

Wisconsin Economics Association Conference Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI – October 27-28, 2023

Day 1: Friday, October 27th, 2023	
9:00–10:00	*Registration - Refreshments/Networking
10:00–10:10	Welcome & Opening Remarks - Eric Jamelske, WEA President
	Session 1
10:10–10:35	The Effects of Recessionary Periods on the Signaling Effect of Layoffs – Derek Olson (Marquette University)
10:35–10:55	The Economic Value of Skateparks: A Count Data Travel Cost Approach applied to the Lauridsen Skatepark – Thomas Kemp, Anna Kovalchuk and Gabe Wilhorn (University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire)
10:55 – 11:10	*Question & Discussion
11:10–11:20	*Refreshment/Networking Break
	Session 2
11:20–11:40	Occupational switching for truck drivers and related professions - Levi Soborowicz (Iowa State University)
11:40–12:00	Improving the measurement of economic freedom by replacing government size with government effectiveness – Thomas Scholz (Concordia University)
12:00–12:15	*Questions & Discussion
12:15–12:25	*Refreshment/Networking Break
12:25–1:40	Luncheon – Social Justice, Economic Growth & The PPF (Eric Jamelske)
	Session 3
1:40–2:00	Pollution and Mortality: Estimating damages using pollutant specific abatement technologies – Casey Rozowski (University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire)
2:00–2:20	Performance Pay, Gender, and Divorce – Benjamin Adams (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
2:20–2:35	*Questions & Discussion
2:35–2:45	*Refreshment/Networking Break
	Session 4
2:45–3:05	Student Academic Entitlement during COVID-19 – Jason Haen, Amy Vandenberg, & Todd Sarnstrom (St. Norbert College)
3:05–3:25	Seasonality of Flu and Stock Price – Yosef Bonaparte (University of Denver), David Kozlowski (Florida International University) and Sakib Mahmud (University of Wisconsin-Superior)
3:25–3:35	*Questions & Discussion
3:35–3:45	*Refreshment/Networking Break
3:45–5:00	WEA Board Meeting - Dinner on your own

Day 2: Saturday, October 28th, 2023	
8:00–8:50	*Registration - Refreshments/Networking
8:50–9:00	*Welcome & Opening Remarks - Eric Jamelske, WEA President
	Session 5
9:00 – 9:20	The Effect of Higher Education on Income Inequality in Wisconsin - Kyle Pulvermacher (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point)
9:20 – 9:40	Global Food Insecurity and Agricultural Sustainability: A Comparative Analysis of Selected Developed and Developing Countries - Akira Tanaka (University of Wisconsin-Superior)
9:40 – 9:50	*Questions & Discussion
9:50 – 10:00	*Refreshment/Networking Break
	Session 6
10:00–10:20	Geopolitical Risk and Country-Level CO2 Emissions: A Deep Learning Approach Comparing LSTM, CNN and ConvLSTM – Olajide Sanusi (University of Wisconsin- Green Bay)
10:20–10:40	Speaking Fast and Slow – Rivin Perinchery (Florida State University)

10:40–10:55	*Questions & Discussion
10:55–11:05	*Refreshment/Networking Break
	Session 7
11:05–11:25	Increasing Recycling Volumes with Strategic Messaging - Yulian Chen & Andrew W. Stevens (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
11:25–11:45	Labor Supply Behavior: A Study on the Role of Culture – Sarthak Behara (Centre College) and Divya Sadana (University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire)
11:45–11:55	*Questions & Discussion
11:55–1:15	Luncheon
	Session 8
1:15–1:35	Agricultural market integration, influencing factors and geographical distance: the case of tomatoes of China – Changwei Fan (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
1:35–1:55	A Continuing Analysis of a Midwestern Farmers’ Market SNAP Matching Program 2018-2023 – Eric Jamelske, Jenna Fox, Erin Hanson, Stevie Harper, Anna Kovalchuk, Sophia Meisner, Luke Plagens and Eliza Zahn (University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire)
1:55–2:05	*Questions & Discussion
2:05–2:25	Farewell & Closing Remarks - Eric Jamelske, WEA President

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