

**Wisconsin Economics Association Annual Conference**  
**Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI – November 8-9, 2019**

<b>Friday, November 8th, 2019</b>	
<b>8:00–9:00</b>	*Registration - Refreshments/Networking
<b>9:00–9:10</b>	Welcome & Opening Remarks - Eric Jamelske, WEA President
<b>Session 1</b>	
<b>9:10–9:55</b>	A Continuing Examination of Food Purchasing through the (SNAP) and the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC): A Case Study of Grocery Stores and Farmers' Market with an Emphasis on Fruits and Vegetables - Karlien Asplund, Ethan Blaney, Olivia Jonasen, Zach Ledwith, Katelyn Reckin, Hailey Reynolds, Shelly Stephani, Nevada Sweitzer - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
<b>9:55–10:10</b>	*Questions & Discussion
<b>10:10–10:15</b>	*Refreshment/Networking Break
<b>Session 2</b>	
<b>10:15–10:30</b>	The Impact of Water Clarity on Home Prices in Manitowoc, Calumet, Kewaunee and Sheboygan Counties, Wisconsin - Eric Winkler, Abe Mamou, Yi Cheng Cheng, Foong Wong - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
<b>10:30–10:45</b>	Fine Particulate Matter and Its Impacts on Educational Gains: A Case Study Using the North Carolina Clean Smokestacks Act- Maciej Wachala, University of Illinois at Chicago
<b>10:45–11:00</b>	Underground Lemons: The Effect of Time of Sale Regulations on the Housing Market - April Athnos - Michigan State University
<b>11:00–11:15</b>	*Questions & Discussion
<b>11:15–11:25</b>	*Refreshment/Networking Break
<b>Session 3</b>	
<b>11:25–11:40</b>	Regime Switching in U.S. Discretionary Fiscal Policy Conduct - Jean Falconer - St. Norbert College
<b>11:40–11:55</b>	Is Economics 101 Still Relevant for the 21st Century Economy? - Thomas Nesselin - University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
<b>11:55–12:05</b>	*Questions & Discussion
<b>12:05–1:20</b>	<b>Luncheon - Guest Speaker- Ron Wirtz, Regional Outreach Director, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis</b>
<b>Session 4</b>	
<b>1:20–1:35</b>	Religion and Spirituality in the Context of Religious Competition: Insights on the U.S. Marketplace of Religion and Recent Trends - Marc von der Ruhr and Jarret Jordan - St. Norbert College
<b>1:35–1:50</b>	Economic Growth Pattern in Wisconsin: A View from Outer Space - Sujana Kabiraj - University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
<b>1:50–2:00</b>	*Questions & Discussion
<b>2:00–2:10</b>	*Refreshment/Networking Break
<b>Session 5</b>	
<b>2:10–2:25</b>	Community Benchmarking-City of Eau Claire (With thoughts on Pepin County) - Emerson Ngu, Megan Roehl, Will Krull - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
<b>2:25–2:40</b>	Can Access to Natural Capital, Public Programs, and Remittances Influence Private Defensive Strategies of Vulnerable Coastal Communities Against Natural Disaster? Evidence from the Coastal Areas of Bangladesh - Sakib Mahmud - University of Wisconsin-Superior, A.K. Enamul Haque, Kolpona E. Costa - East West University, and Zakir H. Khan - Transparency International Bangladesh
<b>2:40–2:50</b>	*Questions & Discussion
<b>2:50–3:00</b>	*Refreshment/Networking Break
<b>Session 6</b>	
<b>3:00–3:55</b>	A Continuing Investigation of American and Chinese Views on Climate Change Issues and Policy - Michelle Beh, Clayton Cavanaugh, Elise Chapin, Maddie Culhane, Savanna Grunzke, Angela Hugunin, Sakumi Kawamoto, Chloe Knuth, Caleb Kulich, Eric Mallmann, Trung Nguyen, Zhi Yee The - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
<b>3:55–4:10</b>	*Questions & Discussion
<b>4:10–5:20</b>	<b>WEA Board Meeting - Dinner on your own</b>
<b>Saturday, November 9th, 2019</b>	

8:15–9:15	*Registration - Refreshments/Networking
9:15–9:20	*Welcome & Opening Remarks - Eric Jamelske, WEA President
	Session 7
9:20–9:35	The Influence of Youth Unemployment Rate on Migration of Ecuador - Angelica Remache Lopez, University of Wisconsin-Superior
9:35–9:50	Consumer Benefits for Non-for-Profit Profit Hospitals - Michael Huttner, University of Wisconsin-Superior
9:50–10:05	Local Businesses and Community Engagement by UW-Superior - Hung Nguyen, University of Wisconsin-Superior
10:05–10:20	*Questions & Discussion
10:20-10:30	*Refreshment/Networking Break
	Session 8
10:30–10:45	Wildfires and Recreational Use Value: Evidence from Campground Demand in California - William P. Wheeler - St. Nobert College
10:45–11:00	Hemp in Wisconsin: The Marketing and Economics of an Emerging Industry - Shaheer Burney and Amber Remble - University of Wisconsin-River Falls
11:00–11:15	Teenage Pregnancy and Social Insurance - David Fuller - University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
11:15–11:30	Households' International Consumption Risk Sharing and Asset Cross-Holdings: Evidence from US and Japan - Chao Zheng - Carthage College
11:30–11:50	*Questions & Discussion
11:50–1:50	Luncheon - Case Study: Wisconsin Dairy Farmers Confronting the Consolidation Wave
	Session 9
1:50–2:05	China's Ability to Influence World Regime - Alyona Guns - Edgewood College
2:05–2:20	Capital Complementarity and Optimal Patent Length - Jason M. Walter and Andrew Swanson - University of Wisconsin-Stout
2:20–2:35	A Comparative Study on Happiness Across Countries - Jens Lund - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
2:35–2:50	To Make Our Commute a Little Happier? - Madeline Mayer - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
2:50–3:10	*Questions & Discussion
3:10–3:20	Farewell & Closing Remarks - Eric Jamelske, WEA President

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