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Session 1A: Economic Effects of Cartels

Invited session organized by James Schmitz, Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis
Chair: James Schmitz, Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis

1. ***"Large Harberger-type Losses from Dental Cartels"***
   Tim Dunne, Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta
   Kyle Herkenhoff, University of Minnesota
   James Schmitz, Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis
2. ***"Economic Cost of Cartels: Misallocation of Resources in U.S. Petroleum Drilling"***
   Ethan Singer, University of Minnesota
3. ***Mitigating Under-Supply of Services in Uncoordinated Markets: The Case of Yellow Taxis"***
   Matthew Shapiro, University of Minnesota

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Session 1B: Topics in Micro: Theory I

Chair: Keaton Miller, University of Minnesota

1. ***"Consumer Unions: Blessing or Curse?"***
   Cigdem Korpeoglu, Carnegie Mellon University
2. ***"Credit or Debit? How Surcharging Affects Customers, Merchants, and the Platform"***
   Jonathan Lhost, Lawrence University

Discussants:
1. Jonathan Lhost, Lawrence University
2. Cigdem Korpeoglu, Carnegie Mellon University

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Session 1C: Econometric Methods

Chair: Cindy Houser, Minneapolis Community and Technical College

1. ***"Estimating Binary Response Models with Endogenous Explanatory Variables, Using Control Function and Quasi-LIML"***
   Wei Lin, Michigan State University
   Jeffery M. Wooldridge, Michigan State University
2. ***"The Econometrics of Learning-By-Doing"***
   Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati
   Gary Cornwall, University of Cincinnati

Hamed Namavari, University of Cincinnati

3. ***"Dynamic Spatial Panel with Interactive Effects"***
   Wei Shi, Ohio State University
   Lung-fei Lee, Ohio State University
4. ***"Identification and QML Estimation of Multivariate and Simultaneous Spatial Autoregressive Models"***
   Kai Yang, Ohio State University
   Lung-Fei Lee, the Ohio State University

Discussants:
1. Kai Yang, Ohio State University
2. Wei Shi, Ohio State University
3. Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati
4. Wei Lin, Michigan State University

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Session 1E: Monetary Policy I

Chair: Mohamed Sami Ben Ali, Qatar University

1. ***"Impact of Fiscal and Monetary Policy on Heterogeneous Labor, under Limited Participation"***
   Devika Hazra, California State University-Los Angeles
2. ***"Assessing Monetary Policy in an Economy with Endogenous Asset Market Segmentation"***
   Kersten Stamm, Georgetown University
3. ***"Unconventional Monetary Policy and Aggregate Bank Lending: Does Financial Structure Matter?"***
   Ling Wang, Hannan University
4. ***"Interest Tax on Capital Inflows and Exchange Rate Stability"***
   Yi Zhang, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussants:
1. Kersten Stamm, Georgetown University
2. Ling Wang, Hannan University
3. Yi Zhang, University of Wisconsin-Madison
4. Devika Hazra, California State University-Los Angeles

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Session 1G: Financial Markets in Emerging Markets

Chair: Luz Saavedra, University of St. Thomas

1. ***"Structural Changes hindered by Segmented Capital Markets in Sub Saharan Africa"***
   Augustine Mok, University of Minnesota
2. ***"Regulatory Reform, Industrial Change, and Expected Profitability of Low-Income Financial Service Providers: The Effects of Regulatory Events in the 2010-2014 Period"***
   Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John's University

Discussants:
1. Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John's University
2. Harshada Karnik, University of Minnesota

Friday, March 27, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway H

Session 1H: Investigating Risky Behaviors: Innovative Uses of the Consumer Expenditure Survey

Organized by Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor and Statistics

Chair: Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor and Statistics

"Overview of Consumer Expenditure Survey Data"
Steve Henderson, Bureau of Labor and Statistics

1. ***"Regressive Effects: Unintended Consequences of Sin Taxation"***
   Adam Hoffer, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2. ***"Healthful Habits: Exploring Expenditure Patterns for Good and 'Ill'"***
   Adam Reichenberger, Bureau of Labor and Statistics
3. ***"Historical Evidence from the Diary and Interview Components: Trends in Alcohol, Tobacco, and Fast Food Expenditures by Young Adults (Diary); How Expenditures Persistently Exceed Income for Low-Income Consumers (Interview)"***
   Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor and Statistics

Discussion among participants and audience

Friday, March 27, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway J

Session 1J: Frictions in Labor Markets

Chair: Esther Redmount, Colorado College

1. ***"International Trade, Credit Constriants, and Labor Market Rigidities"***
   Huancheng Du, American University
2. ***"Over-Education in the U.S Labor Market"***
   Ammar Farooq, Georgetown University
3. ***"Revisiting Wage Bargaining: An Assessment of Wage Bargaining Functions in a Search Model of the Labor Market"***
   Jordan Marcusse, Georgetown University
4. ***"Performance Reviews and Career Concerns"***
   Ruchika Mohanty, University of Minnesota

Discussants:

1. Jordan Marcusse, Georgetown University
2. Huancheng Du, American University
3. Yao-Yu Chih, Texas State University
4. Ammar Farooq, Georgetown University

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Session 1K: Applied Micro I

Chair: J. Alejandro Gelves, Midwestern State University

1. ***"Crime, Income Inequality, and Density at the Neighborhood Level"***
   Andrew Hovel, College of Saint Benedict-St.John's University
   Shrawantee Saha, College of Saint Benedict-St.John's University
2. ***"Effect of Homeownership on Employment Status Transitions"***
   Catherine Lau, Carthage College
   Takuya Hasebe, Sophia University
3. ***"Segregation and Lynching"***
   John Parman, College of William and Mary
   Lisa Cook, Michigan State University
   Trevon Logan, Ohio State University and NBER

Discussants:

1. Shahina Amin, University of Northern Iowa
2. Trevon Logan, Ohio State University and NBER
3. Andrew Hovel, College of Saint Benedict-St.John's University

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Session 1L: Inputs in Education

Chair: Stacie Bosley, Hamline University

1. ***"Improving Teacher Practices with Children Under 5: Experimental Evidence from the Mississippi Buildings Blocks on Teacher Coaching"***
   Irma Arteaga, University of Missouri
2. ***"Student Outcomes in Principles: Online vs. Face-to-face Delivery"***
   David Carr, University of South Dakota
   Kathryn Birkeland, University of South Dakota
   Mandie Weinandt, University of South Dakota
3. ***"Assessing the Effect of School Days and Absences on Test Score Performance"***
   Teresa Romano, Goucher College
   Esteban Aucejo, London School of Economics

Discussants:

1. Teresa Romano, Goucher College
2. Ahmed Ali A Khalifa, Qatar University
3. Irma Arteaga, University of Missouri

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Coffee Break

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.....Greenway A

Session 2A: Environmental Economics

Chair: John Stoll, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

1. ***"Asymmetry and Uncertainty across Energy and FX Markets"***
   Ahmed Ali A Khalifa, Qatar University
   Shawkat Hammoudeh, Drexel University
   Caporin Massimiliano, Università degli Studi di Padova
2. ***"The Effect of Individual Unemployment Status on Pro-environmental Behaviors"***
   Andrew Meyer, Marquette University
3. ***"Supplying the Recovery: Beneficiaries of Natural Disasters"***
   Ethan Singer, University of Minnesota
   Thomas Quan, University of Minnesota

Discussants:

1. Hocheol Jeon, Iowa State University
2. Augustine Mok, University of Minnesota
3. Anthony Andrews, Global Trade Research Institute

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.....Greenway B

Session 2B: Topics in Micro: Firms

Chair: Catherine Lau, Carthage College

1. ***"Understanding the Dynamics of Household Enterprises in Egypt: Birth, Death, Growth and Transformation"***
   Caroline Krafft, University of Minnesota
2. ***"Idiosyncratic Match Capital, Firm Location, and Firm Survival in Thick and Thin Markets"***
   Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
   Georgeanne M. Artz, Iowa State University
   Zizhen Guo, Iowa State University
3. ***"The Scope of U.S. 'Factoryless' Manufacturing"***
   Dominic Smith, University of Minnesota
   Kimberly Bayard, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
   David Byrne, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Discussants:
1. Dominic Smith, University of Minnesota
2. Catherine Lau, Carthage College
3. Caroline Krafft, University of Minnesota

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway C

Session 2C: Business Cycles

Chair: Jeffrey Mills, University of Cincinnati

1. ***"Business Cycle Filters and Uncertainty"***
   Cindy Houser, Minneapolis Community and Technical College
2. ***"The 'Pile-up Problem' in Trend-Cycle Decomposition of Real GDP: Classical and Bayesian Perspectives"***
   Jaeho Kim, University of Oklahoma
   Chang-Jin Kim, University of Washington and Korea University
3. ***"Not All Oil Demand Shocks Are Alike"***
   Mark Melichar, Tennessee Tech University
   Lance Bachmeier, Kansas State University

Discussants:
1. Jaeho Kim, University of Oklahoma
2. Cindy Houser, Minneapolis Community and Technical College
3. Fassil Fanta, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway D

Session 2D: Health Insurance

Chair: Bruno Wichmann, University of Alberta

1. ***"Health Insurance and Prevention: Evidence from Young Adults"***
   Jie Ma, Indiana University Bloomington
2. ***"Optimal Reimbursement in Medicare Advantage"***
   Keaton Miller, University of Minnesota
3. ***"Medicaid Reimbursement, Prenatal Care and Infant Health"***
   Lyudmyla Sonchak, SUNY Oswego

Discussants:
1. Keaton Miller, University of Minnesota
2. Lyudmyla Sonchak, SUNY Oswego
3. Jie Ma, Indiana University Bloomington

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway E

Session 2E: Macro Topics: The Great Recession

Chair: Kyle Herkenhoff, University of Minnesota

1. ***"Lack of Firm Entry and the Slow Recovery of the U.S. Economy After the Great Recession"***
   Joao Luiz Ayres, University of Minnesota
   Gajendran Raveendranathan, University of Minnesota
2. ***"Transitory Movements, Inflation Trends and Volatilities during the Great Recession"***
   Semih Cekin, Governors State University
   Victor Valcarcel, Texas Tech University
3. ***"Investment Bubbles and Jobless Slow-growth Expansions: A Tale of Three Recoveries"***
   John Golob, Retired (Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City)
4. ***"Demand Shock, Credit Constraints, and Export Collapse"***
   Jing Wang, University of Notre Dame

Discussants:

1. Semih Cekin, Governors State University
2. Jing Wang, University of Notre Dame
3. Joao Luiz Ayres, University of Minnesota
4. John Golob, Retired (Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City)

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway F

Session 2F: Topics in International Economics I

Chair: David Hudgins, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

1. ***"Trade Tax Recovery Through VAT Revenues: A Cross-country Empirical Investigation"***
   Biniv Maskay, Loras College
2. ***"Disruptive Technologies: The Global Natural Gas Market"***
   Nathaneal Mol, University of Findlay
   Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay
3. ***"Trade and Emissions Trading System in a Small Open Economy"***
   Yasuhiro Takarada, Nanzan University
   Masafumi Tsubuku, Nagoya University
   Madoka Okimoto, Nagoya University

Discussants:

1. M. Kevin McGee, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
2. Yasuhiro Takarada, Nanzan University
3. David Hudgins, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway G

Session 2G: Finance in Emerging Markets

Chair: Veysel Ulusoy, Yeditepe University

1. ***"Do some sectors herd more?: Evidence from emerging markets"***
   Esin Cakan, University of New Haven
2. ***"A Dynamic Conditional Correlation Analysis of Turkish Financial Markets"***
   Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University
   Veysel Ulusoy, Yeditepe University
   Mustafa Özer, Anadolu University
3. ***"The Roles of Stock Markets and Banks on Economic Growth: A System Approach"***
   Fufa Tolina, Oklahoma State University
   Jaebeom Kim, Oklahoma State University

Discussants:

1. Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University
2. Esin Cakan, University of New Haven
3. Insang Hwang, International Christian University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway H

Session 2H: The Economics of Crime

Organized by: Jennifer Doleac, University of Virginia

Chair: Jennifer Doleac, University of Virginia

1. ***"On-Premises Liquor Licenses and Violent Crime"***
   D. Mark Anderson, Montana State University
2. ***"Keep the Kids Inside: Juvenile Curfews, Bad Weather, and Urban Gun Violence"***
   Jennifer Doleac, University of Virginia
3. ***"The Effects of Summer Jobs on Disadvantaged and Justice-Involved Youth"***
   Sara Heller, University of Pennsylvania
4. ***"Do Private Prisons Distort Justice? Evidence on Time Served and Recidivism"***

Anita Mukherjee, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Discussants:
1. Jennifer Doleac, University of Virginia
2. Sara Heller, University of Pennsylvania
3. Anita Mukherjee, University of Wisconsin-Madison
4. D. Mark Anderson, Montana State University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway I

Session 2I: Undergraduate Session: Policy Evaluation

Organized by: Grace Tsiang, University of Chicago
Chair: Kristen Keith, University of Toledo

1. ***"Minimum Wage Effects on Drug Sale and Possession"***
   Anissa Khan, Miami University
2. ***"Does the Rise in Minimum Wage Improve the Standard of Living of Thai Workers? A Comparison of the Formal and Informal Sectors"***
   Pukitta Chunsuttiwat, Macalester College
3. ***"The Impact of Formal Banking Institutions on Indonesian Households' Saving Behavior"***
   Kate Smith-Lin, Elon University

Discussants:
1. Robert Lemke, Lake Forest College
2. Kristen Keith, University of Toledo
3. Raymond Robertson, Macalester College

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway J

Session 2J: Labor Markets, Immigrants and Remittances

Chair: Jay Walker, Niagara University

1. ***"Effect of Remittances on Labor Supply of Children in Rural India"***
   Ganita Bhupal, University of Delhi
2. ***"North-North Migration and Agglomeration in the European Union 15"***
   Rocio Madera, University of Minnesota
   Daniela Viana Costa, University of Minnesota
   Maria Jose Rodriguez, University of Minnesota
3. ***"Immigrant Earnings Assimilation in the United States: A Panel Analysis"***
   Deborah Rho, University of St. Thomas
4. ***"The Small Wage Premium for English Fluency among Recent U.S. Refugees"***
   Abdihafit Shaeye, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:
1. Monica Garcia-Perez, St. Cloud State University
2. Deborah Rho, University of St. Thomas
3. Abdihafit Shaeye, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
4. Ganita Bhupal, University of Delhi

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Session 2K: CSWEP: Advice for Job Seekers

Organized for CSWEP by Anne Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Anne Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis

1. ***"The Search Process"***
   Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University
2. ***"Differences in Academic Settings"***

Nasrin Shahinpoor, Hanover College

3. ***"Working in a School of Public Affairs"***
   Deborah Levison, University of Minnesota
4. ***"Getting off the Ground Running in your New Job"***
   Beth Allen, University of Minnesota

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Session 2L: Social Interaction: Economic Effects

Chair: Tadashi Sekiguchi, Kyoto University

1. ***"Network Analysis of a Pyramid Scheme"***
   Stacie Bosley, Hamline University
2. ***"International Trade as a Determinant of Social Trust: The Role of Geographic Proximity"***
   Luz Saavedra, University of St. Thomas
   Rob Riley, University of St., Thomas
3. ***"Cultural Differences and Interprovincial Trade in China: Effect of Surname Distance and its Mechanisms"***
   Radek Szulga, Grinnell College
   Yongwei Chen, Tsinghua University
   Wei-Min Hu, National Chengchi University
   Buoyuan Xue, Peking University

Discussants:

1. Keva Steadman, Western Illinois University
2. Stacie Bosley, Hamline University
3. Luz Saavedra, University of St. Thomas

Friday, March 27, 2015, 11:45 p.m.-1:15 p.m. ..... Minnehaha

CSWEP Networking Luncheon

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Greenway A

Session 3A: Agricultural Economics

Chair: Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology

1. ***"Impact of Seasonality on Agricultural Commodity Price Behavior"***
   Niranjan Jayaramu, Northwest Missouri State University
   Naveen Musunuru, Northwest Missouri State University
2. ***"Land Fragmentation, Machinery Usage and Crop Production"***
   Wangyang Lai, Ohio State University
   Brian Roe, the Ohio State University
   Yumei Liu, China Agricultural University
3. ***"The Effect of Primary Commodity Price Cycles on Producers: Coffee in Ethiopia"***
   Andrew Larson, Augsburg College
4. ***"How Can We Help Famers when they are Already so Clever? Spatial Effects and Adaptive Capacity"***
   Bruno Wichmann, University of Alberta
   Krisha Lim, University of Alberta
   Martin Luckert, University of Alberta

Discussants:

1. Andrew Larson, Augsburg College
2. Niranjan Jayaramu, Northwest Missouri State University
3. Bruno Wichmann, University of Alberta
4. Wangyang Lai, Ohio State University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Greenway B

Session 3B: Topics in Micro: Theory II

Chair: Cigdem Korpeoglu, Carnegie Mellon University

1. ***"The Closing of Mom & Pop Shops: A Result of Hyperbolic Discounting"***
   Lindsey Novak, University of Minnesota
2. ***"Multimarket Contacts under Imperfect Observability and Impatience"***
   Tadashi Sekiguchi, Kyoto University
3. ***"Social Dissonance and Individual Choice"***
   Brian Zurowski, University of Minnesota

Discussants:

1. Tadashi Sekiguchi, Kyoto University
2. Brian Zurowski, University of Minnesota
3. J. Alejandro Gelves, Midwestern State University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Greenway C

Session 3C: Fiscal Policy

Chair: John Golob, Retired (Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City)

1. ***"Budgetary and Fiscal Institutions in the GCC: the Case of Saudi Arabia"***
   Ashraf Eid, Qatar University
2. ***"Fiscal Policy Tracking Design in the Time-Frequency Domain using Wavelet Analysis"***
   David Hudgins, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi
   Patrick Crowley, Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi
3. ***"Causality and the Effects of Fiscal Imbalances"***
   Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota-Duluth
   Luiggi Donayre, University of Minnesota Duluth

Discussants:

1. Paul Thompson, Oregon State University
2. Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota-Duluth
3. Ashraf Eid, Qatar University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Greenway D

Session 3D: Topics in Individual Wellbeing

Chair: Lyudmyla Sonchak, SUNY Oswego

1. ***"The Effect of Language Ability on Health Insurance"***
   Marcus Dillender, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
2. ***"The Effect of Kinship Placement on Foster Children's Well-Being"***
   Iryna Hayduk, Kent State University at Trumbull
3. ***"Race, Health and Mortality-- Evidence from Union Army Veterans"***
   Trevon Logan, Ohio State University and NBER
   Shari Eli, University of Toronto

Discussants:

1. Iryna Hayduk, Kent State University at Trumbull
2. Trevon Logan, Ohio State University and NBER
3. Marcus Dillender, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Greenway E

Session 3E: Topics in Macro I

Chair: Salim Araji, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

1. ***"Uncovering the Wealth, Credit and Exchange Rate Channels of Monetary Transmission in a Small Open Economy"***
   Menelik Geremew, Kalamazoo College
3. ***"Political Budget Cycles in China: Corruption, Incentive Role and Time Inconsistency"***
   Jie Xiao, Peking University
   Liutang Gong, Peking University
   Qinghua Zhang, Peking University

Discussants:
1. Jie Xiao, Peking University
2. Eric Ohrn, Grinnell College

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Session 3F: International Trade

Chair: Radek Szulga, Grinnell College

1. ***"EU Enlargement and the New Goods Margin in Austrian Trade"***
   John Dalton, Wake Forest University
2. ***"Trade Costs, Country Size, and Per-Capita Income"***
   Xichao Wang, Washington State University
3. ***"Multinational Production, Returns to Scale, and the Gains from Openness"***
   Zi Wang, Pennsylvania State University

Discussants:
1. Xichao Wang, Washington State University
2. Zi Wang, Pennsylvania State University
3. Vanessa Alviarez, University of British Columbia

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Greenway G

Session 3G: Public Finance

Organized by John A. Spry, University of St. Thomas
Chair: John A. Spry, University of St. Thomas

1. ***"Tax Revenues from Sports Stadia: An Intervention Analysis"***
   King Banaian, St. Cloud State University
2. ***"More Than They Realize: The Income of the Wealthy and the Piketty Thesis"***
   Jenny Bourne, Carleton College
   Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute
   Ellen Steele, Urban Institute
   Brian Raub, Statistics of Income, IRS
   Joseph Newcomb, Statistics of Income, IRS
3. ***"The Elasticity of Illinois Casino Taxation"***
   John Spry, University of St. Thomas
   Kathryn L. Combs, University of St. Thomas
   Jim Landers, University of St. Thomas

Discussant:
1. Jenny Bourne, Carleton College
2. Jeanne Boeh, Augsburg University
3. King Banaian, St. Cloud State University

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Session 3H: Taxation

Chair: Adam Hoffer, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

1. ***"Optimal Redistributive Policy under Consumption Externalities: Network Analysis"***

Yao-Yu Chih, Texas State University

2. ***"Tax Perceptions and Tax-Advantaged Retirement Savings"***
   Michael Gideon, University of Chicago
3. ***"Optimal Factor Income Taxation with Endogenous Human Capital Accumulation"***
   Wenlan Luo, Georgetown University
4. ***"Optimal Taxation with Naive Agents"***
   Pei Cheng Yu, University of Minnesota

Discussants:
1. Pei Cheng Yu, University of Minnesota
2. Wenlan Luo, Georgetown University
3. Mark Melichar, Tennessee Tech University
4. Michael Gideon, University of Chicago

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.....Greenway I

Session 3I: Undergraduate Session: Macro

Organized by: Grace Tsiang, University of Chicago
Chair: Peter Ferderer, Macalester College

1. ***"Global Food Security: How Much Better we can do with Available Technology"***
   Neil Gerstein, Iowa State University
2. ***"The Russian Resource Curse: A Computable General Equilibrium Approach"***
   Mouchen Liu, Grinnell College
3. ***"U.S. State Social Spending and Economic Growth"***
   Chris Heitzig, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University
4. ***"Breakup of the Euro zone: Consequences?"***
   Daniele Caratelli, University of Chicago

Discussants:
1. Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay
2. Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay
3. Peter Ferderer, Macalester College
4. Yun Pei, University of Minnesota

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. .....Greenway J

Session 3J: Responses to Employment Shocks and Working Conditions

Organized for SOLE by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. ***"The Hidden Cost of Recessions: Career Effects of Occupational Reassignment Inside Firms"***
   Eliza Forsythe, W.E. Upjohn Institute
2. ***"The Long-Run Effect of Job Displacement on Health Insurance and Other Employer-Provided Benefits"***
   Nicholas Jolly, Marquette University
   Brian J. Phelan, DePaul University
3. ***"Reassessing the Effects of Unemployment Insurance Generosity on Search Intensity: New Evidence from Earnings Histories"***
   Lewis Warren, University of Kentucky
4. ***"The Relationship between Nonstandard Work Schedules and Substance Use New Evidence from National Longitudinal Survey of Youth NLSY97"***
   Mona Khadem Sameni, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:
1. Juan Chaparro, University of Minnesota
2. Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University

3. Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
4. Qianyun Xie, University of Minnesota

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Mirage

Session 3K: CSWEP: Discussion on Academic Careers

Organized for CSWEP by Anne Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Anne Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis

1. ***"Getting Research Done at a Liberal Arts Institution"***
   Esther Redmount, Colorado College
2. ***"How to Succeed in an Environment of University Budget Cuts"***
   Jennifer Keil, Hamline University
3. ***"Balancing Work and Family"***
   Shahina Amin, University of Northern Iowa
4. ***"The Benefits of Taking a Research Leave"***
   Leslie Stratton, Virginia Commonwealth University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Regency

Session 3L: Educational Technology

Chair: Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-St. John's University

1. ***"Decoding Economic Concepts using a Classroom Economy: Does it Enhance Student Learning?"***
   Fassil Fanta, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
   Katie Sam, University of Wisconsin-Stout
2. ***"Teaching Economics Using Literature: Case of Gone With the Wind"***
   Bryan Lagalo, Michigan Technological University
   Latika Lagalo, Michigan Technological University
3. ***"Reliability of the Digital Word-of-Mouth Communication in Higher Education"***
   Subhra Saha, Cleveland State University
   Alexander Klayman, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discussants:
1. Bryan Lagalo, Michigan Technological University
2. Subhra Saha, Cleveland State University
3. Douglas Schreder, National Louis University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. ..... Greenway Promenade

Coffee Break

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway A

Session 4A: Cars and Bikes

Organized for AERE by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Julia Brandes, University of Redlands

1. ***"The Renewable Fuel Standard: Compliance Challenges and Effects of Prices for Fuel and Food"***
   Ron Gecan, Congressional Budget Office
   Terry Dinan, Congressional Budget Office
   David Austin, Congressional Budget Office
2. ***"Bike Trails and Spatial Hedonic Prices: An Estimation of the Time to Capitalization"***
   Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University
   German Blanco, Illinois State University

Discussants:

1. Peter Maniloff, Colorado School of Mines
2. Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway B

Session 4B: Topics in Micro: Theory III

Chair: Beth Allen, University of Minnesota

1. ***"Dynamic Pricing Across a Large Menu: The Case of Major League Baseball"***
   Kailin Clarke, University of Minnesota
2. ***"How Does a Mixed Ownership Firm License a Patent?"***
   J. Alejandro Gelves, Midwestern State University
   John S. Heywood, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3. ***"Dynamic Selection and Distributional Bounds on Search Costs in Dynamic Unit-Demand Models"***
   Garrett Senney, Ohio State University
   Jason Blevins, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Garrett Senney, Ohio State University
2. Kailin Clarke, University of Minnesota
3. Lindsey Novak, University of Minnesota

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway C

Session 4C: Energy

Chair: Keith Gilsdorf, Augsburg College

1. ***"The Environmental Effects of Electricity Congestion"***
   Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology
   Juan Moreno-Cruz, Georgia Institute of Technology
2. ***"Demand and Supply Shocks in the Oil Market: Evidence from Developed Countries"***
   Latika Lagalo, Michigan Technological University
3. ***"Energy Demand in Turkey: An Empirical Evidence"***
   Veysel Ulusoy, Yeditepe University
   Sercan Demiralay, Yeditepe University
4. ***"Asymmetric Responses to Oil Cost Shocks and Price Regulation in Chinese Gasoline (Wholesale) Markets"***
   Qingtian Zhou, University of Minnesota
   Heng Ju, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

Discussants:

1. Latika Lagalo, Michigan Technological University
2. Veysel Ulusoy, Yeditepe University
3. Qingtian Zhou, University of Minnesota
4. Erik Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway D

Session 4D: Topics in Economics I

Chair: Menelik Geremew, Kalamazoo College

1. ***"The Corruption-Inflation Nexus: Evidence from Developed and Developing Countries"***
   Mohamed Sami Ben Ali, Qatar University
2. ***"Is Aid for Trade Working? A Comprehensive Review"***
   Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth
   Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University

3. ***"Impact of Remittance on Poverty and Inequality in Nepal: Evidence from Two Rounds of the NLSS Survey"***
   Mukti Upadhyay, Eastern Illinois University
   Kul Kapri, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University
   Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
4. ***"Corruption Traps and Economic Growth"***
   Hyeongjun Bang, Michigan State University

Discussants:
1. Menelik Geremew, Kalamazoo College
2. Mukti Upadhyay, Eastern Illinois University
3. Bedassa Tadesse, University of Minnesota-Duluth
4. Radek Szulga, Grinnell College

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway E

Session 4E: International Macroeconomics

Organized by the Midwest Applied Time Series Econometrics Group
Chair: Ming Lo, St. Cloud State University

1. ***"Monetary Policy Choice in Developing Countries"***
   Laura Carolevschi, Winona State University
2. ***"The Asymmetric Effects of Oil Price Shocks on the Canadian Economy"***
   Luiggi Donayre, University of Minnesota
   Neil Wilmot, University of Miinnesota-Duluth
3. ***"Public Debt and Growth: Are There Any Thresholds After All?"***
   Junsoo Lee, University of Alabama
   Robert J. Sonora, Fort Lewis College
   Josip Tica, University of Zagreb
   Vladimir Arcabic, University of Zagreb
4. ***"Public Debt and Growth: A Sensitivity Analysis"***
   Hussein F. Zeaiter, Lebanese American University

Discussants:
1. Luiggi Donayre, University of Minnesota-Duluth
2. Junsoo Lee, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
3. Laura Carolevschi, Winona State University
4. Catherine McDevitt, Central Michigan University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway F

Session 4F: Frictions and Trade

Chair: Kyriacos Aristotelous, Otterbein University

1. ***"Promoting Trade in the Digital Era: An Analysis of the Global Shipping Program on eBay"***
   Xiang Hui, Ohio State University
   Neel Sundaresan, eBay Data Labs
2. ***"Trade Frictions and Agricultural Productivity: Theory and Evidence from Peru"***
   Sebastian Sotelo, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
3. ***"The Effect of Crime on Foreign Direct Investment"***
   Keva Steadman, Western Illinois University
   Leanora Brown, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Discussants:
1. Sebastian Sotelo, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
2. Xiang Hui, Ohio State University
3. Kyriacos Aristotelous, Otterbein University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway G

Session 4G: Human Capital I

Chair: Irma Arteaga, University of Missouri

1. ***"Quasi-experimental Estimates of Returns to Education: Evidence Using the College Enrollment Quota Expansion Law"***
   Suyoun Han, University of Minnesota
   Chul-In Lee, Seoul National University
2. ***"Reading Skills and Earnings: Why Do Doing Words Good Hurt You're Wages?"***
   Carl Sanders, Washington University
3. ***"The Cost of Bad Timing: The Effect of Military Exit Timing on Veteran Educational Attainment"***
   Carl Wojtaszek, University of Notre Dame
4. ***"Higher Education Expansion, Economic Reform, Labor Productivity, and Sectoral Gap"***
   Yao Yao, Washington University

Discussants:

1. Yao Yao, Washington University
2. Suyoun Han, University of Minnesota
3. Carl Sanders, Washington University
4. Carl Wojtaszek, University of Notre Dame

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway H

Session 4H: Topics in Public Economics

Chair: Marta Podemska-Mikluch, Gustavus Adolphus College

1. ***"Anatomy of Tax Inversion"***
   Sudip Ghosh, Penn State Berks
2. ***"Unintended Consequences of Tobacco Taxation and Regulation"***
   James Prieger, Pepperdine University
   Jonathan Kulick, Pepperdine University
3. ***"Local Government and Housing Price Response to Fiscal Stress Labels: Evidence from Ohio"***
   Paul Thompson, Oregon State University
4. ***"Estimating Business Investment Response to State Adoption of Federal Bonus Depreciation Policy"***
   Eric Ohrn, Grinnell College

Discussants:

1. David Hudgins, Texas A&M University
2. Sudip Ghosh, Penn State Berks
3. James Prieger, Pepperdine University
4. Biniv Maskay, Loras College

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway I

4I: Undergraduate Session: Taxes, Location, and Property

Organized by: Grace Tsiang, University of Chicago

Chair: Debra Israel, Indiana State University

1. ***"Marginal Tax Rates and its Implications on Housing Prices"***
   Hieu Nguyen, Iowa State University
2. ***"Public Transit and Property Values: Did the Metro Blue Line affect Home Prices in Minneapolis?"***
   Clemens Pilgram, Macalester College

3. ***"Sales Tax Holidays: Retail Price Effects and Consumer Response"***
   Cody Cook, University of Chicago
4. ***"Family Matters: A Study on Migrants' Social Networks and Self-Employment"***
   Charmaine Runes, Macalester College

Discussants:
1. John A. Spry, University of St. Thomas
2. Andrew Hovel, College of Saint Benedict-St.John's University
3. Debra Israel, Indiana State University
4. Trevon Logan, Ohio State University and NBER

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway J

Session 4J: Choices and Outcomes in Educational and Occupational Markets

Organized for SOLE by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. ***"Occupational Choice and Returns to Skills in the United States: Evidence from the NLSY79 and O*NET"***
   Juan Chaparro, University of Minnesota
2. ***"Field of Study and Earnings Inequality among the Highly Educated"***
   Joseph Ritter, University of Minnesota
   Kristine L. West, St. Catherine University
3. ***"Modeling Enrollment in and Completion of Vocational Education: The role of academic achievement and program type"***
   Leslie Stratton, Virginia Commonwealth University
   Nabanita Datta Gupta, Aarhus University
   David Reimer, Aarhus University
   Anders Holm, University of Copenhagen
4. ***"Online Posting of Teaching Evaluations and Grade Inflation: The Cornell Experiment"***
   Talia Bar, University of Connecticut
   Vrinda Kadiyali, Cornell University
   Asaf Zussman, Hebrew University

Discussants:
1. Mona Khadem Sameni, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
2. Lewis Warren, University of Kentucky
3. Christina Houseworth, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
4. Alan Benson, University of Minnesota

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Mirage

Session 4K: Empirical Micro

Chair: Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas

1. ***"Vendor and Customer Characteristics Associated with Counterfeit Drugs"***
   Anne Fitzpatrick, University of Michigan
   Esther Atukunda, Mbarara University of Science and Technology
2. ***"Assessing Charging Station Build Out and Incentive Programs' Roles in Electric Vehicles Adoption"***
   Boyoung Seo, University of Minnesota
   Matthew Shapiro, University of Minnesota
3. ***"Do the Hot-hand and Clutch Player Effect Really Exist? A Study from Professional Tennis"***
   Jay Walker, Niagara University
   Michael Jetter, Universidad EAFIT

Discussants:
1. Matthew Shapiro, University of Minnesota
2. Jay Walker, Niagara University
3. Anne Fitzpatrick, University of Michigan

Friday, March 27, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Regency

Session 4L: Education I

Chair: Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

1. ***"The Impacts of Restructuring School Districts Through Mass Teacher Layoffs"***
   Michael Naretta, Michigan State University
2. ***"Rural College Prep and Radical Education Reform in Arkansas"***
   Edith Ostapik, University of Michigan

Discussants:
1. Edith Ostapik, University of Michigan
2. Michael Naretta, Michigan State University

Friday, March 27, 2015, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. ..... Regency

C. Woody Thompson Lecture

"Is There too Much Inequality in Healthcare Spending?"
Larry Jones, University of Minnesota and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota

Friday, March 27, 2015, 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m. ..... Mirage

Thompson Lecture Reception

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway Promenade
Conference Registration

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Exhibitors

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World Scientific Publishing and Imperial College Press

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway A

Session 5A: Topics in Environmental Economics: Emerging Markets

Chair: Latika Lagalo, Michigan Technological University

1. ***"Natural Resource Windfalls: Their Effect on Investment Patterns"***
   Salim Araji, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
2. ***"Adoption of Renewable Energy in Emerging Economies"***
   Marzi Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazelton
3. ***"Joint Regression Analysis of the Effect of Climate Risk on Food Security in Rural Nepal-Using Copula Approach"***
   Wenmei Guo, University of New Mexico
   Alok K. Bohara, University of New Mexico
4. ***"Using General Equilibrium Approach to Determine the Impact of the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights, Consumer Preferences and Externaltities on the Efficient Production of Biotech Crops"***
   C. Martin Konou, McNeese State University

Discussants:
1. C. Martin Konou, McNeese State University
2. Wenmei Guo, University of New Mexico

3. Marzi Bolhassani, Pennsylvania State University-Hazelton
4. Salim Araji, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway B

Session 5B: Pollution and Public Policy

Chair: Shrawantee Saha, College of St. Benedict

1. ***"Price Effects and Windfall Environmental Profits"***
   Jay Coggins, University of Minnesota
   Andrew Goodkind, University of Minnesota
   Beverly Wang, University of Minnesota
   Jason Nguyen, University of Minnesota
   Robert Johansson, USDA
2. ***"Income Inequality and Air Pollution: A County -Level Analysis"***
   John Deal, Manchester University
   Kyle Lahman, Manchester University
3. ***"Water Quality Trading in the Existence of Flow Pollution and Stock Pollution"***
   Zhiyu Wang, University of Minnesota
4. ***" Impact of Communication upon the Selection of Environmental Targets, Policy Implementation, and Political Acceptability"***
   John R. Stoll, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay
   Matthew Winden, University of Wisconsin–Whitewater
   Arrington L. Stoll, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Discussants:

1. John Deal, Manchester University
2. John Stoll, University of Wisconin-Green Bay
3. Matthew Winden, University of Wisconsin–Whitewater
4. Zhiyu Wang, University of Minnesota

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway C

Session 5C: Topics in Macro II

Chair: Hem Basnet, Chadron State College

1. ***"Unemployment and Unemployment Compensation in the US and UK: A VAR Approach"***
   Anthony Andrews, Global Trade Research Institute
2. ***"Prospects for a Reserve Currency"***
   Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay
   Yannick Mohring, University of Findlay
3. ***"Operational Hedging on Exchange Rate Pass-Through"***
   Jui-Chi Huang, Pennsylvania State University Berks
4. ***"Fueling Growth with Dirty Technology: the Feedback Effect between Economic Growth and the Variable Elasticity of Substitution"***
   Linh Pham, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
   Itziar Lazkano, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Discussants:

1. Linh Pham, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Jui-Chi Huang, Pennsylvania State University Berks
3. Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay
4. Hyeongjun Bang, Michigan State University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway D

Session 5D: Topics in Health Economics I

Chair: Sanjukta Chaudhuri, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

1. ***"Inequality of Opportunity in Adult Health: Evidence from Colombia"***
   Johanna Fajardo-Gonzalez, University of Minnesota
2. ***"Converging to American: The Healthy Immigrant Effect on Children of Immigrants"***
   Monica Garcia-Perez, St. Cloud State University
3. ***"An Empirical Note on How Income Inequality Affects Self-Reported Health in the U.S."***
   Natallia Gray, Southeast Missouri State University
   Boris Nikolaev, Emory University
   Anastasia Smith, Pfeiffer University

Discussants:

1. Chelsea Bloom, University of Toledo
2. Anastasia Smith, Pfeiffer University
3. Johanna Fajardo-Gonzalez, University of Minnesota

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway E

Session 5E: Macroeconomics and Finance: DSGE

Organized by the Midwest Applied Time Series Econometrics Group

Chair: Ming Lo, St. Cloud State University

1. ***"A Loan-to-Value Ratio Rule? Evidence from a DSGE Model"***
   Byron Tsang, Virginia Tech
2. ***"Inflation Persistence and Volatility in Two Country New Keynesian Models"***
   Yamin Ahmad, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
   Olena Mykhalova, University of Richmond
3. ***"Macroeconomic Consequences of Uncertain Fiscal Targets"***
   James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Discussants:

1. Yamin Ahmad, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
2. James Murray, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
3. Byron Tsang, Virginia Tech

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway F

Session 5F: Trade and Labor Markets

Chair: Bernard Walley, Augsburg College

1. ***"International Trade, Welfare, and International Labor Market Spillovers"***
   Kyu Yub Lee, Michigan State University
2. ***"Offshoring and the US Labor Market: The Trade-Off between Productivity and Volatility"***
   Prathi Seneviratne, Carleton College
3. ***"Trade's Effects on Local Tradeable and non-Tradeable Occupations"***
   Cong Zhang, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Discussants:

1. Chenyue Hu, University of Michigan
2. Kyu Yub Lee, Michigan State University
3. Prathi Seneviratne, Carleton College

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway G

Session 5G: Topics in Development

Chair: Javed Younas, American University of Sharjah

1. ***"Collective Action and Development: Prologue to a Comprehensive Theoretical Framework"***
   William Ferguson, Grinnell College
2. ***"Measuring Development Over Time - The Dynamic HDI"***

Rajaram Krishnan, Earlham College
Discussants:
1. Rajaram Krishnan, Earlham College
2. William Ferguson, Grinnell College

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway H

Session 5H: Topics in Economics II

Chair: Ashley Hodgson, St. Olaf College

1. ***"A Feasibility, Reliability, and Confirmatory Factor Analysis in urban African-American women using the SF-36"***
   Daniel Fuhrmann, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
   Rachel Cusatis, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
   Laura Otto-Salaj, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. ***"The Health Transformation Program and its Reflections on the Healthcare Service Satisfaction in Turkey"***
   Sayin San, University of Illinois Chicago
   Yuksel Bayraktar, Istanbul University
3. ***"A Firm Entry Approach to Religious Pluralism and Religious Participation"***
   Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas
4. ***"Diversity in Government : Evidence from California City Councils"***
   Daniel Jones, University of South Carolina

Discussants:
1. Daniel Jones, University of South Carolina
2. Daniel Fuhrmann, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3. Sayin San, University of Illinois Chicago
4. Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway I

Session 5I: Undergraduate Session: Simulation and Experimentation

Organized by: Grace Tsiang, University of Chicago
Chair: Sandra Trejos, Clarion University-Pennsylvania

1. ***"Filling the Glass Halfway: Optimism and Willingness to Invest"***
   Nima Dahir, Ohio State University
2. ***"Multi-Dimensional Ambiguity and Individual Willingness to Take Preventative Action"***
   Gabriel Englander, Ohio State University
3. ***"Beliefs, Information, and the College Major Decision"***
   John Conlon, Ohio State University
4. ***"The Real Economics of Fantasy Football: A Study of Fantasy Football Drafting Strategies***"
   Zachary Deitrich, Iowa State University

Discussants:
1. Sandra Trejos, Clarion University-Pennsylvania
2. Gustavo Barboza, Clarion University of Pennsylvania
3. Robert Wassmer, UCLA

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Greenway J

Session 5J: Inequality

Chair: Michael Naretta, Michigan State University

1. ***"Reevaluating the Gini Coefficient"***
   Jason Gurtovoy, Embry University
   Gustavo Rodriguez, Cal State University-Fullerton

2. ***"IV Quantile Regression for Group-Level Treatments, with an Application to the Effects of Trade on the Distribution of Wages"***
   Brad Larsen, Stanford University
   Denis Chetverikov, UCLA
   Christopher Palmer, Berkeley
3. ***"Ordinal Estimation of Income-Achievement Gaps and Adult Outcome Inequality"***
   Eric Nielsen, Federal Reserve Board
4. ***"Inequality Statistics from the LEHD"***
   James Spletzer, U.S. Census Bureau

Discussants:
1. Diego Mendez-Carbajo, Illinois Wesleyan University
2. Eric Nielsen, Federal Reserve Board
3. James Spletzer, U.S. Census Bureau
4. Leslie Stratton, Virginia Commonwealth University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Mirage

Session 5K: Labor Markets, Older Workers and Retirement

Chair: Kristen Keith, University of Toledo

1. ***"Peer Effects and Retirement Decisions: Evidence from Pension Reform in Germany"***
   Mary Hamman, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
   Daniela Hochfellner, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research
   John Nunley, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
   Christopher Ruhm, University of Virginia
2. ***"Are Old Age Workers Out of Luck? - An Empirical Study of the U.S. Labor Market"***
   Sreenath Majumder, Manchester University
   Brian Kline II, Manchester University
3. ***"Time Allocation over Lifecycle and Endogenous Retirement"***
   Hyeon Park, Manhattan College

Discussants:
1. Sreenath Majumder, Manchester University
2. Kristen Keith, University of Toledo
3. Mary Hamman, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. ..... Regency

Session 5L: Education II

Chair: Mukti Upadhyay, Eastern Illinois University

1. ***"Dual Language Education and Student Achievement: Evidence Using Random Assignment from Lotteries"***
   Andrew Bibler, Michigan State University
2. ***"Conditional or Unconditional Cash Transfers: Which is Better for Schooling Outcomes in Developing Countries?"***
   Adan Silverio Murillo, University of Minnesota
3. ***"The Role of Social Protection Policies in Reducing Poverty and Inequality: Insights from Asian Experience"***
   Udaya Wagle, Western Michigan University
4. ***"Faculty Salary at Korean Universities: Does Publication Matter?"***
   Jang C. Jin, George Mason University-Korea

Discussants:
1. Udaya Wagle, Western Michigan University

2. Andrew Bibler, Michigan State University
3. Jang C. Jin, George Mason University-Korea
3. Adan Silverio Murillo, University of Minnesota

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.....Greenway Promenade

Coffee Break

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.....Greenway A

Session 6A: Air

Organized for AERE by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Jay Coggins, University of Minnesota

1. ***"What Did RGGI Do, and How Did It Do It? Measuring the Impact of the Regional Greehouse Gas Initiative Using Electricity Generation Microdata"***
   Peter Maniloff, Colorado School of Mines
   Harrison Fell, Colorado School of Mines
2. ***"Information Disclosure within Canada's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Program"***
   Keith Brouhle, Grinnell College
   Donna Harrington Ramirez
3. ***"Why China Becomes a Pollution Haven? A Perspective of Inward FDI and Corruption"***
   Wei Geng, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics
   Xianchun Liao, Nankai University
   Junyan Qi, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics
4. ***"On the Employment Effects of Climate Policy: The Evidence from Carbon Tax in British Columbia"***
   Akio Yamazaki, University of Calgary

Discussants:
1. Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University
2. James Price, Brock University
3. Julia Brandes, University of Redlands
4. Matthew Winden, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.....Greenway B

Session 6B: Housing I

Chair: Brad Larsen, Stanford University

1. ***"Let the Buyer and Seller Beware: Do Home Prices Depend on Buyer and Seller Characteristics, and How Might we Find and Interpret Causal Estimates?"***
   Aneil Baron, Ohio State University
2. ***"Reversing the Tide: The Role of the Foreclosure Crisis on Rural Depopulation"***
   Katie Jo Black, University of Pittsburgh
3. ***"Life-Cycle Housing, Fertility and Female Labor Supply Choices"***
   Natalia Khorunzhina, Copenhagen Business School
   Robert A. Miller, Carnegie Mellon University
4. ***"Estimating a Dynamic Discrete Choice Model with Partial Observability for Household Mortgage Default and Prepayment Behaviors"***
   Chao Ma, Ohio State University

Discussants:
1. Katie Jo Black, University of Pittsburgh
2. Natalia Khorunzhina, Copenhagen Business School
3. Aneil Baron, Ohio State University
4. Brad Larsen, Stanford University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway C

Session 6C: Debt Management

Chair: Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

1. ***"Optimal Sovereign Defaults in the Presence of Financial Frictions"***
   Yun Pei, University of Minnesota
2. ***"Debt, Sovereign Risk and Real Exchange Rate: Lessons from Ghana"***
   Bernard Walley, Augsburg College

Discussants:

1. Bernard Walley, Augsburg College
2. Uwaoma Nwaogu, Central College

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway D

Session 6D: Topics in Health Economics II

Chair: Anastasia Smith, Pfeiffer University

1. ***"The Effect of Health Insurance on Employee Productivity"***
   Kristen Keith, University of Toledo
   Aliaksandr Amialchuk , University of Toledo
   Olha Andriychuk, University of Toledo
2. ***"Determinants of Health Expenditures by Employment and Demographic Characteristics of Individuals"***
   Traci Ruszkiewicz, Eastern Michigan University
3. ***"Epidemic Outbreak and Information Disclosure"***
   Xinyan Shi, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
4. ***"Health Returns to Modern Heating: Evidence From China"***
   Yuhan Xue, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Discussants:

1. Ruchika Mohanty, University of Minnesota
2. Xinyan Shi, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
3. Yuhan Xue, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
4. Traci Ruszkiewicz, Eastern Michigan University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway E

Session 6E: Monetary Policy

Organized by the Midwest Applied Time Series Econometrics Group

Chair: Ming Lo, St. Cloud State University

1. ***"Does Inflation Targeting Matter? A Nonparametric Analysis"***
   Omid Ardakani, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. ***"Dynamics of Monetary Policy Lag on Interest Rates: Empirical Evidence from Autoregressive Distributed Lag Models"***
   Eungmin Kang, St. Cloud State University
   Artatrana Ratha, St. Cloud State University

Discussants:

1. Eungmin Kang, St. Cloud State University
2. Omid Ardakani, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway F

Session 6F: Topics in International Economics II

Chair: Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University

1. ***"Examining the Export Growth-Economic Growth Nexus using Panel Cointegration"***

Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University
Swarna D. Dutt, University of West Georgia

2. ***"Postal Terminal Dues System: Insights for Free Trade Areas"***
   Diane Monaco, Heidelberg University
3. ***"Individual Attitudes toward the Impact of Multinational Corporations on Domestic Businesses: How Important are individual Characteristics and Country-Level Traits?"***
   Miao Wang, Marquette University
   Joseph Daniels, Marquette University
   M.C. Sunny Wong, University of San Francisco

Discussants:
1. Diane Monaco, Heidelberg University
2. Miao Wang, Marquette University
3. Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway G

Session 6G: Human Capital II

Chair: Carl Sanders, Washington University

1. ***"The Olympic Spirit Boost: A Synthetic Control Approach"***
   Antonio Vinicius Barbosa, UFPE - Cidade Universitária
   Jorge Viana, UFPE
   Breno Sampaio, UFPE
   Gustavo Ramos Sampaio, UFPE
2. ***"Non-Cognitive Factors and Economic Behavior"***
   Robert Girtz, Black Hills State University
   Joshua Hill, Sapling Learning
   Mark Owens, Middle Tennessee State University
3. ***"Bullying, Anti-Bullying Laws, and Schooling"***
   Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University
4. ***"Racial Differences in Non-Cognitive Skills"***
   Yuqing Zhou, Michigan State University

Discussants:
1. Hyeon Park, Manhattan College
2. Gustavo Barboza, Clarion University of Pennsylvania
3. Robert Girtz, Black Hills State University
4. Dimitrios Nikolaou, Illinois State University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway H

Session 6H: Public Goods and Voluntary Transfers

Chair: Marta Podemska-Mikluch, Gustavus Adolphus College

1. ***"The Effect of Fundraising Progress on Donation Size: Evidence from Data on Crowdfunding Donations"***
   Cody Forsberg, University of Notre Dame
2. ***"Excludability, Entrepreneurship, and Revenue Models"***
   Marta Podemska-Mikluch, Gustavus Adolphus College
3. ***"On Aid Giving and its Effectiveness: A Case of Grants vs. Loans"***
   Javed Younas, American University of Sharjah
   Khusrav Gaibulloev, American University

Discussants:
1. Marta Podemska-Mikluch, Gustavus Adolphus College
2. Cody Forsberg, University of Notre Dame

3. Babatunde Aiyemo, Southern Illinois University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway I

Session 6I: Hospitals and Nursing Homes

Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Chair: Elizabeth L. Munnich, University of Louisville

1. ***"Provider Response to High-Powered Incentives: Evidence from Transplant Center Flagging"***
   Lauren Nicholas, Johns Hopkins University
   Dorry Segev, Johns Hopkins University
2. ***"The Cost of Regulation: More Stringent Staff Regulations and Nursing Home Financial Performance"***
   John Bowblis, Miami University
3. ***"The Impact of Nurse Turnover and Quality of care: Evidence from the Great Recession"***
   Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
   John Bowblis, Miami University

Discussants:
1. Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University
2. Laura Dague, Texas A&M University
3. Erik Nesson, Ball State University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Greenway J

Session 6J: Responses to Formal and Informal Insurance: Governments, Families and Social Networks

Organized for SOLE by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University
Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. ***"Welfare Rules, Incentives, and Family Structure"***
   Brian Phelan, DePaul University
   Robert A. Moffitt, Johns Hopkins University
   Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
2. ***"Helping Hands Identifying Social Network Effects on Health in the Panel Survey of Income Dynamics"***
   Esther Redmount, Colorado College
3. ***"The Black-White Wage Gap among Women: Welfare Reform and Labor Force Participation"***
   Christina Houseworth, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
   Jonathan Fisher, Stanford University
4. ***"The Impact of Family Characteristics on Reactions to Compensation Incentives"***
   Qianyun Xie, University of Minnesota

Discussants:
1. Masaki Nakabayashi, University of Tokyo
2. Anne E. Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
3. Mayo Sakai, University of Tokyo
4. Talia Bar, University of Connecticut

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Mirage

Session 6K: The Economics of Migration

Organized by Seth Gitter, Towson University
Chair: Seth Gitter, Towson University

1. ***"Mobility and Education Outcomes: A Self-Selection Bias Correction Approach for U.S. Graduates"***
   Pantelis Kazakis, Ohio State University
   Alessandra Faggian, Ohio State University
2. ***"Do Employers Value Return Migrants? An Experiment on the Returns to Foreign Experience"***
   Paolo Abarcar, University of Michigan
3. ***"Immigration Enforcement Laws and Mental Health of Immigrants"***
   Mehmet Yaya, Eastern Michigan University
   Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, San Diego State University
   Susan Averett, Lafayette College
4. ***"Rainfall, The Quinoa Boom and Internal Migration in Peru"***
   Seth Gitter, Towson University
   Robert Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University

Discussants:
1. Seth Gitter, Towson University
2. Pantelis Kazakis, Ohio State University
3. Paolo Abarcar, University of Michigan
4. Mehmet Yaya, Eastern Michigan University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. ..... Regency

Session 6L: Education III

Chair: Karine Moe, Macalester College

1. ***"Choice of Major: How Students Search and theRole of Information"***
   Amy Hopson, Duke University
2. ***"On the Accuracy of Teenagers' Self-Predictions Regarding Future Educational Attainment"***
   Wes Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College
   Dustin J. Rumbaugh, Middle Tennessee State University

Discussants:
1. Wes Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College
2. Amy Hopson, Duke University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 11:45 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Prairie Private Dining Room

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Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ..... Greenway A

Session 7A: Environmental Hodgepodge

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

Chair: Brian Scott, Washington College

1. ***"Who Innovates with Whom and Why? Evidence from International Collaboration in Environmental Patenting"***
   Sahar Milani, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. ***"Environmental Pollution and Subjective Wellbeing in China"***
   Julia Brandes, University of Redlands
3. ***"Public Policy, Environmental Impact and the Second-Hand Clothes Market: Market-Distortions or Welfare Improvements from In-Kind Donations?"***
   Debra Israel, Indiana State University
4. ***"In Tandem or Out of Sync? Academic Economics Research and Public Policy Measures."***
   Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Discussants:

1. Lyubov Kurkalova, North Carolina A&T State University
2. Keith Brouhle, Grinnell College
3. Burcin Unel, New York University
4. Sahar Milani, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.....Greenway B

Session 7B: Markets, Institutions and the Environment

Chair: Naveen Musunuru, Northwest Missouri State University

1. ***"A Contingent Valuation Study Comparing Citizen's Willingness to Pay for Climate Change Mitigation in China and the United States"***
   Eric Jamelske, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
   James Barrett, Sacramento City College
   Laurie Miller, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
   James Boulter, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
   Won Jang, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
2. ***"Does Past Experience in Natural Disasters Affect Willingness-to-Pay for Weather Index Insurance? Evidence from China"***
   Xianglin Liu, Ohio State University
   Yingmei Tang, Nanjing Agricultural University
   Mario J. Miranda, Ohio State University
3. ***"Do Economic and Political Institutions Mitigate the Risk of Natural Resource Conflicts?"***
   Colin O'Reilly, University of Wisconosin-Stout
   Ryan Murphy, Southern Methodist University
4. ***"Price Discontinuities in the Market for RINs"***
   Neil A. Wilmot, University of Minnesota-Duluth
   Charles F Mason, University of Wyoming

Discussants:

1. Xianglin Liu, Ohio State University
2. Neil A. Wilmot, University of Minnesota-Duluth
3. Naveen Musunuru, Northwest Missouri State University
4. Eric Jamelske, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.....Greenway C

Session 7C: Macro Topics: Emerging Markets

Chair: Hem Basnet, Chadron State College

1. ***"Do Workers' Remittances Promote Growth? Evidence from Panel Conintegration Analysis"***
   Hem Basnet, Chadron State College
   Sokchea Lim, John Carroll University
2. ***"Financial Development and the Shadow Economy"***
   Aziz Berdiev, Bryant University
   James W. Saunoris, Eastern Michigan University
3. ***"The Impact of Fiscal Rules on Economic Growth: Evidence from Developing Countries"***
   Genta Menkulasi, University of Delaware
4. ***"Income Inequality and Economic Growth Sequentially related in Latin America"***
   Sandra Trejos, Clarion University-Pennsylvania

Discussants:

1. Genta Menkulasi, University of Delaware
2. Sandra Trejos, Clarion University-Pennsylvania
3. Aziz Berdiev, Bryant University
4. Hem Basnet, Chadron State College

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m..... Greenway D

Session 7D: Undergraduate Session: Education and Family

Organized by: Grace Tsiang, University of Chicago
Chair: Robert Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University

1. ***"Patience and Altruism of Parents: Implications to Children's Education Investment"***
   Jinghao Yang, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2. ***"The Effect of Family Characteristics on a Child's Cognitive Ability"***
   Jason Baron, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
3. ***"Hiring Effective Teachers: The Value of Student Teaching"***
   Chantal McMahon, St. Catherine University
4. ***"Do Measures of Growth Instituted by* No Child Left Behind *Effectively Capture Student Improvement"***
   Alexis Yusim, Lake Forest College

Discussants:
1. Ingvil Gaarder, University of Chicago
2. Randall Akee, University of California-Los Angeles
3. Robert Lemke, Lake Forest College
4. Kristine West, St. Catherine University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.....Greenway E

Session 7E: Housing II

Chair: Adam Nowak, West Virginia University

1. ***"Socio Economic Determinants of Residential Foreclosures in Rural Central Illinois"***
   Diego Mendez-Carbajo, Illinois Wesleyan University
2. ***"Structural Change in the Demand for Housing Services and Policy Implications"***
   Nhu Nguyen, College of St. Benedict-Saint John's University
   Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict-Saint John's University
   Shrawantee Saha, College of St. Benedict-Saint John's University
3. ***"Costal Morpho-Dynamics and Real Estate Markets: Is there Evidence of Residential Sorting across Communities along the Coast?"***
   Yun Qiu, Ohio State University
   Sathya Gopalakrishnan, Ohio State University
4. ***"How Did the Housing Bubble Affect Consumption Behavior?"***
   Taylor Smith, Georgia Gwinnett College
   P. Wesley Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

Discussants:
1. Taylor Smith, Georgia Gwinnett College
2. Yun Qiu, Ohio State University
3. Adrienne Ohler, Illinois State University
4. Shrawantee Saha, College of St. Benedict-Saint John's University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.....Greenway F

Session 7F: Remittances and Trade

Chair: Inoussa Boubacar, University of Wisconsin-Stout

1. ***"Aid for Trade and Bilateral Trade Costs"***
   Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University
2. ***"Remittances and the Dutch Disease: Evidence from Cointegration and Error-Correction Modelling"***

Artatrana Ratha, St. Cloud State University

3. ***"Aid for Trade and the Skill and Technology Content of Exports"***
   Elia Shukralla, Qatar University

Discussants:
1. Artatrana Ratha, St. Cloud State University
2. Elias Shukralla, Qatar University
3. Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m..... Greenway H

Session 7H: Asset Pricing I

Chair: Oleksandr Zhylyevskyy, Iowa State University

1. ***"Shadow Banking and Asset Pricing"***
   Jinji Hao, Washington University
2. ***"Equity Premium Puzzle in High-Income and Developing Countries: An Empirical Approach with Disasters"***
   Jaroslav Horvath, Ohio State University
3. ***"On the Joint Dynamics of Equity and Bond - A No Arbitrage Dynamic Asset Pricing Approach"***
   Linlin Liu, University of Notre Dame

Discussants:
1. Linlin Liu, University of Notre Dame
2. Jinji Hao, Washington University
3. Jaroslav Horvath, Ohio State University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m..... Greenway I

Session 7I: Topics on Health Insurance and Medical Care

Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Chair: John Bowblis, Miami University

1. ***"The Elasticity of Demand for Health Insurance: Evidence from Chile"***
   Laura Dague, Texas A&M University
   Gaston Palmucci, University of Wisconsin
2. ***"Access to Medical Care and the Intergenerational Transmission of Asthma"***
   Owen Thompson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3. ***"Public Health Insurance and Work Incentives: Could the Affordable Care Act Reduce Labor Market Distortions?"***
   Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University
   Burcin Unel, New York University
4. ***"Spillovers in Hospital Treatment Intensity Across Insurer Types"***
   Ashley Hodgson, St. Olaf College

Discussants:
1. Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
2. Padmaja Ayyagari, University of Iowa
3. Elizabeth L. Munnich, University of Louisville
4. Lingqi Lou, University of Memphis

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m..... Greenway J

Session 7J: Contracts, Incentives and Choices

Organized for SOLE by Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

Chair: Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

1. ***"When Good Tournaments Make Bad Matches: Evidence of the `Peter Principle' in Sales"***

Alan Benson, University of Minnesota
Danielle Li , Northwestern University
Kelly Shue, University of Chicago

2. ***"The Value of Employer Reputation in the Absence of Contract Enforcement: A Randomized Field Experiment"***
   Aaron Sojourner, University of Minnesota
   Alan Benson, University of Minnesota
   Akhmed Umyarov, University of Minnesota
3. ***"Poaching, Courts, and Settlements: Complementarity of Governance in Labor Markets"***
   Masaki Nakabayashi, University of Tokyo
4. ***"Screening Miners' Skills: Coal Industry Recruiting in Early Twentieth Century Japan"***
   Mayo Sakai, University of Tokyo

Discussants:
1. Brian Phelan, Depaul University
2. Eliza Forsythe, WE Upjohn Institute
3. Nicholas Jolly, Marquette University
4. Esther Redmount, Colorado College

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.....Mirage

Session 7K: Female Labor Supply

Chair: Anthony Andrews, Global Trade Research Institute

1. ***"Do Females Prefer Female Bosses?"***
   Benjamin Artz, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
   Sarinda Taengnoi, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
2. ***"The Female Labor Supply Response to the 1975 Earned Income Tax Credit"***
   Jacob Bastian, University of Michigan
3. ***"Women's Participation in the Formal Financial Market in Nepal: Evidence from NLSS III Data"***
   Samyukta Ghimire, Eastern Illinois University
   Yagya Sharma, Eastern Illinois University
   Mukti Upadhyay, Eastern Illinois University
4. ***"Is Self-Employment a Flexible Alernative to Wage and Salary Employment for Mothers?"***
   Katherine Lim, University of Michigan

Discussants:
1. Jacob Bastian, University of Michigan
2. Samyukta Ghimire, Eastern Illinois University
3. Katherine Lim, University of Michigan
4. Benjamin Artz, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.....Regency

Session 7L: Social Effects

Chair: Wes Routon, Georgia Gwinnett College

1. ***"Uncovering Ethnic Disparities in Peer Effects and Weight Outcomes using Spatial Analysis"***
   Gbenga Ajilore, University of Toledo
2. ***"Does Actual and Perceived Relative Income Affect Well Being Differently? Evidence from Spatial Analysis of Three Villages in Bangladesh"***
   Muhammad Bhuiyan, Carleton College
   Radek Szulga, Grinnell College
3. ***"Ascertaining the Mechanism behind the Social Network Spread of Alcohol Consumption among the U.S. Adolescents: Social Multiplier, Social Norm, or Both?"***

Chelsea Bloom, University of Toledo
Aliaksandr Amialchuk, University of Toledo
Discussants:
1. James R. Irwin, Central Michigan University
2. Gbenga Ajilore, University of Toledo
3. Chao Ma, Ohio State University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 2:45 a.m.-3:15 a.m. ..... Greenway Promenade
Coffee Break

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway A
Session 8A: Housing
Organized for AERE by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Allen Bellas, Metropolitan State University
1. ***"Putting a Price on Sunshine: Optimal Net Metering Policy"***
   Burcin Unel, New York University
   Richard Revesz, New York University
2. ***"Limited Attention in Housing Markets: The Case of Energy Efficiency"***
   Ian Lange, Colorado School of Mines
   David Comerford, Colorado School of Mines
   Harrison Fell, Colorado School of Mines
   Mirko Moro, Colorado School of Mines

Discussants:
1. R. Max Melstrom, Oklahoma State University
2. Brian Scott, Washington College

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway B
Session 8B: Consumer Finance and Human Capital in Indigenous Communities
Organized by Richard Todd, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Chair: Richard Todd, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
1. ***"Neighborhood Racial Composition and Bankcard Credit in Indian Country: Evidence from Individual-Level Credit Bureau Records"***
   Joseph Guse, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and Washington and Lee
   Valentina Dimitrova-Grajzl, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and VMI
   Peter Grajzl, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and Washington and Lee
   Richard Todd, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
   Michael Williams, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
2. ***"The Intergenerational Effect of Forcible Assimilation Policy on School Performance"***
   Donna Feir, University of Victoria
3. ***"Changes in Unearned Income and Its Effects on School Readiness, Child Abilities and Health"***
   Randall Akee, University of California-Los Angeles
   Emilia Simeonova, Johns Hopkins University

Discussants:
1. Joseph Ritter, University of Minnesota
2. Judy Temple, University of Minnesota
3. Aaron Sojourner, University of Minnesota

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway C
Session 8C: Applied Micro II

Chair: Eric Nielsen, Federal Reserve Board

1. ***"I will Pay Tomorrow, or Maybe the Day After"***
   Gustavo Barboza, Clarion University of Pennsylvania
2. ***"Why Does Women's Economic Participation increase Spousal Violence against them? Perceptions on Spousal Violence and Actual Victimization in India"***
   Sanjukta Chaudhuri, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
3. ***"Happiness Online or Offline?"***
   Denise Robson, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
   Sarinda Taengnoi, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
   Marianne Johnson, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Discusssants:

1. Denise Robson, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
2. Yuqing Zhou, Michigan State University
3. Sanjukta Chaudhuri, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m..... Greenway D

Session 8D: Economic Growth

Chair: David Carr, University of South Dakota

1. ***"Women and Economic Growth: Albany, NY, 1780-1860"***
   Catherine McDevitt, Central Michigan University
   James R. Irwin, Central Michigan University
2. ***"Informality, Innovation, and Aggregate Productivity Growth"***
   Tyler Schipper, University of St. Thomas
3. ***"Analysis of Regional Growth Patterns: A Panel Econometrics Approach"***
   Ebenge Usip, Youngstown State University

Discussants:

1. David Carr, University of South Dakota
2. Minh Tam Schlosky, Sewanee: University of the South - subitted
3. Tyler Schipper, University of St. Thomas

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.....Greenway E

Session 8E: Aggregate Equilibrium

Chair: Gregory Arburn, University of Findlay

1. ***"Sectoral Home Bias: Theory and Evidence"***
   Chenyue Hu, University of Michigan
2. ***"Firm Size and Business Cycles with Credit Shocks"***
   In Hwan Jo, Ohio State University
3. ***"The Implications of Skill-Biased Technological Change on Wealth and Welfare in the U.S."***
   Heejeong Kim, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Jason Gurtovoy, Embry University
2. Yun Pei, University of Minnesota
3. Zhenfei Tang, University of Illinois at Chicago

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.....Greenway F

Session 8F: Open Economy: Aggregate Effects

Chair: Dipak Ghosh, Emporia State University

1. ***"Explaining the Flows of Foreign Portfolio Investments to Emerging Markets: The Case of South Africa"***
   Inoussa Boubacar, University of Wisconsin-Stout

Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

2. ***"The Effect of Monetary Integration on Foreign Direct Investment: A Case Study"***
   Petros Ioannatos, Kettering University
3. ***"Structural Shocks and Exchange Rate Movements"***
   Vadhindran Rao, Metropolitan State University
4. ***"Trade Openness and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from Singapore and Malaysia"***
   Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:

1. Vadhindran Rao, Metropolitan State University
2. Inoussa Boubacar, University of Wisconsin-Stout
3. Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
4. Petros Ioannatos, Kettering University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.....Greenway G

Session 8G: Families and Children

Chair: Gbenga Ajilore, University of Toledo

1. ***"Measuring the Impact of Group Incentives on Children's Aggregate Fruit and Vegetable Consumption for Lunch in Two Western Wisconsin Elementary Schools"***
   Sydney Chinchanachokchai, University of Wisconins-Eau Claire
   Eric Jamelske , University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
2. ***"Child Support Payment and Early Educational Outcomes"***
   Lynn MacDonald, St. Cloud State University
   Li Feng, Texas State University
3. ***"Child Spacing and Children's Outcome"***
   Mehrnoush Motamedi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
4. ***"The Relative Importance of Supply and Demand Factors to Preschooling"***
   Robert W. Wassmer, California State University, Sacramento

Discussants:

1. Lynn MacDonald, St. Cloud State University
2. Sydney Chinchanachokchai, University of Wisconins-Eau Claire
3. Shrawantee Saha, College of St. Benedict
4. Karine Moe, Macalester College

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m..... Greenway H

Session 8H: Asset Pricing II

Chair: Aziz Berdiev, Bryant University

1. ***"Vultures on High Risk-High Return Stocks"***
   Burhan Biner, DePaul University
2. ***"Asset Allocation with a Stochastic Volatility Model: A Comparison between Backward-Looking and Forward-Looking Approaches"***
   Mohammadjavad Pakdel, Northern Illinois University
3. ***"Implication of Preference for Positive Skewness to Asset Pricing: Evidence from the Japanese Stock Market"***
   Sheng-Ping Yang, Gustavus Adolphus College
   Thanh Nguyen, Gustavus Adolphus College
4. ***"On the Link between New Stock Listings and Delistings and Average Cross-Sectional Idiosyncratic Stock Volatility"***
   Oleksandr Zhylyevskyy, Iowa State University
   Serguey Khovansky, Northeastern University

Discussants:

1. Mohammadjavad Pakdel, Northern Illinois University
2. Sheng-Ping Yang, Gustavus Adolphus College
3. Oleksandr Zhylyevskyy, Iowa State University
4. Burhan Biner, DePaul University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway I

Session 8I: Health Economics Medley

Organized by Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Chair: Yaa Akosa Antwi, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

1. ***"Birth Spacing and Adolescent Risky Behaviors"***
   Elizabeth Munnich, University of Louisville
   Kasey S. Buckles, University of Notre Dame and NBER
2. ***"Firearm and Suicides: Evidence from State-Level Wait Period Legislation"***
   Erik Nesson, Ball State University
   Griffin Edwards, University of Alabama at Birmingham
   Josh Robinson, University of Alabama at Birmingham
   Frederick Vars, University of Alabama
3. ***"Medicaid Asset Look-back Policy and the Elderly's Asset Holding Decisions"***
   Padmaja Ayyagari, University of Iowa
   Daifeng He, College of William and Mary
4. ***"Determinants of R&D Expenditures of Medical Device Industry Firms, 1979-2012"***
   Lingqi Lou, University of Memphis
   Albert Okunade, University of Memphis

Discussants:

1. Owen Thompson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Lauren Nicholas, Johns Hopkins University
3. John Bowblis, Miami University of Ohio
4. Ashley Hodgson, St. Olaf College

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ..... Greenway J

Session 8J: Declining Mobility between Jobs and Residences

Organized for SOLE by James Spletzer, U.S. Census Bureau
Chair: James Spletzer, U.S. Census Bureau

1. ***"The Secular Decline in Business Dynamism in the U.S."***
   Javier Miranda, U.S. Census Bureau
   John Haltiwanger, University of Maryland
   Ron Jarmin, U.S. Census Bureau
   Ryan Decker, University of Maryland
2. ***"Declining Migration within the US: The Role of the Labor Market"***
   Christopher Smith, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
   Raven Molloy, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
   Abigail Wozniak, University of Notre Dame
3. ***"The Impact of Consumer Credit Constraints on Earnings, Sorting, and Job Finding Rates of Displaced Workers"***
   Gordon Phillips, University of Southern California
   Kyle Herkenhoff, University of Minnesota
4. ***"The Shifting Tenure Distribution"***
   Henry Hyatt, U.S. Census Bureau
   James Spletzer, U.S. Census Bureau

Discussants:

1. Santiago Bazdresch, University of Minnesota
2. David Wiczer, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
3. James Spletzer, U.S. Census Bureau
4. Martin Ganco, University of Minnesota

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.....Mirage

Session 8K: Labor Markets I

Chair: Alan Benson, University of Minnesota

1. ***"Human Trafficking in Europe: An Empirical Estimate of The Determinants across European Union Countries"***
   Robert Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University
   Rachel Tallmadge, Ohio State University
2. ***"Married to the Bank: Is Partner Income a Determinant of Business Ownership?"***
   Robert Munk, Ohio State University
3. ***"Does Mediation Improve Outcomes of EEOC Age Related Charges and Whether State Age Discrimination Laws Facilitate the Given Improvement?"***
   Zafar Nazarov, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and Cornell University
   Sarah von Schrader, Cornell University
4. ***"A Longitudinal Analysis of Racial Wage Differences for Men"***
   Susanne Schmitz, Elmhurst College
   Paul E. Gabriel, Loyola University

Discussants:

1. Robert Munk, Ohio State University
2. Zafar Nazarov, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and Cornell University
3. Susanne Schmitz, Elmhurst College
4. Robert Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.....Regency

Session 8L: Social Economics Perspectives on Inequality

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

Chair: Cyrus Bina, University of Minnesota

1. ***"Does Land ownership Actually Promote Women's Empowerment? Revisiting the Evidence from Nepal"***
   Khushbu Mishra, Ohio State University
   Abdoul Sam, Ohio State University
2. ***"Can Greater Respect towards Women's Rights be a cure for Income Inequality?"***
   Nabamita Dutta, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
   Lisa Giddings, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
   Mieke Meurs, American University
   Sanjukta Roy, The World Bank

Discussants:

Phil Sandro, Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs
Cyrus Bina, University of Minnesota

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.....Regency

MEA Presidential Address

"The Role of Human Capital in Shaping Immigrant Earnings"

Rodolfo Manuelli, James S. McDonald Distinguished Professor at Washington University

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 6:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m.....Regency

MEA Annual Business Meeting – All Welcome

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.....Mirage

President's Reception

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 7:45 p.m.-9:30 p.m..... Minnehaha

Past Presidents' and Secretary-Treasurer's Dinner

Invitation only

Sunday, March 29, 2015, 7:30 a.m.-noon .....Greenway Promenade

Conference Registration

Sunday, March 29, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. .....Greenway A

Session 9A: Land and Ecosystem Services

Organized for AERE by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Terry Hurley, University of Minnesota

1. ***"Multi-Metric Indicator Use in Social Preference Elicitation and Valuation"***
   Matthew Winden, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
   Tim Haab, Ohio State University
   Patrick Fogarty, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
2. ***"Managing the Impact of Exhaustible Resource Extraction on Ecosystem Service Values"***
   R. Max Melstrom, Oklahoma State University
3. ***"Optimal Timing of Irreversible Land Use Conversion Under Uncertainty: An Experimental Approach"***
   Taro Mieno, University of Minnesota
   Kenta Tanaka, Musashi University
   Payal Shah, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology
4. ***"Modeling Conservation Tillage Frequency"***
   Lyubov Kurkalova, North Carolina A&T State University
   D. Tran, North Carolina A&T State University

Discussants:

1. Ian Lange, Colorado School of Mines
2. Terry Hurley, University of Minnesota
3. Allen Bellas, Metropolitan State University
4. Ron Gecan, Congressional Budget Office

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Session 9B: Topics in Micro I

Chair: Nakul Kumar, Bloomsburg University of PA

1. ***"The Holy Grail: Two Universal Measurements of Competitive Imbalance"***
   M. Kevin McGee, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
2. ***"Sexism and the Willingness to Compete: Some Experimental Results"***
   J. Peter Ferderer, Macalester College
   Karine Moe, Macalester College
   Disa Hynsjo, Macalester College
3. ***"Decisions, Decisions, Decisions: How Consumers make Recreation Choices with Expected Congestion and Social Interactions"***
   Katherine Snipes, Denison University

Discussants:

1. Antonio Vinicius Barbosa, UFPE - Cidade Universitária
2. Tingting Xin, Michigan State University
3. Zachary Raff, University of Kansas

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Session 9C: Convergence

Chair: Bibhudutta Panda, University of Minnesota-Morris

1. ***"Within Convergence: Estimating Unique Steady States Using a Dynamic Panel"***
   Micah DelVecchio, Saginaw Valley State University
2. ***"Heterogeneous or Homogenous Convergence? Evidence From Counties in the Midwest"***
   Lawrence Gomes, University of Wisconsin-Washington County
3. ***"Schooling and R&D Externalities: Evidence from A Dual Growth Accounting Application to U.S. States"***
   Bibhudutta Panda, University of Minnesota-Morris

Discussants:

1. Bibhudutta Panda, University of Minnesota-Morris
2. Ebenge Usip, Youngstown State University
3. Micah DelVecchio, Saginaw Valley State University

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Session 9D: Topics in Health Economics II

Chair: Erik Nesson, Ball State University

1. ***"Understanding the Gradient in Childhood Asthma: Tobacco Policy and Children's Health"***
   Moiz Bhai, University of Illinois at Chicago
2. ***"Demand for Vaccine, Parental Education and Differences in Use in Nepal"***
   Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris
3. ***"Do Kidney Exchanges Crowd Out Other Living Kidney Donations?"***
   Keith Teltser, Michigan State University

Discussants:

1. Keith Teltser, Michigan State University
2. Moiz Bhai, University of Illinois at Chicago
3. Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris

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Session 9E: Individual Response to Macro Shocks

Chair: Diego Mendez-Carbajo, Illinois Wesleyan University

1. ***"Measuring how Uncertainty Shocks affect Households' Spending on Durable Goods: a Threshold co-integration approach"***
   M. Iqbal Ahmed, Kansas State University
2. ***"Consumption and Housing Wealth"***
   Claes Bäckman, Copenhagen Business School
   Natalia Khorunzhina, Copenhagen Business School
3. ***"The Impact of Consumer Credit Access on Unemployment"***
   Kyle Herkenhoff, University of Minnesota
4. ***"A Model of Competitive Saving Over the Life-cycle, and its Implications for the Saving Rate Puzzle in China"***
   Guangyu Nie, Georgetown University

Discussants:

1. Claes Bäckman, Copenhagen Business School
2. In Hwan Jo, Ohio State University

3. Guangyu Nie, Georgetown University
4. M. Iqbal Ahmed, Kansas State University

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Session 9G: Topics in Finance

Chair: Jeff Zink, Morningside College

1. ***"Financialization and Crisis - An Empirical and Econometric Survey of the European Financial Architecture"***
   Nina Eichacker, Bentley University
2. ***"An Economist's Guide to the VIX"***
   Graham Lemke, Northwestern College
   Sarah Knuth, Northwestern College
   Joel Vree, Northwestern College
3. ***"The Timing and Impact of Banking Deregulation"***
   Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Ohio State University
2. Jeff Zink, Morningside College
3. Nina Eichacker, Bentley University

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Session 9H: Topics in Economics III

Chair: Sheng-Ping Yang, Gustavus Adolphus College

1. ***"Tax Policy Debates over Tax Incentives in Developing Countries: the case of Egypt"***
   Mahmoud Abdellatif Khalil, Qatar University
2. ***"Low Usage of Formal Financial Systems among the Urban Poor in India: Are they Ecluded by the System or do They not need Financial Services?"***
   Harshada Karnik, University of Minnesota
3. ***"University Inventions and Startups: Theory and Evidence"***
   Dean Showalter, Texas State University

Discussants:

1. Dean Showalter, Texas State University
2. Colin O'Reilly, University of Wisconosin-Stout
3. Mahmoud Abdellatif Khalil, Qatar University

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Session 9J: Labor Markets II

Chair: Robert Gitter, Ohio Wesleyan University

1. ***"What did Unions do in the Nineteenth Century? Illinois Coal Mining in the 1880s"***
   William Boal, Drake University
2. ***"Ripple Effects of a Higher Minimum Wage"***
   Valentina Kozlova, State University of New York-Oswego
   John Moore, University of Tennessee
   Ed Taylor, University of Tennessee
3. ***"Consistency and Pay for Major League Baseball Pitchers"***
   Jeff Owen, Gustavus Adolphus College
4. ***"The Effect of Occupational Licensure Laws on Occupational Choice"***
   Ben Van Kammen, Purdue University

Discussants:

1. Jeff Owen, Gustavus Adolphus College

2. William Boal, Drake University
3. Ben Van Kammen, Purdue University
4. Valentina Kozlova, State University of New York-Oswego

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Session 10A: Water

Organized for AERE by Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Chair: Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis

1. ***"Water Conservation and Soil Adoption in a Highly Erosive Watershed: The Case of Ft. Cobb and SW Oklahoma"***
   Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University
   Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State University
2. ***"The Influence of Enforcement Approach on the Effects of Government Interventions on Environmental Management: Cooperative vs. Coercive Approaches"***
   Zachary Raff, University of Kansas
   Dietrich Earnhart, University of Kansas
3. ***"Stochastic Cost Frontier Analysis of Canadian Drinking Water Plants: Investigating the Roles of Water Quality, Efficiency and Scale"***
   James Price, Brock University
   Steven Renzetti, Brock University
   Diane Dupont, Brock University
4. ***"Could Increasing Block Tariffs Reduce Water Shortage in Chinese Cities? A Welfare Analysis"***
   Xianchun Liao, Nankai University
   Wei Geng, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics
   Junyan Qi, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics

Discussants:

1. Jay Coggins, University of Minnesota
2. Keva Steadman, Western Illinois University
3. Ako Yamazaki, University of Calgary
4. Taro Mieno, University of Minnesota

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Session 10B: Applied Micro III

Chair: Lawrence Gomes, University of Wisconsin-Washington County

1. ***"A Case for Decentralizing Disaster Relief Response - Evidence from India"***
   Nakul Kumar, Bloomsburg University of PA
2. ***"Does More Highway Spending Improve Congestion? Evidence from California Department of Transportation"***
   Ahmad Mohassel, University of Arizona
3. ***"Evaluating the Roles of Employment, Earnings, and Living Costs in a Model of Inter-MSA Migration"***
   Adam Nowak, West Virginia University
   Hubert Janicki, U.S. Census Bureau
   Mark Kutzbach, U.S. Census Bureau
   Danielle Sandler, U.S. Census Bureau
4. ***"Optimal Scheduling Analysis for Public Transportation Bus Fleet Considering Operating Costs and Emissions"***
   Bixuan Sun, University of Minnesota

Discussants:

1. Bixuan Sun, University of Minnesota
2. Adam Nowak, West Virginia University
3. Nakul Kumar, Bloomsburg University of PA
4. Ahmad Mohassel, University of Arizona

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Session 10D: Food and Wellbeing

Chair: Satis Devkota, University of Minnesota-Morris

1. ***"The Impact of Food Stamp on Material Hardships: Evidence from Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility Expansion"***
   Jeehoon Han, University of Notre Dame
2. ***"Who Eats More Fast Food - the Poor, Middle Class or Rich? The Association between Socioeconomic Status and Fast Food Consumption in the U.S."***
   Patricia Smith, University of Michigan-Dearborn
   Jay Zagorsky, Ohio State University

Discussants:

1. Patricia Smith, University of Michigan-Dearborn
2. Jeehoon Han, University of Notre Dame

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Session 10E: Monetary Policy II

Chair: Valentina Kozlova, State University of New York-Oswego

1. ***"Is the Taylor Rule useful during a Financial Crisis: a Forecasting Perspective"***
   Saad Ahmad, University of Arkansas
2. ***"The Stability of demand for Money Function in an Islamic and Non-Islamic Monetary Policy Regimes"***
   Ibrahim Ibrahim, Qatar University
3. ***"Quantifying the Reputation of the Federal Reserve"***
   David Miller, Federal Reserve Board
   Andrew McCallum, Federal Reserve Board
4. ***"What Explains the State-Dependent Effect of Monetary Policy on Asset Price Bubbles"***
   Cheng Zhou, Texas A&M University

Discussants:

1. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Qatar University
2. David Miller, Federal Reserve Board
3. Cheng Zhou, Texas A&M University
4. Saad Ahmad, University of Arkansas

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Session 10G: Human Capital: Aggregate Effects

Chair: Bibhudutta Panda, University of Minnesota-Morris

1. ***"Effects of Seguro Popular on Human Capital Investment and Savings Behavior (2008-2012)"***
   Ana Cuesta, University of Minnesota
   Santiago Bazdresh, University of Minnesota
2. ***"The Decline in State Higher Education Funding: A Quantitative Analysis"***
   George Krivorotov, University of Minnesota
3. ***"Public Education Spending and Economic Growth: The Role of Governance"***
   Mercy Palamuleni, Gustavus Adolphus College
4. ***"Education, Health, and Economic Growth"***

Gyan Pradhan, Eastern Kentucky University
Hem Basnet, Chadron State College
Ficawoyi Donou-Adonsou, University of Colorado Denver

Discussants:
1. George Krivorotov, University of Minnesota
2. Mercy Palamuleni, Gustavus Adolphus College
3. Gyan Pradhan, Eastern Kentucky University
4. Ana Cuesta, University of Minnesota

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Session 10H: Firms and Finance

Chair: Ranajoy Ray-Chaudhuri, Ohio State University

1. ***"Testing Pecking Order Verses Trade-off models of Capital Structure Evidence from Japanese Listed Companies"***
   Shaif Jarallah, Qatar University
   Wali Ullah, IBA, Karachi
2. ***"Credit Rationing and Heterogeneity in Corporate Loan Contracts"***
   Babak Mahmoudi, Nazarbayev University
   Mehdi Beyhaghi, University of Texas at San Antonio
   Ali Mohammadi, Politecnico di Milano

Discussants:
1. Babak Mahmoudi, Nazarbayev University
2. Shaif Jarallah, Qatar University

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Session 10J: Labor Markets III

Chair: Ben Van Kammen, Purdue University

1. ***"Spatial Spillovers in Labor Markets: The Bakken Case"***
   Dulguun Batbold, University of Minnesota
2. ***"Importing, Exporting, and Share of Skilled Labor in Developing Countries"***
   Kul Kapri, College of St. Benedict-St. John's University
3. ***"The Spillover Effects of Public Works on Migration, Labor Allocation and Wages: Evidence from National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, India"***
   Ashesh Prasann, Michigan State University
4. ***"Worker Displacement and Spousal Labor Supply Adjustments in Urban China in the Late 1990s"***
   Tingting Xin, Michigan State University

Discussants:
1. Kul Kapri, College of St. Benedict-St. John's University
2. Ashesh Prasann, Michigan State University
3. Dulguun Batbold, University of Minnesota
4. Herman Sahni, Northern Illinois University

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