries”
   B. Travis Howe, Northwestern University

4. “Priests, Deacons and the labor supply origin of the Sex Abuse Scandal”
   Eric Munshower, University of Dubuque

Discussants:
1. Gabriel Courey, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Md Rafayet Alam, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
3. Garrett Senney, Ohio State University
4. B. Travis Howe, Northwestern University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ........................................................................Cummings

Session 5G: Undergraduate Session: Public Economics
Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University
Chair: Robert Lemke, Lake Forest College

1. “The Impact of Sudden Changes in Title I Funding on Ohio School Districts”
   Cameron Conrad, Ohio State University

2. “Do Differences in Marginal Tax Rates at State Borders Affect Residential and Job Location?”
   Anthony Sax, Iowa State University

3. “Parametric Vs. Nonparametric Estimation of Hospital Efficiency”
   Kelli Marquardt, University of Dayton

Discussants:
1. Mark Witte, Northwestern University
2. Debra Israel, Indiana State University
3. Robert Lemke, Lake Forest College

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ........................................................................Rogers

Session 5H: Conflict
Chair: Adan Silverio Murillo, University of Minnesota

1. “The Economic Cost of Sri Lankan Civil War: A Comparative Synthetic Case Control Study”
   Vidhura Tennekoon, Indiana University-Purdue University

2. “No Woman No Crime: The Effect of Ban the Box Measures on Labor Market Outcomes”
Stan Veuger, American Enterprise Institute  
Daniel Shoag, Harvard Kennedy School  

3. “Natural Resources and Inter-state Conflict: Effects of Sanctions”  
Md. Hasan, Southern Illinois University  
Sajal Lahiri, Southern Illinois University  

Discussants:  
1. Md. Hasan, Southern Illinois University  
2. Michael LeFors, Truman State University  
3. Vidhura Tennekoon, Indiana University-Purdue University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ................................................. Bonbright  

Session 5I: Transportation  
Chair: Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology  

1. “Demand Shocks and Price Response: Evidence from the Chinese Air Travel Market”  
Jihui Chen, Illinois State University  
Feng Wei, Sichuan Agricultural University  
Lan Zhang, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics  

2. “Modelling the Impact of Airline Product Quality on Airlines’ and Passengers’ Choice Behavior”  
Jules Yimga, Kansas State University  
Philip Gayle, Kansas State University  

3. “MPG and the City: Do Residents Select Fuel Economy Depending on Location?”  
Aneil Baron, Ohio State University  
Mathew Roberts, Ohio State University  

4. “Economics of Active Transportation Perceptions: A Case Study”  
Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Lucas Dorsey, Rochester Institute of Technology  

Discussants:  
1. Jules Yimga, Kansas State University  
2. Jihui Chen, Illinois State University  
3. Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology  
4. Aneil Baron, Ohio State University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ................................................................. James  

Session 5J: Exchange Rates II  
Chair: Norman Miller, Miami University  

1. “Examining the Long Run Monetary Exchange Rate Model: a Panel Cointegration Analysis”  
Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University  
Swarna D. Dutt, University of West Georgia  

Wan Wei, Western Michigan University  

3. “Currency Unions and Economic Growth”  
Petros Ioannatos, Kettering University  

Gil Kim, California State University-Fresno  
Wei Sun, Grand Valley State University  

Discussants:  
1. Wan Wei, Western Michigan University
2. Petros Ioannatos, Kettering University
3. Gil Kim, California State University-Fresno
4. Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

**Session 5K: Economic Growth**
Chair: John Baffoe-Bonnie, Pennsylvania State University
1. “Growth Convergence and Implied Initial Output Gaps in Transition Economies”
   Micah DelVecchio, Saginaw Valley State University
2. “Colonialism and Modern Income Levels”
   Sreenath Majumder, Manchester University
   Caleb Leininger, Manchester University
3. “The Long-Run Effects of Oil Wealth on Democracy and Fiscal Capacity”
   Traviss Cassidy, University of Michigan
4. “A Re-examination of the Empirical Relationship between Economic Growth and Air Pollution”
   Kyriacos Aristotelous, Otterbein University

Discussants:
1. Sreenath Majumder, Manchester University
2. Ayman Reda, Grand Valley State University
3. Micah DelVecchio, Saginaw Valley State University
4. Traviss Cassidy, University of Michigan

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

**Session 5M: Development: Microfinance**
Chair: Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University
1. “Decomposition Analysis of Entrepreneurial Earnings of Male and Female Microfinance Borrowers in Nicaragua”
   Soren Hauge, Ripon College
   Dwight Haase, University of Toledo
2. “Financial Development and Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries: New Evidence from Banks and Microfinance Institutions”
   Ficawoyi Donou-Adonsou, University of Colorado-Denver
   Kevin Sylwester, Southern Illinois University
3. “When More is Less: Microfinance Institutions and Suboptimal Equilibrium in Less Developed Countries”
   Muhammad Imran Chaudhry, Ohio State University
   Mario J. Miranda, Ohio State University

Discussants:
1. Muhammad Imran Chaudhry, Ohio State University
2. Soren Hauge, Ripon College
3. Ficawoyi Donou-Adonsou, University of Colorado-Denver

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

**Session 5N: Financial Crisis**
Chair: Nasr Elbahnasawy, Kent State University
   Minh Dao, Eastern Illinois University
   Maude Toussaint-Comeau, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Robin Newberger, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

   Mohamed Eissa, Qatar University
   Huda Al Suwaidi, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange

4. "Analysis of Islamic Banking in the UAE during the Financial Crisis"
   Issam Tlemsani, Qatar University

Discussants:
1. Mohamed Eissa, Qatar University
2. Issam Tlemsani, Qatar University
3. Maude Toussaint-Coméau, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
4. Minh Dao, Eastern Illinois University

Coffee Break

Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. ......................................................... Grand Ballroom Foyer

Session 6A: Matching and Skill Requirements – SOLE
Organized by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. "Why Don’t Firms Hire Young Workers During Recessions?"
   Eliza Forsythe, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2. "Peer Effects and Occupational Choice: Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Peer Groups at West Point"
   Todd Jones, Cornell University
   Michael S. Kofoed, United States Military Academy

3. "Consolidation, and Skill Requirements"
   Marcus Dillender, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
   Eliza C. Forsythe, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

4. "Choosing a Control Group for Displaced Workers"
   Pawel Krolikowski, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Discussants:
1. Jin Woo Chang, University of Michigan
2. Nicholas A. Jolly, Marquette University
3. Marta Lachowska, W. E. Upjohn Institute
4. Joe Ritter, University of Minnesota

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ......................................................... Grand B

Session 6B: Time Series Analysis: Financial
Chair: Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

1. "Financial Development and Economic Growth Nexus: time series evidence from SADC"
   Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota-Duluth
   Gibson Nene, University of Minnesota Duluth

2. "Is it Risky to Go Green? A Volatility Analysis of the Green Bond Market"
   Linh Pham, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

3. "A Comparative Study of GARCH and EVT model in modeling Value-at-Risk (VaR)"
   Longqing Li, Suffolk University

   Jacob Rich, Eastern Michigan University

Discussants:
1. Linh Pham, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Wei Geng, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics
3. Jacob Rich, Eastern Michigan University
4. Longqing Li, Suffolk University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. .......................................................... Grand C

**Session 6C: Teachers and Education**
Chair: James Self, Indiana University-Bloomington

1. **“Are Your Students Absent, Not Absent, Or Present”**
   Albert Sumell, Youngstown State University
   Eric Chiang, Florida Atlantic University

2. **“The Impact of the Influx of New Foreign Undergraduates on American Universities”**
   Ying Shen, University of Notre Dame

3. **“Who Wants an iPad? An Exercise in Rationing”**
   David Carr, University of South Dakota
   Michael Allgrunn, University of South Dakota
   Kathryn Birkeland, University of South Dakota

Discussants:
1. Ying Shen, University of Notre Dame
2. David Carr, University of South Dakota
3. James Self, Indiana University-Bloomington

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. .......................................................... North Shore

**Session 6D: Gender Differences**
Chair: Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

1. **“Gender Differences in Evaluation of Job Satisfaction: Evidence from U.S. Institutions”**
   Zarrina Juraquolova, Denison University

2. **“Brothers are Better: The Effect of Sibling Sex Composition on Women’s Schooling, Earnings, Health, and Labor Supply”**
   Moiz Bhai, University of Illinois at Chicago

Discussants:
1. Moiz Bhai, University of Illinois at Chicago
2. Zarrina Juraquolova, Denison University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. .......................................................... Lake Michigan

**Session 6E: Health Economics Medley I**
Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Chair: Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

1. **“The Long-Term Health Impacts of Medicaid and CHIP”**
   Owen Thompson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2. **“Medicaid and Birth Outcomes over the Business Cycle”**
   Yusun Kim, Syracuse University
   Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University
   Yilin Hou, Syracuse University
   Doug Wolf, Syracuse University

3. **“The Effects of Tobacco Control Policies on Electronic Cigarette Purchases: Evidence from Household and Retail Scanner Data”**
   Erik Nesson, Ball State University
   Chad Cotti, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
   Nathan Tefft, Bates College

Discussants:
1. John Bowblis, Miami University
2. Lauren Hersch Nicholas, Johns Hopkins University
3. Noah Hammarlund, Indiana University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Mulford

**Session 6F: Experimental Economics**
Chair: Xiaoyan Youderian, Xavier University

1. "Provision of Public Goods using a Combination of Lottery and Provision Point"
   Bijetri Bose, Oberlin College
   Sergey Rabotyagov, University of Washington

2. "Volunteering for the Public Good: Do Mandates Matter?"
   Brian Scott, Washington College
   Sara Helms, Samford University

3. "The Roommate’s Dilemma: An Experimental Analysis of Choice Bracketing in Games"
   James Bland, Purdue University

Discussants:
1. Brian Scott, Washington College
2. Bijetri Bose, Oberlin College
3. Katherine Snipes, Denison University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Cummings

**Session 6G: Undergraduate Session: Applied Micro II**
Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University
Chair: Sandra Trejos, Clarion University

1. "Measuring Patterns of Heterogeneity in Political Violence"
   Michael Galperin, University of Chicago

   Michelle Jiang, University of Chicago

   Benjamin Goldman, Macalester College

Discussants:
1. William D. Ferguson, Grinnell College
2. John Deal, Manchester University
3. Sandra Trejos, Clarion University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Rogers

**Session 6H: Economic Development**
Chair: Erwin Erhardt, University of Cincinnati

1. "Which Type of Trust Matters?: Interpersonal vs. Institutional vs. Political Trust"
   In Do Hwang, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2. "The Role of Personal Ethics on Development"
   Juan-Pedro Garces-Voisenat, Siena College

3. "Scarcity and Abundance in Islamic Economic Thought"
   Ayman Reda, Grand Valley State University

4. "The Decision to Innovate: Aggregate Implications of Size-Based Distortions"
   Tyler Schipper, University of St. Thomas

Discussants:
1. Tyler Schipper, University of St. Thomas
2. In Do Hwang, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
3. Erwin Erhardt, University of Cincinnati
4. Juan-Pedro Garces-Voisenat, Siena College

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Bonbright
**Session 6I: Taxation**
Chair: Zhiqi Zhao, Clemson University
1. "A Quantitative Theory of Tax Evasion and Informality"
   José Joaquin López, University of Memphis
2. "Japanese Multinationals Activates and Corporate Tax issue"
   Shaif Jarallah, Qatar University
3. "Progressive Taxation and Risky Occupational Choices"
   Zhiqi Zhao, Clemson University
Discussants:
   1. Shaif Jarallah, Qatar University
   2. Pete Soule, Park University
   3. José Joaquin López, University of Memphis

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. James
**Session 6J: Inflation**
Chair: Wan Wei, Western Michigan University
1. "Household Dynamis and Sluggish Inflation: Wealth Money Demand and the Velocity Mechanism"
   Kersten Stamm, Georgetown University
2. "Inflation Uncertainty and Exchange Rate volatility Spillover in the Greek Economy"
   Marzi Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazelton
3. "Dynamics of Wage and Price Inflation"
   David Crary, Eastern Michigan University
Discussants:
   1. Marzi Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazelton
   2. David Crary, Eastern Michigan University
   3. Kersten Stamm, Georgetown University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Hinman
**Session 6K: Health Determinants II**
Chair: Herman Sahni, Northern Illinois University
   Ahmed Salim Nuhu, Eastern Illinois University
2. "Parental Schooling and Child Health: A Bivariate Probit Model Approach"
   Udbodha Rijal, Wayne State University
3. "The Effect of Social Environment on Health Perceptions"
   Lindsey Novak, University of Minnesota
4. "Urban-Rural Health Analysis: Evidence from U.S. County Data"
   M. Sediq Sameem, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
   Kevin Sylwester, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Discussants:
   1. Udbodha Rijal, Wayne State University
   2. Lindsey Novak, University of Minnesota
   3. M. Sediq Sameem, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
   4. Ahmed Salim Nuhu, Eastern Illinois University
Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Holgate Session 6L: Stock Markets
Chair: Guodong Chen, University of Michigan

1. “Credit-Fueled Bubbles”
   Antonio Doblas-Madrid, Michigan State University
   Kevin Lansing, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

2. “Upside and Downside Volatility: How do they directionally transmit across global equity markets?”
   Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University
   Veysel Ulusoy, Yeditepe University

   Mohammed Elgammal, Qatar University
   Mohamed Abdelaziz Eissa
   Diana Jalloul

4. “Out-of-Sample Stock Return Prediction: what have we missed?”
   Fanning Meng, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
   Luiz Renato Lima, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Discussants:
1. Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University
2. Mohammed Elgammal, Qatar University
3. Antonio Doblas-Madrid, Michigan State University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Evans Session 6M: Applied Econometrics
Chair: Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati

   Houston Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago

2. “Production and Costs in the U.S. Apparel Industry”
   Genevieve Alorbi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

3. “Gasoline Demand in the United States: An Asymmetric Spatial Approach”
   Najmeh Kamyabi, Texas Tech University

   Bishwa S. Koirala, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
   Alok K Bohara, University of New Mexico

Discussants:
1. Tom Hamami, Northwestern University
2. Najmeh Kamyabi, Texas Tech University
3. Bishwa S. Koirala, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
4. Genevieve Alorbi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Heritage Session 6N: Unemployment
Chair: Kristen Roche, Mount Mary University

1. “Underemployment in the U.S. Aggregate Labor Market—Trend Persistence and Sectoral Patterns”
   Lonnie Golden, Penn State University-Abington
Stuart Gloss, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
2. “Unemployment Among The Veterans of Global War On Terrorism”
   Davut Ayan, University of Kansas
   Daniel Hubbard, University of Michigan

Discussants:
1. Davut Ayan, University of Kansas
2. Stan Veuger, American Enterprise Institute
3. Lonnie Golden, Penn State University-Abington

Saturday, April 2, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. ............................................................... Marcy Boardroom

**MEA Executive Board Meeting and Luncheon**

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. .............................................................. Grand A

**Session 7A: Employment**
Chair: Mark Borschulte, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   Yeon-jeong Son, University of Illinois at Chicago

2. “Cautious Hiring”
   Enoch Hill, Wheaton College
   Kai Ding, University of Minnesota

3. “Do Taller Mice Bell the Cat? The Effect of Height on Wage and Early Career”
   Teng-Jen Chang, Ohio State University

Discussants:
1. Enoch Hill, Wheaton College
2. Teng-Jen Chang, Ohio State University
3. Yeon-jeong Son, University of Illinois at Chicago

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. .............................................................. Grand B

**Session 7B: Banks**
Chair: Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University
1. “On the Scale and Scope of Oil Prices: Islamic vs. Conventional Banking”
   Nihan Dalgb, Yeditepe University
   Veyes Ulusoy, Yeditepe University

2. “Bank Asset Reallocation and Sovereign Debt”
   Francesco Marchionnae, Indiana University
   Michele Fratianni, Indiana University

3. “Risk Management in Islamic Banks: Evidence from Qatar”
   Adel Elgharbawy, Qatar University

   Mohammed Amidu, University of Ghana
   Aisha Mohammed Sissy, Ashesi University College

Discussants:
1. Francesco Marchionnae, Indiana University
2. Nihan Dalgb, Yeditepe University
3. Mohammed Amidu, University of Ghana
4. Adel Elgharbawy, Qatar University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Grand C

**Session 7C: Panel Discussion: Teaching with Group Projects**
Organized by James Hornsten, Northwestern University
Moderator: James Hornsten, Northwestern University
1. Eva Dziadula, University of Notre Dame  
   *Projects in Health, Micro*
2. Sara Hernandez, Northwestern University  
   *Projects in Gender, Labor*
3. Jose Vazquez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
   *Projects in Micro, MOOCs*
4. James A. Hornsten, Northwestern University  
   *Projects in Industrial, Monopoly/Antitrust*

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. North Shore

**Session 7D: Inequality**
Chair: Masha Brussevich, Purdue University
1. *Technological Change and Wage Inequality*
   Diane Monaco, Heidelberg University
2. *Correcting Overestimation in Functional Forms of the Lorenz Curve*
   Jason Gurtovoy, Embry University
3. *Real Exchange Rate and Income Inequality*
   Guangjun Qu, Birmingham-Southern College  
   Kevin Sylwester, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Discussants:
1. Guangjun Qu, Birmingham-Southern College  
2. Diane Monaco, Heidelberg University  
3. Jason Gurtovoy, Embry University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Lake Michigan

**Session 7E: Health Economics Medley II**
Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Chair: Erik Nesson, Ball State University
1. *Do Size and Composition of Inspection Teams Affect Regulatory Violations? A Case Study of the Nursing Home Industry*
   John Bowblis, Miami University  
   Alexander W. McCorkle
2. *Electronic Medical Records and Procedure Choice: Evidence from Cesarean Sections*
   Noah Hammarlund, Indiana University  
   Seth Freedman, Indiana University
3. *Diffusion of Minimally Invasive Procedures across Hospitals and Traits of Fast Adopting Hospitals*
   Ashley Hodgson, St. Olaf College
Discussants:
1. Marcus Dillender, Upjohn Institute  
2. Padmaja Ayyagari, University of Iowa  
3. Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Mulford
Session 7F: Crime and Criminal Justice
Chair: Rachel Childers, University of Kansas

1. "Child Spacing and Risky Behavior"
   Mehrnoush Motamedi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2. "Path Dependence: The Impact of Early Exposure to Prison Violence on Prisoner Behavior"
   Logan Lee, Grinnell College
   Glen Waddell, University of Oregon
   Ben Hansen, University of Oregon

3. "Determinants of Juvenile Recidivism in the United States"
   Zi Yang, Suffolk University

4. "Conscription and Military Service: Do They Result in Violent and Non-Violent Incarcerations and Recidivism?"
   Xintong Wang, SUNY-Binghamton
   Alfonso Flores-Lagunes, Syracuse University

Discussants:
1. Michael Malcolm, West Chester University
2. Zi Yang, Suffolk University
3. Xintong Wang, SUNY-Binghamton
4. Logan Lee, Grinnell College

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7G: Undergraduate Session: International Economics
Organized by Vasilios D. Kosteas, Cleveland State University
Chair: Grace Tsiang, University of Chicago

1. "Modern Trade Liberalizations: British Corn Laws in Perspective"
   Ahwaz Akhtar, Georgetown University

2. "Pricing Behaviors and Deviations from Law of One Price of Multinational Retailers"
   Yuzhu Xiang, Macalester College

3. "Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect: Regulatory Impact on Dual-Listed Share Premiums"
   Querida Qiu, University of Chicago

   Zhou Yang, Augsburg College

Discussants:
1. Houston Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago
2. Stan Veuger, American Enterprise Institute
3. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
4. Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 7H: Consumption
Chair: Sarah Taylor, Alma College

1. "Trust and Macroeconomic Performance: A Two-Step Approach"
   Sokchea Lim, John Carroll University
   AKM Mahbub Morshed, Southern Illinois University
   Channary Khun, Southern Illinois University

2. "House Prices and Consumption in the United States"
   Philip Vinson, Indiana University
   M. Iqbal Ahmed, Kansas State University
   Steven P. Cassou, Kansas State University
Discussants:
1. Quazi Fidia Farah, Kansas State University
2. Sokchea Lim, John Carroll University
3. Philip Vinson, Indiana University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Session 7I: Government Intervention - AERE
Organized by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Mark Witte, Northwestern University
1. “Political Pressure and Power Plant Pollution Abatement”
   Matthew Doyle, Colorado School of Mines
   Ian Lange, Colorado School of Mines
   Zachary Raff, University of Kansas
   Dietrich Earnhart, University of Kansas
   Yuan Liao, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   Mohammad Kemal, Colorado School of Mines
Discussants:
1. Mark Witte, Northwestern University
2. Richard T. Melstrom, Oklahoma State University
3. Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology
4. Claire Brunel, American University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Session 7J: International Trade and Policy
Chair: Kyu Yub Lee, Michigan State University
   Jianpeng Deng, Pennsylvania State University
   Rubin Luniku, Wayne State University
3. “Food Safety Standards and Quality Upgrading”
   Jihyun Eum, Ohio State University
   Stanley Thompson, Ohio State University
Discussants:
1. Rubin Luniku, Wayne State University
2. Jihyun Eum, Ohio State University
3. Jianpeng Deng, Pennsylvania State University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Session 7K: Healthcare II
Chair: Tony Han, Ohio State University

1. "Gender and Racial Wage Differentials for Hospital Workers in the Nonprofit and For-profit Sectors"
   Gabriel Courey, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2. "Formal and Informal Payments in the Health Care Sector in Russia"
   Alexandra Polovinka, Western Michigan University

3. "Impact of Female Autonomy on Antenatal Care and Institutional Delivery: Evidence from Nepal"
   Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
   Samyukta Ghimire, Eastern Illinois University
   Mukti Upadhyay, Eastern Illinois University

4. "The Impact of Unwanted Pregnancies on Birth Outcomes: The Role of Selection Due to Induced Abortions and Miscarriages"
   Zhuang Hao, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
   Vidhura Tennekoon, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Discussants:
1. Besufekad Alemu, University of Minnesota
2. Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
3. Zhuang Hao, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
4. Alexandra Polovinka, Western Michigan University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Holgate

Session 7L: Empirical Macroeconomics
Organized by N. Kundan Kishor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Chair: N. Kundan Kishor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1. "Bubble-like Behavior in Housing Markets"
   Yamin Ahmad, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
   Eylem Ersal-Kiziler, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

2. "Forward-looking Taylor Rules, Real-time Forecasts, and the Price Puzzle"
   Gabriela Best, California State University-Fullerton
   Pavel Kapinos, Carleton College

3. "Asymmetric Business Cycles and Slow Recoveries in Labor Markets"
   Irina Panovska, Lehigh University

Discussants:
1. Irina Panovska, Lehigh University
2. N. Kundan Kishor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3. Yamin Ahmad, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Evans

Session 7M: Financial Markets II
Chair: Zhiyong Liu, Indiana State University

1. "Determinants of the Bitcoin Price Movement"
   Hio Loi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

2. "Users’ and Preparers’ Perceptions of Corporate Reporting and Disclosures: Evidence from Kuwait"
   Issa Dawd, Qatar University
   Burce Burton
   Theresa Dunne
3. “The Geography of Bidding Behavior in Peer-to-Peer Lending Markets”
   Garrett Senney, Ohio State University
   Guodong Chen, University of Michigan
   Sugato Bhattacharyya, University of Michigan

Discussants:
1. Issa Dawd, Qatar University
2. Guodong Chen, University of Michigan
3. Dean Showalter, Texas State University
4. Hio Loi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ......................................................... Heritage
Session 7N: Macroeconomics and the Great Recession
Chair: Antonio Doblas-Madrid, Michigan State University
1. “A Contribution to the Secular Stagnation Analysis after the Great Recession: From Alvin Hansen’s historical approach and Harrod’s model along 1938-1952”
   Adrian de Leon Arias, Universidad De Guadalajara
2. “Monetary Policy, Fiscal Policy, and the Great Recession”
   Thomas Stockwell, Eastern Michigan University
   Abdullah Dewan, Eastern Michigan University
   Julieta Yung, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
   Christoffer Koch, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
   Semih Cekin, Governors State University
   Menelik Geremew, Kalamazoo College

Discussants:
1. Thomas Stockwell, Eastern Michigan University
2. Adrian de Leon Arias, Universidad De Guadalajara
3. Semih Cekin, Governors State University
4. Julieta Yung, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Saturday, April 2, 2, 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. ............................................................... Grand Ballroom Foyer
Coffee Break

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ............................................................... Grand C
Session 8C: Education II
Chair: Nirupama Devaraj, Valparaiso University
1. “The Previous Generation: Free Primary Education in sub-Saharan Africa from 1960 to 1997”
   Luke Chicoine, DePaul University
   Sandra Trejos, Clarion University - Pennsylvania
   Sakib Mahmud, University of Wisconsin-Superior
   Tanzeem I. Ali, University of Wisconsin-Superior
4. “Bullying, Peer Effects and Student Achievement”
Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

Discussants:
1. Anthony Gyapong, Pennsylvania State University-Abington
2. Sakib Mahmud, University of Wisconsin-Superior
3. Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University
4. Luke Chicoine, DePaul University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .......................................................... North Shore

Session 8D: Families II
Chair: Zarrina Juraqulova, Denison University

1. “The Relationship between Housing and Fertility: Evidence from Russia”
   Eric Nielsen, Federal Reserve Board

2. “Mother’s Time Allocation in Fragile Families and the Effects of Children’s Cognitive Development”
   Raúl Sánchez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

3. “Sibling Sex Composition and Noncognitive Skill Formation”
   Iryna Hayduk, Kent State University at Trumbull

4. “The Effects of Job Displacement on Family Expenditures”
   Kyong Hyun Koo, Michigan State University

Discussants:
1. Iryna Hayduk, Kent State University at Trumbull
2. Eric Nielsen, Federal Reserve Board
3. Kyong Hyun Koo, Michigan State University
4. Raúl Sánchez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .................................................................................................... Lake Michigan

Session 8E: Impact of Government Policies on Elderly Adults
Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Chair: John Bowblis, Miami University

1. “The Role of Medical Expenditure Risk in Portfolio Allocation Decisions”
   Padmaja Ayyagari, University of Iowa
   Daifeng He, College of William and Mary

2. “The Impact of Income on the Use of Medical Care: Evidence from the Social Security Notch Cohort”
   Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

   Lauren Nicholas, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
   Catherine Maclean, Temple University

Discussants:
1. Erik Nesson, Ball State University
2. Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University
3. Owen Thompson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .................................................................................................... Mulford

Session 8F: Networks
Chair: Daniel Hubbard, University of Michigan

1. “Revisiting the Trade-Comovement Puzzle: the Role of Asymmetric Input-Output Networks”
   Vegard Nygaard, University of Minnesota

2. “Social Networks during Immigrant Settlement and Intergenerational Mobility”
Besufekad Alemu, University of Minnesota

   Tom Hamami, Northwestern University

   Sucharita Ghosh, University of Akron
   Donald Lien, University of Texas, San Antonio
   Steven Yamarik, California State University, Long Beach

Discussants:
1. Sucharita Ghosh, University of Akron
2. Daniel Hubbard, University of Michigan
3. Vegard Nygaard, University of Minnesota
4. Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota-Duluth

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Cummings

Session 8G: Markets
Chair: Genevieve Alorbi, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

1. “Stability and Efficiency in Dynamic Spectrum Sharing Games: A Simulation Approach”
   Dmitri Pianov, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
   Alison Watts, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2. “Effects of Spectrum Holdings on Equilibrium in the Wireless Industry”
   Jonathan Lhost, Lawrence University
   Brijesh Pinto, Keystone Strategy, LLC
   David Sibley, University of Texas at Austin

   Md Rafayet Alam, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
   AKM Mahbub Morshed, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Discussants:
1. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
2. Mark Montgomery, Grinnell College
3. Jonathan Lhost, Lawrence University

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Rogers

Session 8H: Housing Markets
Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

   Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University

2. “Environmental Risk and Housing Price: Evidence from China”
   Xianchun Liao, University of Jinan
   Wei Zhang, University of Jinan
   Wei Geng, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics

3. “Valuing Thy Neighbor’s House: State Marginal Tax Rates and Housing Prices at State Borders”
   Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
   Georgeanne Artz, Iowa State University
   Hieu Nguyen, Iowa State University

4. “Monetary Policy and the U.S. Housing Bubble: A VAR Study with Structural Breaks”
   Mahua Barari Mitra, Missouri State University
   Srikanta Kundu, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India
Discussants:
1. Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
2. Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University
3. Eman Selim, Tanta University
4. Stuart Glosser, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Bonbright

Session 8I: Land and Water - AERE
Organized by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

1. “Good for the Air, Bad for the Water: The Effect of Ethanol Production on Surface-Water Quality”
   Barrett Kirwan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

   Dong Shin, University of Missouri-Columbia
   Laura McCann, University of Missouri-Columbia

3. “Benefits of Using Yield Monitors to Assess Crop Moisture”
   Lyubov Kurkalova, North Carolina A&T State University
   Lemuria Carter, Virginia Commonwealth University

4. “The Employment Impacts of Listing the Lesser Prairie Chicken as an Endangered Species in Areas of Critical Habitat”
   Richard T. Melstrom, Oklahoma State University
   Kangil Lee, Oklahoma State University

Discussants:
1. Tracy A. Boyer, Oklahoma State University
2. Andrew Meyer, Marquette University
3. Zach Raff, University of Kansas
4. Sahan T.M. Dissanayake, Colby College

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. James

Session 8J: International Finance I
Chair: Marzi Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazelton

1. “Do Natural Resource Revenues Lower Government Reliance on Seigniorage?”
   Nasr Elbahnasawy, Kent State University
   Michael A. Ellis, Kent State University

2. “Neo Determinants of a Reserve Currency”
   Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

3. “Institutional Quality and Foreign Reserves”
   David Moreno, University of Maryland

4. “Clamoring for Greenbacks: Explaining the Resurgence of the US Dollar in International Debt”
   Cesar Rodriguez, Portland State University
   Hiro Ito, Portland State University

Discussants:
1. Cesar Rodriguez, Portland State University
2. David Moreno, University of Maryland
3. Jason Reed, University of Notre Dame
4. Nasr Elbahnasawy, Kent State University
Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.................................................................Hinman

**Session 8K: Health in Developing Countries**  
Chairs: Vinícius Vidigal, University of Minnesota  
1. “**Health Policies and the Effectiveness of Health Aid: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis**”  
   Hyeon Joon Shin, Anderson University  
   Sajal Lahiri, Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
2. “**Understanding the Linkage of Indonesia’s Conditional Cash Transfer Program and Child Health in Indonesia**”  
   Milda Irhamni, University of Minnesota  
3. “**Maternal Stress and Birth Outcomes: Evidence from the 1994 Northridge Earthquake**”  
   Bongkyun Kim, University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
   Celeste Carruthers  
   Matthew C. Harris  

Discussants:  
1. Bongkyun Kim, University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
2. Hyeon Joon Shin, Anderson University  
3. Milda Irhamni, University of Minnesota

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.................................................................Evans

**Session 8M: Imperfect Competition**  
Chairs: Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
1. “**Demand Spillovers of Food Recalls in Differentiated Product Markets**”  
   Jeta Rudi, University of Minnesota  
   Metin Çakır, University of Minnesota  
2. “**The Effect of Mergers and Acquisitions on Market Power and Efficiency**”  
   Justin Pierce, Federal Reserve Board  
   Bruce A. Blonigen, University of Oregon and NBER  
3. “**The Effects of Short-Term Interest Rate Changes on Price-Cost Margins**”  
   Mahsa Gholizadeh, Bureau of Economics Analysis  

Discussants:  
1. Zouhair Mrabet, Qatar University  
2. Mahsa Gholizadeh, Bureau of Economics Analysis  
3. Jong Hun Kim, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.................................................................Heritage

**Session 8N: From the Micro to the Macro: Economic Works Using Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Data**  
Organized by Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Chair: Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
1. “**Do Consumers’ Expenditures Follow Their Sentiment? Evidence from the Consumer Expenditure Survey and the Consumer Sentiment Index**”  
   Acenis Rojas, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
2. “**Hitting Us Where We Live: Examining Relationships Between Housing Debt and Consumer Expenditures**”  
   Taylor Wilson, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
3. “**After Graduation: How Student Loan Debt Relates to Income, Expenditures, Asset Accumulation, and Other Debt**”  
   Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics
   Cassandra Wirth, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Saturday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. .......................................................... Heritage

Presidential Address
"The Topography of the New Landscape of International Trade Negotiations"
   Speaker: Alan Deardorff, University of Michigan
   He will be reporting on and discussing the highs and lows of the proliferation of free trade agreements and the recent initiatives for "mega-FTAs" such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Saturday, April 2, 6:35 p.m.-6:45 p.m. .......................................................... Heritage

MEA Business Meeting – all welcome

Saturday, April 2, 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m. .......................................................... Heritage Foyer

President’s Reception
   Cash bar

Saturday, April 2, 7:45 p.m.-9:30 p.m. .......................................................... Lake Michigan

Past Presidents’ and Secretary-Treasurers’ Dinner
   Invitation only

Sunday, April 3, 7:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. .......................................................... 2nd Floor Corridor

Conference Registration

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ...................................................... Grand B

Session 9B: Forecasting
   Chair: Semih Cekin, Governors State University
1. “The Content of Discount Rate Recommendations”
   David Miller, Federal Reserve Board
2. “Do Financial Indicators have Directional Predictability for U.S. Home Sales”
   Ilker Kaya, American University of Sharjah
   Hamid Baghestani, American University of Sharjah
3. “Forecasting Interest Rates with Error Adjustment”
   Jarrod Hunt, DePauw University
4. “Forecasting Entry and Exit in the Banking Industry”
   Brendan Newell, DePaul University
   Burhan Biner, DePaul University

Discussants:
1. Jarrod Hunt, DePauw University
2. David Miller, Federal Reserve Board
3. Burhan Biner, DePaul University
4. Ilker Kaya, American University of Sharjah

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ...................................................... Grand C

Session 9C: Education III
   Chair: Guanlin Gao, Indiana University South Bend
1. “The Causal Impact of Graduation Rate Accountability Under No Child Left Behind”
   Thomas Goldring, Carnegie Mellon University
   Kendall Kennedy, Purdue University

3. “No Longer Left-behind: Impact of Returned Parents on Children’s Performance”
   Li Yu, Central University of Finance and Economics
   Zhiqiang Liu, SUNY Buffalo
   Xiang Zheng, Iowa State University

Discussants:
1. Kendall Kennedy, Purdue University
2. Li Yu, Central University of Finance and Economics
3. Thomas Goldring, Carnegie Mellon University

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. North Shore

Session 9D: How to Obtain and Use Tabular and Microdata from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE)

The CE is the most detailed source of income, demographics, assets, liabilities, and expenditures collected by the Federal government directly from consumers. This segment of the workshop features "hands-on" training in use of CE microdata, which are available for free download from the CE website (www.bls.gov/cex).

Bureau of Labor Statistics Workshop
Organized by Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1. Locating Data: A Tour of the CE Website
   Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2. Understanding the Data: Means, Standard Errors, and Other “Vital” Statistics from Standard, Detailed, and Experimental Tables
   Taylor Wilson, Bureau of Labor Statistics

3. Analyzing the Data: How to Use LABSTAT, an Online Tool for Time-Series and Graphical Analyses
   Arcenis Rojas, Bureau of Labor Statistics

4. Unlimited Time Offer: Downloading the 1996-2014 PUMD Files at No (Monetary) Cost
   Taylor Wilson, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Lake Michigan

Session 9E: Development: Migration

Chair: Michael LeFors, Truman State University

1. "Skilled Migration and Remittances in a Model of Monopolistic Competition"
   Dambar Uprety, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
   Sajal Lahiri, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

2. "Impact of Remittances on Household Productivity: Evidence from Nepal"
   Gyan Pradhan, Eastern Kentucky University
   Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
   Bishwa Koirala, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Discussants:
1. Gyan Pradhan, Eastern Kentucky University
2. Dambar Uprety, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Mulford

Session 9F: Econometrics

Chair: Vidhura Tennekoon, Indiana University-Purdue University

1. “Objective Bayes Factors for Model Selection”
   Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati
   Hamed Namavari, University of Cincinnati
2. “Bounding Average Treatment Effect with Misclassification Error: the Linear Programming Approach”
   Yang He, Iowa State University
   Robert Martin, Michigan State University
4. “Bayesian Inference in Non-linear/Non-Gaussian Switching State Space Model: Regime-dependent Leverage Effect in U.S. Stock Market”
   Jaeho Kim, University of Oklahoma

Discussants:
1. Robert Martin, Michigan State University
2. Dmitri Pianov, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
3. Jaeho Kim, University of Oklahoma
4. Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 am-9:45 am

Session 9G: Healthcare III
Chair: Zhuang Hao, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
1. “Cost Efficiency in Nursing Homes: Do Five-Star Quality Ratings Matter?”
   Rajendra Dulal, Wayne State University
2. “Avoidable Mortality and Healthcare Expenditure in OECD Countries: DEA and SFA methods to health expenditure efficiency”
   Jia Yu, Christopher Newport University
   Xiaohui You, University of Memphis
   Cyril F. Chang, University of Memphis

Discussants:
1. Jia Yu, Christopher Newport University
2. Xiaohui You, University of Memphis
3. Rajendra Dulal, Wayne State University

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 am-9:45 am

Session 9H: Developing Country Studies II
Chair: Tyler Schipper, University of St. Thomas
   Olga Kondratjeva, Ohio State University
   Hem Basnet, Methodist University
   Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
   Kul Kapri, College of St Benedict-St. John’s University
   Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University

Discussants:
1. Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
2. Shankar Ghimire, Western Illinois University
3. Olga Kondratjeva, Ohio State University
Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ............................................................... Bonbright

**Session 9I: Environmental Economics**
Chair: Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Northern Illinois University

1. “Cost-share Effectiveness in The Planting of Cover Crops”
   M. Jimena González Ramirez, Iowa State University
   J. Gordon Arbuckle Jr., Iowa State University

   Nirupama Devaraj, Valparaiso University
   Suchandra Basu, Rhode Island College

Discussants:
1. Nirupama Devaraj, Valparaiso University
2. M. Jimena González Ramirez, Iowa State University

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ............................................................... James

**Session 9J: International Trade**
Chair: Pete Soule, Park University

1. “Headquarters Gravity”
   Zi Wang, Pennsylvania State University

2. “Direct and Indirect Exporting in the Presence of Domestic Sales”
   Seifu Zerihun, Caterpillar, Inc.
   Sridhar Ramaswamy

   Kan Yue, Purdue University

4. “Revisiting National Border Effects in Foreign Trade in Goods of Canadian Provinces”
   Farrukh Suvankulov, Bank of Canada

Discussants:
1. Diego Mendez-Carbajo, Illinois Wesleyan University
2. Kan Yue, Purdue University
3. Farrukh Suvankulov, Bank of Canada
4. Zi Wang, Pennsylvania State University

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ............................................................... Grand A

**Session 9K: International Finance II**
Chair: Justin Pierce, Federal Reserve Board

   Nam Jong Kim, Georgia Institute of Technology
   Alexander Schiller, Carnegie Mellon University

2. “What can Mean-Square Stability, Adaptive Learning, and Regime Changes Tell us about the Forward Premium Puzzle”
   Jason Reed, University of Notre Dame

3. “Unemployment and Currency Devaluation in an Open Economy”
   Yoonho Choi, Iowa State University

4. “The Interaction between Public and Private Capital Investment”
   Ahmed Abou-Zaid, Eastern Illinois University

Discussants:
1. Justin Pierce, Federal Reserve Board
2. Yoonho Choi, Iowa State University
3. Ahmed Abou-Zaid, Eastern Illinois University
4. Nam Jong Kim, Georgia Institute of Technology

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Grand B

**Session 10B: Labor Supply II**

Chair: Li Yu, Central University of Finance and Economics

1. "*Population Growth, Decline and Shocks to Local Labor Markets*"
   Mike Zabek, University of Michigan
2. "*Employment Effect of Unemployment Insurance Tax Base*"
   Po-Chun Huang, Michigan State University
3. "*The Effect of Alcohol Consumption on Job Search Behavior: A Regression Discontinuity Application of Minimum Drinking Age Laws*"
   Mona Sameni, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:
1. Po-Chun Huang, Michigan State University
2. Mona Sameni, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3. Mike Zabek, University of Michigan

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ................................................................. Grand C

**Session 10C: Matching**

Chair: Jose Vazquez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1. "*Skill-remoteness, Mismatch and Employment Fluctuations in Heterogeneous Labor Markets*"
   Claudia Macaluso, University of Chicago
2. "*Educational Mismatch and the Earnings Distribution: Where Does the Mismatch Bite?*"
   Kristen Roche, Mount Mary University
   Keith A. Bender, University of Aberdeen
3. "*Good Enough Jobs: Skill Mismatch and Two-Sided Heterogeneity in Frictional Labor Markets*"
   Jacklyn Buhrmann, Purdue University

Discussants:
1. Kristen Roche, Mount Mary University
2. Jacklyn Buhrmann, Purdue University
3. Claudia Macaluso, University of Chicago

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**Session 10D: Overview of Public Use Microdata (PUMD) Files from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE)**

The CE is the most detailed source of income, demographics, assets, liabilities, and expenditures collected by the Federal government directly from consumers. This segment of the workshop features "hands-on" training in use of CE microdata, which are available for free download from the CE website [www.bls.gov/cex](http://www.bls.gov/cex).

Bureau of Labor Statistics Workshop
Organized by Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1. **Overview of File Structure**
   Arcenis Rojas, Bureau of Labor Statistics
2. **Introduction to Summary Variables: How to See the Forest Without Having to Add Up Individual Trees**
   Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics
3. **Exercises Using CE Microdata**
   Hands-on training led by the instructors
Session 10E: Food Prices and Inequality
Chair: James Bland, Purdue University
1. "Impact of Monetary Policy on Inflation and Distribution of Relative Food Prices in India"
   Kuhelika De, University of Georgia
2. "Do Universal or Targeted Food Security Programs Provide Longer Term Gains for the Poor? Evidence from India’s Public Distribution System"
   Sanjukta Das, University of Georgia
3. "Huji System, Social Identity and Inequality: Evidence from a Field Experiment"
   Guanlin Gao, Indiana University South Bend
   Jun Luo, Zhejiang University of Finance and Economics
   Yefeng Chen, Zhejiang University
   Haoran He, Beijing Normal University
Discussants:
1. Guanlin Gao, Indiana University South Bend
2. Kuhelika De, University of Georgia

Session 10F: Economic History
Chair: David Carr, University of South Dakota
1. "Bank Networks and Systemic Risk: Micro-evidence before and after the National Banking Acts of 1863-1864"
   Haelim Park, U.S. Treasury
   Mark Paddrik, U.S. Treasury
   Jessie Jiaxu Wang, Arizona State University
2. "Underwater and Understudied: Unterseebooten in the First World War"
   Bruce McClung, Texas State University
   Jessica Bean, Denison University
   Andrew Seltzer, Royal Holloway University of London
   Jonathan Wadsworth, Royal Holloway University of London
Discussants:
1. Jessica Bean, Denison University
2. Haelim Park, U.S. Treasury
3. Bruce McClung, Texas State University

Session 10G: Health Policies: Medicare/Medicaid/ACA
Chair: Jia Yu, Christopher Newport University
1. "Do Medicaid Expansions Affect SSI Disability Benefit Applications and Take-Up?"
   Molly Hawkins, University of Michigan
2. "Does Medicare Part D Abet Advantageous Selection by Medicare Advantage Plans?"
   Tony Han, Ohio State University
   Kurt Lavetti, Ohio State University
3. "The Effect of Parental Medicaid Expansions on Children’s Health Insurance Coverage"
   Matthew Kim, University of St. Thomas
   Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University
Brenden Timpe, University of Michigan

4. “Does the Affordable Care Act Help to Increase 340b Utilization?”
   Svetlana Gavrilova, Middle Tennessee State University
   Maxim Terekhov, Vanderbilt University

Discussants:
1. Tony Han, Ohio State University
2. Brenden Timpe, University of Michigan
3. Svetlana Gavrilova, Middle Tennessee State University
4. Molly Hawkins, University of Michigan

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Session 10H: Information
Chair: Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

1. “Does Wall Street affect Main Street? Examining Potential Spillovers from Investor Stock Market Sentiment to Personal Consumption Expenditures”
   Jocelyn Evans, College of Charleston
   KhasadYahu ZarBabal, Medgar Evers College

2. “Internet Health Information, Consumer Types, and Health Production”
   Molla Mursaleen Shiraj, Illinois State University
   Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

Discussants:
1. M. Iqbal Ahmed, Kansas State University
2. Eric Munshower, University of Dubuque

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Session 10I: Environment: Air Pollution
Chair: Douglas Schreder, National Louis University

1. “Growing Up in a Steel Town: Early-life Pollution Exposure and Later-life Mortality”
   Sarah Taylor, Alma College

2. “The Environment Kuznets Curve Hypothesis in the Case of Qatar: an ARDL Bounds Test Analysis”
   Zouhair Mrabet, Qatar University
   Mouyad Samara, Qatar University

3. “Air Pollution and Labor Supply”
   Mark Borschulte, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   David Molitor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   Eric Zou, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

4. “Emissions Leakage, Environmental Policy and Trade Frictions”
   Shreekar Pradhan, University of Tennessee
   J. Scott Holladay, University of Tennessee
   Mohammed Mohsin, University of Tennessee

Discussants:
1. Mark Borschulte, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2. Seifu Zerihun, Caterpillar, Inc.
3. Yang He, Iowa State University
4. Sarah Taylor, Alma College

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Session 10K: Heterogeneous Firms and Startups
Chair: Dean Showalter, Texas State University
1. “Threat Effect and Strategic Response to Discriminatory Trade Policy”
   Miao Ouyang, Brandeis University
2. “Heterogeneous Firms and the Micro Origins of Aggregate Fluctuations”
   Glenn Magerman, University of Leuven
   Karolien De Bruyne, University of Leuven
   Emmanuel Dhyne, National Bank of Belgium and University of Mons
   Jan Van Hove, University of Leuven
   Kyu Yub Lee, Michigan State University
4. “University Start-ups and Spillovers”
   Dean Showalter, Texas State University

Discussants:
1. Glenn Magerman, University of Leuven
2. Kyu Yub Lee, Michigan State University
3. Mohammed Saeed, Middle Tennessee State University
4. Miao Ouyang, Brandeis University