

Wisconsin Economics Association: 2009 Annual Meeting
November 6-7, Stevens Point, WI

Friday, October 16

- 8:30 to 9:45am **Check-in, registration, and socializing**
- 10:00 to 10:05am **Welcome to 2009 annual meeting by WEA President, John Stoll**
- 10:05 to 10:50am **Session 1: Opening Session (15 minutes each)**
1. Inoussa Boubacar (faculty), UW – Stout, “Determinants of Migration in the Rural Upper Great Plains”
2. Thomas Nesslein (faculty), UW – Green Bay, “Thinking Like an Economist: Ferreting Out Subtle Endogenous Variables”
- 10:50 to 11:50am **Session 2: Issues in Economics I (15 minutes each)**
1. Blake Barnes, Amber Jamelske, Bryan Reinhold (undergraduate students), UW – Eau Claire, “An Evaluation of the USDA Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in Eau Claire Elementary Schools”
2. Matt Winden (doctoral student), The Ohio State University, “Driving in the Future: A Conjoint Analysis of Transportation Fuel Preferences”
3. Paige Hehl (undergraduate student), UW – Eau Claire, “US Employment: Gender Segregation by Occupation”
- 11:50 to 1:00pm **Luncheon Session: The Wisconsin and National Economy**
Distinguished Luncheon Speaker – John Koskinen, Chief Economist and Division Administrator, Research and Policy, WI Dept. of Revenue
“A Perspective on the Wisconsin Economy: Past, Present, and Future”
- 1:15 to 1:45am **Session 3: Measuring Wisconsin’s Economic Health**
Emily Camfield, Economist, Division of Research and Policy, WI Dept. of Revenue, “Development and Evolution of the Wisconsin Leading Indicators Index”
- 1:45 to 3:00pm **Session 4 – “A Student View of Economics Teaching: What do Students Depart With and How could it be Better?”**

Panel Presentations and Discussion: (Moderated by Matt Winden)
Anne Mandich, UW – Green Bay
Matt Winden, The Ohio State University
Isaac Borofka-Webb, UW – Eau Claire
Bryan Reinhold, UW – Eau Claire
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- 3:00 to 3:15pm **BREAK**
- 3:15 to 4:30pm **Session 3 – “A Faculty View of Economics Teaching: What is Critical that They Strive to Impart?”**

Panel Presentations and Discussion: (Moderated by Eric Jamelske)
Tom Kemp, UW – Eau Claire
Laura Wind-Norton, Nicolet College
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- 4:30 to 4:45pm **Session 4 – General Economic Interest**
Tom Kemp (faculty), UW – Eau Claire, “Status of Collective Bargaining in the UW – System”
- 4:45 to 5:30pm **Session 5 – Economics Teaching with Specialized Software**
Matt Mencke, Cengage Inc. – teaching with Aplia
John Stoll, UW-Green Bay – teaching with MyEconLab
- 5:30 to 5:45pm **Business Meeting and Elections**
- 6:00 to 7:00pm **Social Hour**

Saturday, October 17

- 9:00 to 10:00am **Session 6 – Current Issues in Health Care for Wisconsin: Consumer, Public and Private Viewpoints**
Panel Presentation and Discussion: (Moderated by Andrew Weier)
Andrew Weier, Economist, Director Quality and Strategic Analysis, Saint Joseph's Hospital,
Eric Jamelske (faculty), UW – Eau Claire
Jason Davis (faculty), UW – Stevens Point
- 10:00 to 10:15am **BREAK**
- 10:15 to 11:30am **Session 7: Issues in Economics II (18 minutes each)**
 1. Leroy Nosker-Tanner (undergraduate student), UW – Eau Claire, “A comparative Study of the Islamic Prohibition of Usury”
 2. Isaac Borofka-Webb, Matthew Sackmann, Paul Stroik (undergraduate students), UW – Eau Claire, “Climate Change and Carbon Emission Project: Pilot Testing of a Household Survey”
 3. John Stoll (faculty), UW – Green Bay, “A Web-Based Approach to Surveying Potential Users of Intermodal Transportation Services from the Port of Green Bay”
- 11:30 to 12:45pm **Luncheon Panel Presentation: “Engaging Technical College Students in Economics”** (Moderated by Laura Wind-Norton)
Laura Wind-Norton, Nicolet College
Corey Wanek, Waukesha County Technical College
MaryBeth Ascher, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- 12:30 to 1:45pm **Session 8: Issues in Economics Session V (15 minutes each)**
 1. Elizabeth Dalzen (undergraduate student), UW-Superior, “A Comparison of Keynesian, Austrian, and Monetarist theories on Inflation and the Business Cycle”
 2. Laura Behlingieri (faculty), UW – Eau Claire, “Home Prices and Household Debt”
 3. Ben Hansen (undergraduate student), UW – Superior, “American Medical Costs and the Consumer-Driven Health Plan”
 4. Tony Angeles (undergraduate student), UW – Eau Claire, “Measuring the Disutility of Altruism: How Much Are People Willing To Pay To Not Share?”
- 1:45pm **Closing Comments and Announcements, John Stoll, WEA President**