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for Undergraduate Research

Economics Scholars Program Conference for Undergraduate Research | March 26, 2010 Austin College and Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Agenda	Auditorium	Southwestern Room	Training Room D
8:45 a.m.	<p>Welcome Sherry L. Kiser Director of Economic Education Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas</p> <p>Melanie Fox Assistant Professor Austin College</p>		
	Session 1 A: Economic Crises	Session 1 B: Environmental Economics	Session 1 C: Microeconomics
	Session chair: Katherine Sheffield, University of Texas at Dallas	Session chair: Austin Miller, Baylor University	Session chair: Andrew Leistensnider, Baylor University
9:15 a.m.	<p>Solutions for the 2007–2010 Financial Crisis from Islamic Finance Kamran Ahmed Austin College</p> <p>Discussant: Nick Campbell, Texas A&M University–Commerce</p>	<p>Cap and Trade Nicholas Bruno Houston Baptist University</p> <p>Discussant: Sarah Campion, Austin College</p>	<p>The Socioeconomic Influences on the Probability of Divorce Jaclyn Tweedy Hanover College</p> <p>Discussant: Kate Murphy, Austin College</p>
9:45 a.m.	<p>Bank Supervision Before the Great Depression, 1915–1929 Michael Connolly and Daniel Esposito Rutgers University</p> <p>Discussant: Sampoorna Dasgupta, New York University</p>	<p>Shorter Iterations: A Hedonic Analysis with Monthly Water Quality Statistics Michael Carlson Austin College</p> <p>Discussant: Zachary McDade, Macalester College</p>	<p>A Part for the Whole: Income as a Holistic Measure of Human Development Richard Stern Emory University</p> <p>Discussant: Julie Bateman, Baylor University</p>
10:15 a.m.	<p>The Great Recession: The Origins of the Worst Economic Crisis Since the Great Depression Jack Reynolds Tarleton State University</p> <p>Discussant: Riley Adams, Centenary College of Louisiana</p>	<p>An Economic Overview of the Overfishing Problem Faced by the Gladden Spit Fish Aggregation Site and Possible Solutions Mario Garza Texas A&M University</p> <p>Discussant: Michael Carlson, Austin College</p>	<p>Are Low-Income Residents Who Are Displaced by Gentrification Better or Worse Off After Relocating? Alice Anigacz Macalester College</p> <p>Discussant: Corey Sadler, Austin College</p>
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	Session 2 A: Macroeconomics	Session 2 B: Applied Microeconomics I	
	Session chair: Colleen MacCroy, Baylor University	Session chair: Jared Reber, University of Arkansas	
11:00 a.m.	Characterizing Cycles in Commodity Prices Amanda Thomson Texas Tech University Discussant: Jack Reynolds, Tarleton State University	Institutions Associated with Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Developing Nations John Orr University of Tulsa Discussant: Kiara Hughes, Baylor University	
11:30 a.m.	Labor Force Flows and Job Transition Probabilities in the Great Moderation Lawrence Warren Texas Tech University Discussant: Kate Murphy, Austin College	Handling Hurricane Fatality Data with Care—How Much Does Accuracy Matter? Sarah Champion Austin College Discussant: Elizabeth Dratz, Baylor University	
12:00 p.m.		The Economics of Video Game Design Andrew Wagner Kansas State University Discussant: Manoah O'Dell, Centenary College of Louisiana	
12:30 p.m. Lunch, Auditorium			
Economic Sleuths: Investigating the Intriguing Recession of 2008–09 with a Nobel Approach			
Carlos Zarazaga Senior Research Economist and Advisor Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas			
	Session 3 A: Development	Session 3 B: Microfinance and Credit	Session 3 C: Applied Microeconomics II
	Session chair: Erika de la Rosa, University of Texas at Austin	Session chair: Kara Causey, Austin College	Session chair: Mateo Clarke, University of Texas at Austin
1:30 p.m.	The Effects of Returns to Education on the Decision to Stay or to Leave Secondary School: An Empirical Study of Brazil Rudy Alejandro Herrera Marmol Macalester College Discussant: Matt Harris, Centenary College of Louisiana	Transparency in Disclosure Policies and the Loan Portfolios of Microfinance Institutions Sampoorna Dasgupta New York University Discussant: Lawrence Warren, Texas Tech University	The Effects of Medical Tourism on Emigration of Indian Physicians Andre Samuel Baylor University Discussant: Jaclyn Tweedy, Hanover College

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2:00 p.m.	<p>Are Conditions on Cash Transfers Necessary to Improve Rural Education Outcomes?: Evidence from Nicaragua Zachary McDade Macalester College Discussant: Julie Bateman, Baylor University</p>	<p>Explaining the Credit Score: The Impact of Impulsivity, Risk, Time Preference and Trustworthiness Shweta Arya University of Texas at Dallas Discussant: Jack Reynolds, Tarleton State University</p>	
2:30 p.m.	<p>The Role of Economic Theory in Poverty Alleviation Organizations Heather Owen Baylor University Discussant: Corey Sadler, Austin College</p>		<p>A Reexamination of the Cobb–Douglas Production Function: Implications and Impact Upon the Profession and Our Understanding of Capitalism and Marxism Jared Reber University of Arkansas Discussant: Travis Roach, University of North Texas</p>
3:00 p.m. Break			
	Session 4 A: Environmental and Development Economics	Session 4 B: Issues in the Economics of Education	
	Session chair: Jack Reynolds, Tarleton State University	Session chair: Scott Meara, Austin College	
3:15 p.m.	<p>What Is the Impact of Income on the Demand for Bushmeat Near the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania? Iryna Postolovska Macalester College Discussant: Emily Saultz, Baylor University</p>	<p>Influences on Liberal Arts College Tuition Edward T. Hirsh Washington & Jefferson College Discussant: Michael Carlson, Austin College</p>	
3:45 p.m.	<p>The Synergetic Benefits of Renewable Energy in a Developing Economy Travis Roach University of North Texas Discussant: John Orr, University of Tulsa</p>	<p>Guilty As Charged: An Analysis of Cheaters at Centenary College Quinn Larwood Centenary College of Louisiana Discussant: Elizabeth Dratz, Baylor University</p>	
	Session 5		
4:15 p.m.	<p>Roundtable Discussion: Economic Research for Undergraduates</p>		
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn		

