

IPE 27th Annual Conference Boston, MA –Feb. 28-29, 2020

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 28:

IPE1: 9:30-10:50 am

IPE2: 11:00-12:20 pm

Lunch

IPE3: 1:00-2:20 pm

IPE4: 2:30-3:50 pm

IPE5: 4:00-5:20 pm

<p>IPE Student-Faculty Reception: 6:00-9:00 pm At: McGreevy's 911 Boylston</p>

Saturday, February 29:

IPE6: 9:30-10:50 am

IPE7: 11:00-12:20 pm

Lunch

IPE8: 1:00-2:20 pm

IPE9: 2:30-3:50 pm

IPE10: 4:00-5:20 pm

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[IPE1] Undergraduate Student Research I: Labor Force and Market Strategies

One of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Bailee Castillo**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

Labor Force Participation: A Machine Learning Approach

Michael Matkowski, Audrey Chase, Mckenzie Kozma, Bryant University

Non-compete Agreements and Compensation Structure in the Technology Industry

Thuc Doan Nguyen, Miami University

Multilevel Marketing Firms: An Examination of Participation Drivers and Financial Success

Katrina Breidenbach, American University

The Beveridge Curve and the Hysteresis Hypothesis

Hannah Sheldon, Bryant University

To What Extent Does Minimum Wage Effect Fast Food Employment in the United States?

Siddhartha Rao, University of Mary Washington

Discussants:

Colleen Judge, Elon University

Abigail Russo, Stonehill College

Seth Howard, Austin College

Alba Loureiro, Smith College

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[IPE2] Undergraduate Student Research II: Environmental Economics

One of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Francesco Storm**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

Natural Disasters and Human Trafficking Reporting

Colleen Judge, Elon University

Firm Behavior in the Face of Severe Weather: Studying the Effects of Deterministic and Probabilistic Warning Systems

Seth Howard, Austin College

Child Marriage in India: Potential Effects of Precipitation and Temperature

Alba Loureiro, Smith College

The Effects of Air Pollution on Academic Achievement: A Study of California Schools

Abigail Russo, Stonehill College

Discussants:

Michael Matkowski, Bryant University

Thuc Doan Nguyen, Miami University

Katrina Breidenbach, American University

Brandon Williams, University of Mary Washington

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[IPE3] Undergraduate Student Research III: Microeconomics

Three of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Robert West**, University of Mary Washington

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

The Tony Awards Impact: Is Winning Worth It?

McKenna Togstad, Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Millennials and the Alcohol Industry: Expenditure Variations Among Generations

Anthony Murray, Bryant University

The Dynamics of Billboard's Chart Success: Evidence from Country Music

Kaden Paulson, Belmont University

Impact of Paid Parental Leave on Breastfeeding Rates in the United States

Riley Burr, Nicole Greenfield, Emma Sanning, Furman University

Analysis of United States Residential Time of Use Pricing Mechanisms

Jake Ciolek, St. Lawrence University

Discussants:

Christopher Arnold, Providence College

Emma Reining, Hartwick College

Francesco Storm, Elon University

Yuqi Wei, Smith College

Peter Vise, Bryant University

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[IPE4] Undergraduate Student Research IV: Topics in Macroeconomics I

Four of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Marina Thornton**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

Endogenous Capital Concentration: An Analysis of Productivity and Growth

Francesco Storm, Elon University

Can Machine Learning Predict Recessions Better than Traditional Methods?

Peter Vise, Lloyd Ellison, Bryant University

In Search of the Yield Curve: A Viable Indicator for Recession

Emma Reining, Hartwick College

International Trade and Urban-Rural Income Inequality: Evidence from China

Yuqi Wei, Smith College

Low and Negative Foreign Interest Rates: Their Impact on Foreign Demand for U.S. Treasuries

Christopher Arnold, Providence College

Discussants:

Anthony Murray, Bryant University

Niamh McKevitt, St. Thomas Aquinas College

Hannah Sheldon, Bryant University

Emma Sanning, Furman University

Isabella Diaz, St. Thomas Aquinas College

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[IPE5] Undergraduate Student Research V: Topics in Macroeconomics II

Five of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Kelly Mahoney**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

Adjusting the Phillips Curve for the Productivity Wage Gap

Isabella Diaz, Niamh McKeivitt, St. Thomas Aquinas College

A Beveridge Curve Estimation of the Natural Rate of Unemployment

Hannah Sheldon, Bryant University

What has happened to U.S. Inflation? The Effect of Globalization on the Phillips Curve

Brandon Williams, University of Mary Washington

Discussants:

McKenna Togstad, Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Kaden Paulson, Belmont University

Jake Ciolek, St. Lawrence University

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[IPE6] Undergraduate Student Research VI: Teaching and Learning Outcomes

Six of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Caitlin Wynn**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

Test-Optional Policy and Student Debt

Ally Bevers, Western Carolina University

The Effect of New School Openings on Achievement in Pre-existing Schools: Evidence from Wake County, NC

Jacob Stern, Elon University

Analyzing the Relationship between Teacher Salary and Student Performance across New Jersey schools

Prasiddha Shakya, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Like Mother, Like Daughter? How does mother's education impact daughter's educational attainment? Evidence from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, India

Isabel Xiao Kitschelt, Smith College

Discussants:

Kelly Mahoney, Elon University

Emily Liu, Smith College

Robert West, University of Mary Washington

Samuel Neil, Stonehill University

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[IPE7] Undergraduate Student Research VII: Crime and Incarceration

Seven of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Siddhartha Rao**, University of Mary Washington

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

The Effects of Parent Incarceration on their Child's Potential for Success

Kelly Mahoney, Elon University

What Determines the Victims of Online Crime?

Emily Liu, Smith College

Does death discourage death? Relationship between death sentencing and homicide rates in Virginia between 1990 and 2018.

Robert West, University of Mary Washington

The Relationship between Unemployment Rates and Violent & Property Crime Metrics

Samuel Neil, Stonehill University

Discussants:

Ally Bevers, Western Carolina University

Jacob Stern, Elon University

Prasiddha Shakya, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Isabel Xiao Kitschelt, Smith College

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[IPE8] Undergraduate Student Research VIII: Health and Gender

Eight of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Jacob Stern**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

India's Skewed Sex Ratio: Does Economics Have an Answer?

Harriet Brookes-Gray, Smith College

Contraceptive access and female labor supply: Evidence from Indonesia

Caitlin Wynn, Elon University

Does income inequality make people sick? Cross-country relationship between income inequality and health measures

Lian Jin, Smith College

The Conventional and the Conceptual: Evaluating the Impact of Economic Growth on Gender Inequality and Development

Madison Mauro, American University

The role of mandatory Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and welfare spending on opioid overdose in the United States.

Margar Harutyunyan, St. Lawrence University

Discussants:

Marina Thornton, Elon University

William Greisner, Furman University

Ilya Schneider, University of Maryland, College Park

Artem Samiahulin, The University of Scranton

Rylie Greene, American University

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[IPE9] Undergraduate Student Research IX: Labor Economics

Nine of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Colleen Judge**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

Health Insurance and Individual Labor Supply Decisions

Marina Thornton, Elon University

The effects of gap years: Analyzing the effect of delayed master's enrollment on future earnings

William Greisner, Karl Nichols, Jackson Robinson, Furman University

Measuring the Effects of Right-to-Work Laws on Wages, Employment, and Income Inequality

Ilya Schneider, University of Maryland, College Park

State Dependence and Food Stamps: Before and After the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996

Artem Samiahulin, The University of Scranton

Women in Labor Market: The Effect of Years of Schooling on Labor Force Participation in the Service, Industrial, and Agricultural Sectors Across Countries

Rylie Greene, American University

Discussants:

Harriet Brookes-Gray, Smith College

Lian Jin, Smith College

Caitlin Wynn, Elon University

Bailee Castillo, Elon University

Alex Hwang, College of Wooster

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[IPE10] Undergraduate Student Research X: Economic Growth and Development

Ten of Ten Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Brandon Williams**, University of Mary Washington

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

Presentations:

A Dam Problem: Investigating the Impact of Dams on Economic Development

Bailee Castillo, Elon University

Measuring Fire Services Output: An Ordered Probit Model

Alex Hwang, College of Wooster

Discussants:

Madison Mauro, American University

Margar Harutyunyan, St. Lawrence University