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Friday, September 23

6:00-8:00 p.m. Reception, RIT Inn and Conference Center

Saturday, September 24 on the RIT Campus

7:30-8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:55-8:00 a.m. Welcome

8:15-9:35 a.m. Concurrent Sessions: Group 1

9:35-9:50 a.m. Morning Break

9:50-11:10 a.m. Concurrent Sessions: Group 2

11:25-12:40 p.m. Luncheon and Keynote Address

12:50-2:10 p.m. Concurrent Sessions: Group 3

2:10-2:25 p.m. Afternoon Break

2:25-3:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions: Group 4

4:00-5:00 p.m. Business Meeting (all are welcome)

Friday, September 23

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Welcome, 6:30 p.m.**

James Winebrake
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Saturday, September 24

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7:55-8:00 Welcome**

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8:15-9:35 Concurrent Sessions: Group 1

Session 1-A: Undergraduate Research Session 1

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Title: *Misconstrued and Misunderstood: The Impact of Official Development Assistance on Corruption in Africa*

Discussant: Edouard Mafoua
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Title: *Economic Development Institutions' Effect on Labor Market Frictions: Workforce Development and the DMP Model*

Discussant: Bríd Gleeson Hanna
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Title: *The Effect of Technology on Development*

Discussant: John J. Heim
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Title: *The Rationality of Politicians*

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Session 1-B: Microeconomics (JEL code D)

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Title: *Factors Determining Consumer Sentiment – Evidence from Household Survey Data (C, D)*

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Title: *Fluctuations in the Business Cycle and their Effect on Charitable Donations to Animal Shelters (D, C)*

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Title: *Perceived vs. Actual Returns from College and Educational Outcomes— Evidence from a Classroom Survey (D, I, J)*

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Session 1-C: Financial Economics (G)

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Title: *The Impact of the Dodd-Frank Financial Regulations on Bank CEO Compensation (G)*

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Title: *Earnings Response Elasticity and Post-Earnings-Announcement Drift (G)*

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Title: *Financing Innovations (G, L)*

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Session 1-D: Economics of Health and Education (JEL Code I)

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Title: *Happiness and Expected Future Income: Evidence from Urban China (D, I)*
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Title: *Perceptions of Health: Comparing Self-reported Health Measures to Objective Measures in 7 Latin and Caribbean Countries (I)*
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9:35-9:50 Morning Break

9:50-11:10 Concurrent Sessions: Group 2

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Title: *The New Normal, Myth or Reality?*

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Title: *The Effect of Major League Baseball Rehab Assignments on Attendance in the International Baseball League*

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Title: *Economic Impacts of Restoring Condemned Houses in Lynchburg, Virginia*

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Session 2-B: Economic Development (JEL Code O)

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Title: *Say at Home, or Stay at Home? A Theory of Female Labor Supply (J, O)*

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Discussant: Marta Bengoa

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Title: *Human Capital Use, Innovative Activity, and Patent Protection in a Model of Regional Economic Growth (R, O, L)*

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Title: *Foreign Direct Investment among MERCOSUR Custom Union Economies: An Economic Integration Analysis* (F, E, O)
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Session 2-C: Economics of Education (JEL Code I)

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Title: *Matching Students' Deficit Reduction Choices in "The New York Times Deficit Project" to An Economic Ideology Measurement* (I, H, A)
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Title: *Does School Quality Matter? Evidence from Individual Earning in China* (I)
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Session 2-D: Environmental and Resource Economics (JEL Code Q)

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Title: *An Ecological Economic Study of the Impact of the Yali Falls Dam* (Q, O, C)

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Title: *On the Theory of Willingness-to-Pay, State Dependent Preferences and Endogenous Risk* (Q, B)

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Discussants: Alexander Petre (presenter) and Jeffrey Wagner
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Title: *Green Consumption under Misperceived Prices: An Application to Active Transportation* (R, Q, D)

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Session 2-E: Financial Economics (JEL Code G)

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Title: *The Tilt Effect and Firm Value in the Presence of Finance Transactions Costs* (G)

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Title: *International Diversification: Simple or Optimal Strategies?* (G)

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Title: *The Determinants of U.S. Banks' International Activities* (G, C, F)

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11:25-12:40 p.m. Luncheon and Keynote Address

“New York’s Economy and Competitive Position”

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12:50-2:10 p.m. Concurrent Sessions: Group 3

Session 3-A: Microeconomics (JEL Code D)

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Title: *Fighting and Attendance in the ECHL* (D)
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Title: *Learning, Regime Changes, and Switching Differential Equations* (D, C)
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**Session 3-B: Teaching Economics: Alternative Formats, Alternative Themes
(Contributed Panel Discussion)**

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Title: *The Fed Challenge: An Innovation in Cooperative Learning*
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Title: *The Impact of a Web-based Course Supplement on Hearing Impaired Student Performance*
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Title: *Switching Economics Courses from Online Back to the Classroom: Student Performance and Outcomes*
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Title: *Teaching Economics Courses in an Online Format*
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Session 3-C: Macroeconomics (JEL Code E)

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Title: *Commercial Bank Deposit Liabilities, Saving and Keynes's Monetary Theory of Production (E)*
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Title: *Is Crowd Out a Problem In Recessions?* (E, C)
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Title: *International Transmission of US Government Spending Shocks: The Case of Canada* (F, E, Z)

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Session 3-D: Mathematical/Quantitative Methods (JEL Code C)

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Title: *Applied Statistics, Data Visualization, Market Research, and Consumer Survey* (Z)

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Discussant: Manimoy Paul
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Title: *New Methods in Data Clustering: QUANTCOR* (C)

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Title: *A Measure to Identify “Bubble Formation” in Real Estate Markets (C)*
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Title: *The Feasibility of Martian Colonization: An Input-Output Analysis (Z, C, O)*
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Session 3-E: International Economics (JEL Code F)

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Title: *Do International Capital Flows Worsen Macroeconomic Volatility in Transition Economics? (F, E, P)*
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Title: *Income and Substitution Effects of Exchange Rate Changes (F, E, D)*
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Title: *Regulation of Labor Standards in Open Economies (F, J)*
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2:10-2:25 Afternoon Break

2:25-3:45 Concurrent Sessions: Group 4

Session 4-A: Education and Ecology: Applied Economics (Contributed Session)

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Title: *The Revitalization of Economic Education: Course Redesign and Learning*
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Title: *Educational Production and School Districts*
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Title: *Economic Crisis and Crisis in Economics: Incorporating Heterodox Approaches into Principles of Macroeconomics*
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Title: *The World is in Overshoot*
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Session 4-B: Economic Education (JEL Code A)

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Title: *The Taylor Rule, The Fed's Dual Mandate, and Aggregate Demand: A Variation on a Theme by Romer (A)*
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Title: *The Effectiveness of Using Online Games as a Teaching Aid (A)*
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Title: *Service Learning in an Introductory Poverty Course (A)*
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Title: *Evaluating the Impact of Clickers on Student Learning (A, I)*
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Session 4-C: Microeconomics and Economic History (JEL Codes D and N)

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Title: *Assessing Consumer Preference for Hall of Fame Baseball Player Cards (D, A, J)*
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Title: *A Tale of Two Cities: Capital Gains in Real Estate in Albany NY and Richmond VA, 1800-1860 (N)*
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Session 4-D: Industrial Organization (JEL Code L)

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Title: *The Impact of R&D Alliance on the Survival and Profitability of Newly Listed High Tech Firms* (L)
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Title: *Structural Change in the US Confectionery Industry* (L, M)
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Title: *Do Legacy Airlines Mimic Low-Cost Carriers by Mergers & Acquisitions? Empirical Study on the Delta-Northwest Merger in 2008* (L, D, Z)
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Session 4-E: Microeconomics (JEL Code D)

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Title: *Assessing Some Externalities of Non-Profit Home Restoration: The LNDP in the Lynchburg, Virginia and Tinbridge Community* (H, D)
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Title: *In Good Times and In Bad: Public Library Use Over the Business Cycle* (L, H, D)
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Discussants: Safiyah Lopez, Shradha Shrestha (presenter) and Elizabeth Perry-Sizemore
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