

Wisconsin Economic Association Holiday Inn – Stevens Point, WI October 26 – 27, 2018

Friday – October 26	
8:00–9:00a	*Registration – Refreshments/Networking
9:00–9:10a	Welcome & Opening Remarks – Eric Jamelske, WEA President
Session 1	
9:10–10:00a	Examining Low Income Household Food Purchasing Behaviors: Evidence from SNAP, WIC and the Farmers Market – Jake Arneson, Jared Fogarty, Nathan Gilger, Emma Halverson, Olivia Jonasen, Ben Miller, Rivin Perinchery, Kelly Schneider, Levi Soborowicz & Nevada Sweitzer, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
10:00–10:10a	*Questions & Discussion
10:10–10:15a	*Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 2	
10:15–10:30a	The Impact of Water Clarity on Home Prices in Vilas and Oneida Counties, Wisconsin – Andrew Fink & Shangqian Wu, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
10:30–10:45a	Effects of Administrative Code NR151 on Phosphorus Levels in Wisconsin Water Bodies – Elle Alvarez-Casas, University of Wisconsin-Stout
10:45–11:00a	Inequalities in Food Access among Milwaukee Neighborhoods – Rebecca Rate, Ripon College
11:00–11:10a	*Questions & Discussion
11:10–11:20a	*Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 3	
11:20–11:35a	Private Animal Welfare standards in the United States – Michaela Eden, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
11:35–11:50a	Forecasting with Neural Networks – Joseph Stephenson & Timothy Thumbi, Beloit College
11:50–12:00p	*Questions & Discussion
Luncheon, Conversation, Networking (12:00–1:10p)	
Session 4	
1:10–1:30p	Changes in the Returns to Education; Evidence from Three Cohorts of the NLSY – Shraithin Venkatesh, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
1:30–1:50p	The Number of Public High School Graduates of the Midwest USA: Why is it projected to decline – Rubana Mahjabeen & Praopan Pratoomchat, University of Wisconsin-Superior
1:50–2:00p	*Questions & Discussion
2:00–2:05p	*Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 5	
2:05–2:25p	Macroeconomic Implications of the Use of Staffing Agencies – Rosemary Kaiser, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2:25–2:45p	United States Earnings Inequality 1946-2015: A Parametric Approach – John Schwendel, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2:45–2:55p	*Questions & Discussion
2:55–3:05p	*Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 6	
3:05–3:55p	A Continuing Investigation of Chinese and American Climate Change Views – Connor Adams, Clayton Cavanaugh, Adara Coker, Will Guenther, Angela Hugunin, Eric Mallmann, Andrew Moran, Carly Morris, Trung Nguyen & Lily Strehlow, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
3:55–4:05p	*Questions & Discussion
4:05-5:15p – WEA Board Meeting – Dinner on your own	

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Saturday – October 27	
8:15–9:15a	*Registration – Refreshments/Networking
Session 7	
9:15–9:30a	Integrating Applied Field Work into the Undergraduate Economics Curriculum – Nathan Goodell, Megan Roehl & Brady Seidlitz, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
9:30–9:45a	The Sources of Happiness: Cross-Country Evidence between U.S. and China – Madeleine Mayer, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
9:45–10:00a	Economic Progress of Hmong Refugees – Samantha Majeski & Andrew Moran, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
10:00–10:15a	An Examination Overdose Death Rates per County vs. Levels of Education per County – Hermes Duran, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
10:15–10:30a	*Questions & Discussion
10:30–10:40a	*Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 8	
10:40–10:55a	Female Empowerment and Economic Growth – Viktor Sallhag, University of Wisconsin-Superior
10:55–11:10a	Trade Openness and Its Impact on Economic Growth in China– Olle Sedelius, University of Wisconsin- Superior
11:10–11:25a	Retail Industry Outlook of the City of Superior – Obiageli Ekwunwa & Opeyemi Omiwale, University of Wisconsin- Superior
11:25–11:45a	Food Label Use Among Mexican Consumers: Does Health Knowledge Matter – Belkis Cerrato, Edgewood College
11:45a–12:05p	*Questions & Discussion
Luncheon, Conversation, Networking & Education Presentations (12:05–1:45p)	
Competency Based Education: Our Experience with a Survey of Economics Course – Laura Wind-Norton and Laura Prince, Nicolet College	
Easy, Engaging In-Class Activities – Corey Wanek, Waukesha Technical College	
Session 9	
1:45–2:05p	Influence of Public Programs and a Natural Barrier in Mitigating Health Risks from Major Storms: Evidence from Coastal Households in Bangladesh – Sakib Mahmud, University of Wisconsin-Superior
2:05–2:25p	Sharing & Selection in the Airbnb Market – Carolyn McNamara, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2:25–2:35p	*Questions & Discussion
2:35–2:40p	*Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 10	
2:40–3:00p	Exit in the Wisconsin Dairy Industry: Why You Might Want To and Why It Might Be Difficult – James M. White, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
3:00–3:20p	Policing, Crime and Deterrence: Evidence from Rare Homicides – Nicholas Lovett, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
3:20–3:40p	Student Comprehension of Principles of Macroeconomic Textbooks in a Randomized Controlled Trial – Bryan Englehardt & Andrew Miller
3:40–3:55p	*Questions and Discussion
3:55–4:05p	Farewell & Closing Remarks – Eric Jamelske, WEA President (outgoing)

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