SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS A LOCATION:
SESSION A1: Education I ROOM 8009
SESSION A2: Economic Development ROOM 8010
SESSION A3: Panel: The Impact of Inflation ROOM 8014

10:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. BREAK

10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS B
SESSION B1: Education II ROOM 8009
SESSION B2: Real Estate and Urban Economics ROOM 8010
SESSION B3: Labor and Microeconomics ROOM 8014

12:25 P.M. – 1:35 P.M. LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS ROOM 8005
Thomas McDonald, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1:45 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS C
SESSION C1: Monetary Economics ROOM 8009
SESSION C2: Growth and Lending ROOM 8010
SESSION C3: AI and Crypto ROOM 8014
Seminar: Using R for Research and Teaching ROOM 8005

3:15 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. BREAK

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS D
SESSION D1: Finance ROOM 8009
SESSION D2: Economics in Sports ROOM 8010
SESSION D3: Trading Derivatives ROOM 8011
Seminar: Economic Education and Pedagogy: The Intersection of Theory, Evidence, and Practice ROOM 8004
FRIDAY, September 22, 2023

9:00 – 10:30 A.M.: CONCURRENT SESSIONS A

SESSION A1: Education I

ROOM 8009

Chair: Sudipta Roy, University of St. Francis


Discussants: Sudipta Roy
Larry Hill
DJ Jiang

SESSION A2: Economic Development

ROOM 8010

Chair: Animesh Ghoshal, DePaul University

- "Did Transgenic Cotton Reform Increase Cotton Production in Burkina Faso?,” Miracle-Rose Toppar, Ripon College.
- "'Rust Belt' Across America: An Application of a Nationwide, Block-Group-Level Deprivation Index,” Scott Hegerty, Northeastern Illinois University.
- “Young Women in Cities,” Hanzhe Zhang, Michigan State University.

Discussants: Hanzhe Zhang
Miracle-Rose Toppar
Scott Hegerty

SESSION A3: The Impact of Inflation

ROOM 8014

Panel discussion moderated by Larissa Adamiec, Indiana University

- Is real estate an inflationary hedge?
- Do crypto currencies offer the best inflationary hedges?
- Why have ESG focused funds underperformed?
- How should inflation be incorporated in a DCF?

10:30 – 10:45 A.M.  BREAK
SESSION B1: Education II
ROOM 8009
Chair: Nick Larsen, Eastern Washington University
- "How Did Learning Fare During the Pandemic? Evidence From an Introductory Finance Course," Sudipta Roy, University of St. Francis.
- “Unintended Consequences of Plan B: Increased Alcohol Abuse,” Mickenzie Bass, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Discussants: Caleb Lewis
Nick Larsen
Scott Hegerty

SESSION B2: Real Estate and Urban Economics
ROOM 8010
Chair: Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University
- “The Bizarre Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Housing Prices on Oahu Island, HI” Jeremy Groves, Northern Illinois University
- “The Impact of Commitment on Pending Home Sales in Entrapping Situations,” Jin Man Lee, DePaul University
- TBD/Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University

Discussants: Ryan Gallagher
Jeremy Groves
Jin Man Lee

SESSION B3: Labor and Microeconomics
ROOM 8014
Chair: Jin Choi, DePaul University
- “Wage and Unemployment Inequality in Post-Covid Labor Market,” Chen Meng, Kean University.

Discussants: Kassahun M. Geleta
Chen Meng
Ben Adams
12:25 P.M. – 1:35 P.M.  LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS  ROOM 8005
Thomas McDonald, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Thomas McDonald is a Senior Economist in the Economic Analysis and Information Department within the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). He received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Detroit and has been employed by the Bureau for 32 years, the last 15 in his current position. Thomas specializes in providing background, analysis, and training on BLS data products. He regularly speaks to media, researchers, professional organizations, think tanks, and all levels of government. Before BLS, Thomas worked as a Congressional Investigator for the General Accountability Office (GAO) and as a Contract Specialist for the Air National Guard.

1:45 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.: CONCURRENT SESSIONS C

SESSION C1: Monetary Economics  ROOM 8009
Chair: Ireniusz Dabrowski, Warsaw School of Economics
- “Inflation expectations from TIPS and nominal bonds,” Hardik Marfatia, Northeastern Illinois University.
- “Machine Learning in Forecasting Price Index by Industry,” Ireniusz Dabrowski and Marek Chrzanowski, Warsaw School of Economics.

Discussants: Hardik Marfatia
Ireniusz Dabrowski
George Waters

SESSION C2: Growth and Lending  ROOM 8010
Chair: Bobby Barnes, Loyola University Chicago.
- “Irreversible Investment and the Relationship between Volatility and Growth Rate,” Haya Khan, Southern Illinois University.
- “From Arrivals to Sales: The Effect of Immigration on Sales Tax Revenue,” Alisha Saini, University of Illinois-Chicago.
- "Latent Related Parties and Groups in Connected Lending," Reza Ghasemi, Sharif GMSE.

Discussants: Stephen Emmanuel Armah
Alisha Saini
Haya Khan
Ryan Gallagher
SESSION C3: AI and Crypto

ROOM 8014

Chair: Ryan Gallagher, Northeastern Illinois University

- "Inverse Leverage Effect for Cryptocurrencies and Meme Stocks: A Comprehensive Framework," Matthew Stuart, Loyola University, Chicago; Steven Kou, Boston University; and Cindy Yu, Iowa State University.

Discussants: Matthew Stuart

J. Jobu Babin

Seminar C4: Using R for Research and Teaching

ROOM 8005

Presenter: Scott Hegerty, Northeastern Illinois University

Bring your laptop and see how the open-source software R can be used both as a teaching tool and to drive your research. Topics can vary from basic fundamentals to specific time-series or spatial tools.

3:15 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. BREAK

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS D

SESSION D1: Finance

ROOM 8009

Chair: Jeremy Groves, Northern Illinois University


Discussants: Obinna Ezeibekwe

Luigi Pollio

SESSION D2: Economics in Sports

ROOM 8010

Chair: Jin Man Lee, DePaul University


Discussants: Thomas Sadler

Mohammad Nur Nobi

Haritima Chauhan
SESSION D3: Trading Derivatives

Chair: Jin Choi

- “Trading Derivatives Like a Professional Money Manager,” Mark Shore, Shore Capital Research LLC and DePaul University.

Discussants:
John Berdell
Mark Shore
Jin Choi

Seminar D4: Economic Education and Pedagogy:
The Intersection of Theory, Evidence, and Practice

Presenter: Caleb Lewis, Aurora University
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