

Wisconsin Economic Association Holiday Inn – Stevens Point, WI November 17 & 18, 2017

Friday, November, 2017	
8:00–8:45a	Registration – Refreshments/Networking
8:45–8:55a	Welcome & Opening Remarks – Eric Jamelske, WEA President
Session 1	
8:55–9:15a	Nonprofit Status Choice in a Duopoly – Gabriel Courey, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Whitewater
9:15–9:35a	The Creative New Economy – Jerome Segura III, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
9:35–9:55a	More of the Same: The Trump Administration’s Approach to International Trade in Historical and Theoretical Context – Van A. Mobley, Concordia University Wisconsin
9:55–10:15a	Teaching Microeconomics with Heart (or “Heartfelt Teaching”) – John R. Stoll, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
10:15–10:30a	Questions & Discussion
10:30–10:40a	Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 2	
10:40–10:55a	Employment in Agriculture – Ben Reinwand, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
10:55–11:10a	Movement towards Nonmetropolitan Areas: What’s Influencing the Growth – Caleb Nysse & Jack Podewils, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
11:10a–11:20p	Questions & Discussion
Featured Invited Speaker	
11:20 –12:10p	The Genome Factor – Jason Fletcher, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty
Luncheon and Featured Invited Speaker	
12:10–1:25p	Economic Trends – Ronald Wirtz, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Session 3	
1:25–2:10p	A Continuing Investigation of International Climate Change Views – Adara Coker, Kayla Coonen, Cora Cornett, Zhixin Fang, Austin Holmes, Andrew Moran, Ashley Pike, Anastasia Rauland & Lily Strehlow University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
2:10–2:30p	Public High School Graduates in the Midwest USA: Why is it Projected to Decline – Rubana Mahjabeen & Praopan Pratoomchat, University of Wisconsin-Superior
2:30–2:45p	Questions & Discussion
2:45–2:50p	Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 4	
2:50–3:10p	Impacts of the ACA Medicaid Expansion on Health Behaviors: Evidence from Household Panel Data – Chad D. Cotti, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
3:10–3:25p	Infants and the PPACA: What’s the Relation – Adam Metzsig, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
3:25–3:40p	Sensitivity, Project Analysis, and the Cat Island Chain – Michael Hastreiter, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
3:40–3:55p	Determining the Profitability of Fungicide Use on Established Cranberry Stands – Kayla Smith and Sierra Howry, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
3:55–4:10p	Questions & Discussion
4:10–4:15p	Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 5	
4:15–4:40p	Interest on Excess Reserves in a DSGE model with a Banking Sector – Shawn A. Osell, Northern Illinois University
4:40–5:00p	An Experimental Study in Zero and Negative Prices: Replications and New Evidence – Christopher Smith, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
5:00-7:00p – WEA Board Meeting & Quiz Bowl Competition	

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Saturday, November 18, 2017	
8:15–8:45a	Registration – Refreshments/Networking
Session 6	
8:45–9:00a	The Effect of an Occupation’s Characteristics on the Average Wage Paid. – Levi Soborowicz, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
9:00–9:15a	Are Chinese Happy: Evidence from WVS – Zhao Yang, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
9:15–9:30a	Cost Analysis of Half-Ton Pickup Truck Ownership – Robert Anderson & Mitchell Blomberg, University of Wisconsin-Superior
9:30–9:45a	Economic Crises and Behavioral Economics – Almira Salimgarieva, University of Wisconsin-Superior
9:45–10:00a	Questions & Discussion
10:00–10:10a	Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 7	
10:10–10:25a	Determinants of Alcohol Demand Among Individuals – Erika Rattunde, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
10:25–10:40a	Moses Creek Restoration Project: An Economic Impact Analysis – Kathryn Vachon & Morgan Wirkus, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
10:40–10:55a	Estimating the Relationship of Riverfront Development to Property Prices in Western and Central Wisconsin: A Hedonic Study – Yixuan Cheng, Laura Runkel, Thao Tran & Savanna VanDyk, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
10:55–11:10a	Economic Impacts of Recreational ‘Floating’ in Eau Claire, Wisconsin – Lingling Chen, Lei Han, Ningyue Xu & Sisi Zhou, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
11:10–11:30a	Where to Go to College: Identifying College Choice Trends in Wisconsin – Musa Ayar, University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk County
11:30a–11:50a	Questions & Discussion
Luncheon & Featured Invited Speaker	
11:50a–1:05p	Wisconsin Tax and Budget Policy – Todd Berry, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance
Session 8	
1:05–1:25p	Negative Environmental Spillovers from Foreign Investment in Chile on Chilean Manufacturing Firms – Paul Stroik, Northern Illinois University
1:25–1:45p	Public Programs and Remittances Influence on Private Storm-Protection Actions: Is Crowding Out Effect Most Likely Outcome – Sakib Mahmud, University of Wisconsin-Superior
1:45–1:55p	Questions & Discussion
1:55–2:00p	Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 9	
2:00–2:20p	Capital Expenditures Patterns and Industry Structure in Wisconsin Dairies – James M. White, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
2:20-2:40p	Off-Farm Work and Technical Efficiency on U.S. Dairies – Darlington Sabasi, Beloit College
2:40-2:50p	Questions and Discussion
2:50–2:55p	Refreshment/Networking Break
Session 10	
2:55-3:40p	A Continuing Investigation of Children’s Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Including Analysis of SNAP Household Food Purchases – Jared Fogarty, Emma Halverson, Olivia Jonasen, Katelyn Kleutsch, Shinhoo Park, Ashley Ramaker, Selena Scheller, Allison Schneider & Levi Soborowicz, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
3:40-3:55p	Questions & Discussion
3:55–4:00p	Farewell & Closing Remarks – Eric Jamelske, WEA President

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