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511 Lexington Avenue at, E 48th St, New York, NY 10017

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

CHECK-IN 8:30-9

EDUCATION 9-10:30

LABOR 10:30-12

————— LUNCH —————

HEALTH 1:30-3

DEVELOPMENT 3:15-4:45

————— BREAK —————

STUDENT-FACULTY RECEPTION 6-8

Blooms Tavern
208 E 58th St, New York, NY 10022

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

INTERNATIONAL TRADE 9-10:30

CORRUPTION & LAW 10:30-12

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GEOGRAPHIC ECONOMICS & LABOR 1:30-3:00

FINANCE 3:15-5:00

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SESSION ONE

EDUCATION

9-10:30

THE IMPACT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BANS ON URM
ENROLLMENT BY INSTITUTIONAL SELECTIVITY

Lucia Qin, Smith College

Discussant: Emma Toscano, Keene State College

EVALUATION OF PROMPT INJECTION ATTACKS IN LLM-
BASED SCHOLARLY REVIEW SYSTEMS

Linh Nguyen, Northern Kentucky University

Discussant: Karla Bamberger Segura, Smith College

THE IMPACT OF SCHOOL RANKINGS ON PERCENT CHANGE
IN HOUSING PRICES

Josiah Schlechty, University of Mary Washington

Discussant: Marybella Martinez, Smith College

DO FEDERAL OR STATE DOLLARS MATTER MORE? FUNDING
HEAD START, PRE-K, AND THE PATH TO FOURTH GRADE
ACHIEVEMENT

Shreya Sen, Smith College

Discussant: Jameson Hatsian, Quinnipiac University

THE EFFECT OF THE GOLD STANDARD AND FIAT MONEY ON
US INCOME

Peter Ort, Quinnipiac University

Discussant: Dylan Fogg, Northern Kentucky University

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SESSION TWO

LABOR

10:30-12

MEASURING TANF WORK REQUIREMENT: STATE LEVEL POLICY
VARIATION FROM 1996-2022

Karla Bamberger Segura, Smith College

Discussant: Josiah Schlechty, University of Mary Washington

THE EFFECTS OF VIDEO GAME USE ON LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION

Quinn Faller, Elon University

Discussant: Vanessa Wolf, Furman University

QUANTIFYING LABOR SHORTAGES AND TALENT SURPLUSES IN THE
CINCINNATI ECONOMY

Dylan Fogt, Northern Kentucky University

Discussant: Peter Ort, Quinnipiac University

TRAP LAWS AND WOMEN'S LABOR MOBILITY: A LOCAL-PROJECTIONS
DIFFERENCE-IN-DIFFERENCES APPROACH

Emma Toscano, Keene State College

Discussant: Lucia Qin, Smith College

WORK INCENTIVES AND CHILDCARE DECISIONS: THE IMPACT OF THE
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ON CHILDCARE DECISIONS

Marybella Martinez, Smith College

Discussant: Linh Nguyen, Northern Kentucky University

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAMS ON U.S.
STATES: A COMPARISON OF LEAGUES

Jameson Hatsian, Quinnipiac University

Discussant: Shreya Sen, Smith College

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SESSION THREE

HEALTH

1:30-3

DID MEDICAID EXPANSION BOOST STATE PRODUCTIVITY?
EVIDENCE FROM 2010 TO 2019

Samuella Kabila & Tu Duong, Furman University

Discussant: Isabella Thomas, University of Connecticut

PRIVATE EQUITY HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
OUTCOMES

Jay Cornell, Elon University

Discussant: Angel Bravo, University of Connecticut

BRIDGING DONOR DEPENDENCY: EXPLORING SUSTAINABLE
HEALTHCARE FINANCING MECHANISMS IN AFGHANISTAN

Elaine Chan, Northern Kentucky University

Discussant: Haas Nathan, Belmont University

EFFECT OF ACCESS TO PROCEDURES PROVIDED BY LEVEL
ONE TRAUMA CENTERS IN NEW YORK STATE

Mark MacDaniel, University of Connecticut

Discussant: Linh Tran, Towson University

YANACOCHA MINE EXPANSION IN PERU AND THE EFFECTS
ON CHILD SURVIVAL RATES IN NEARBY PROVINCES

Sara Fritz, Elon University

Discussant: Stevi Dugas, University of Richmond

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SESSION FOUR

DEVELOPMENT

3:15-4:40

AN ECONOMIC GROWTH COMPARISON BETWEEN COLOMBIA
& SWITZERLAND: AN ANALYSIS THROUGH THE LENS OF THE
SOLOW GROWTH MODEL

Angel Bravo, University of Connecticut

Discussant: Samuella Kabila, Furman University

THE EFFECT OF REMITTANCES ON EDUCATION ATTAINMENT
AT THE FAMILY LEVEL: EVIDENCE FROM VIETNAM

Linh Tran, Towson University

Discussant: Laiba Ashfaq, Furman University

AN ECONOMIC GROWTH COMPARISON BETWEEN BRAZIL
AND VENEZUELA: AN ANALYSIS THROUGH THE SOLOW
GROWTH MODEL

Isabella Thomas, University of Connecticut

Discussant: Elaine Chan, Northern Kentucky University

THE DIFFERENTIAL EFFECTS OF AGRICULTURAL-INPUT AID &
FOOD AID: EVIDENCE FROM HOUSEHOLDS IN MALAWI

Stevi Dugas, University of Richmond

Discussant: Sara Fritz, Elon University

THE IMPACT OF SPORTSWASHING MEGA-EVENTS ON GLOBAL
PERCEPTION: A SYNTHETIC CONTROL APPROACH

Jin Kobes, Elon University

Discussant: Mark MacDaniel, University of Connecticut

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SESSION FIVE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

9-10:30

AN ANALYSIS OF U.S. GDP AND ITS EFFECT ON THE EUR/
USD EXCHANGE RATE

Ethan Juhasz, The College of Wooster

Discussant: Vuyo Mkhathshwa, Furman University

MISSED TARGETS: A MIXED-METHODS ANALYSIS OF
TARGETED SANCTIONS, FINANCIAL SANCTIONS, AND
INCOME INEQUALITY

Liliana Stinson, Mount Holyoke College

Discussant: Andrew Berg, Manhattan University

TO WHAT EXTENT DO US-IMPOSED TARIFFS ON CHINA
AFFECT IMMIGRANT DISCRIMINATION?

Sarah Qin, Smith College

Discussant: Jin Kobes, Elon University

TRADE OPENNESS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ASIA: AN
EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS OF THE COVID-19 SHOCK AND
RECOVERY (2019 - 2022)

Nancy Nguyen, The College of Wooster

Discussant: Ryan Slattery, Quinnipiac University

DO TRADE DEFICITS REALLY DE-INDUSTRIALIZE?
MANUFACTURING SHARES AND TRADE BALANCES

Isha Khan, Quinnipiac University

Discussant: Aidan Staley, Northern Kentucky University

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SESSION SIX

CORRUPTION & LAW

10:30-12:20

THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT: ITS IMPACT ON
FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.

Haas Nathan, Belmont University

Discussant: Mariam Saad, Quinnipiac University

TRUST AS THE FOUNDATION FOR GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY:
AN EMPIRICAL AND POLICY ANALYSIS

Laiba Ashfaq, Vuyo Mkhathshwa & Vanessa Wolf, Furman University

Discussant: Nancy Nguyen, The College of Wooster

INVESTOR PERCEPTIONS OF AI-ENHANCED ANTI-BRIBERY
COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

Andrew Berg, Manhattan University

Discussant: Tu Duong, Furman University

HOW ARE IP ATTORNEYS IN CINCINNATI ADAPTING CONTRACT
TERMS IN CLIENT AGREEMENTS TO ACCOUNT FOR GENERATIVE
AI RISKS

Aidan Staley, Northern Kentucky University

Discussant: Isha Khan, Quinnipiac University

EFFECTIVENESS OF PREVENTION METHODS ON DUI OFFENSES

Tressa Ballard, University of Mary Washington

Discussant: Sarah Qin, Smith College

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS PER
CAPITA AND VIOLENT AND HATE CRIMES

Ryan Slattery, Quinnipiac University

Discussant: Liliana Stinson, Mount Holyoke College

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SESSION SEVEN

GEOGRAPHIC ECONOMICS & LABOR **1:30-3**

ENGLISH ON SCREEN: FILM EXPOSURE AND LANGUAGE
FLUENCY AMONG NEW IMMIGRANTS

Jane Felix, Belmont University

Discussant: Emma Rademacher, Northern Kentucky University

FLOOD VULNERABILITY AND INSURANCE COVERAGE IN
RUSSIAN RIVER MOBILE HOME COMMUNITIES: AN
ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

Eliana Faria, Bryant University

Discussant: Princess Nworah, Northern Kentucky University

PREVALENCE, PREDICTABILITY, AND PENALTIES: AN
EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS OF UNDEREMPLOYMENT

Parshant Kumar, UNC Chapel Hill

Discussant: Geoffrey Peterson, Minnesota State University -
Moorhead

THE IMPACT OF HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENT ON
ECONOMIC WELFARE

Terence O'Neill, Stonehill College

Discussant: Juan Medina, Bryant University

CLIMATE FINANCE AND GLOBAL INEQUALITY

Ethan Hunt, The College of Wooster

Discussant: Theodore Lanzaro, Bryant University

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Washington

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SESSION EIGHT

FINANCE

3:15-5

AI VS. HUMAN INTUITION: AN ECONOMETRIC COMPARISON OF
BITCOIN PRICE FORECASTS

Emma Rademacher, Northern Kentucky University

Discussant: Eliana Faria, Bryant University

MONETARY POLICY MANDATES AND INFLATION OUTCOMES: PANEL
EVIDENCE FROM CENTRAL BANKS

Juan Medina, Bryant University

Discussant: Ethan Hunt, The College of Wooster

IS FRANCE AT RISK? A BOND MARKET BASED ASSESSMENT OF
FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Geoffrey Peterson, Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Discussant: Terence O'Neill, Stonehill College

DIVERSITY AND OUTPUT IN FINANCE: HOW VARIED TEAMS BOOST
PERFORMANCE

Princess Nworah, Northern Kentucky University

Discussant: Parshant Kumar, UNC Chapel Hill

THE EFFECTS OF TARIFFS ON MONETARY POLICY: AN ECONOMETRIC
ANALYSIS

Theodore Lanzaro, Bryant University

Discussant: Jane Felix, Belmont University

CONFLICT, STABILITY, AND DEVELOPMENT: MACROECONOMIC
OUTCOMES IN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STATES, 2000-2024

Mariam Saad, Quinnipiac University

Discussant: Ethan Juhasz, The College of Wooster

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