Program

<u>Session 1: Monetary Economics and Central Banking</u> Chair: Marc Tomljanovich (mtomljan@drew.edu)

Kenneth Kuttner (Kenneth.Kuttner@oberlin.edu) "Do Markets Care Who Chairs the Central Bank?" (with Adam S. Posen) Discussant: *Mike Hanson (mshanson@wesleyan.edu)*

Edward Gamber (gambere@lafayette.edu) "Relative Improvements in Forecasting Accuracy (Fed versus Private Sector): Implications for Today's Yield Curve (with Julie K. Smith) Discussant: *Jim Hartley, jhartley@mtholyoke.edu*

Pavel Kapinos (pkapinos@carleton.edu) "Threshold Estimates of Asymmetries in the Taylor Rule: Evidence from the Greenbook Forecasts" (with Michael Hanson) Discussant: Julie Smith (smithjk@lafayette.edu)

<u>Session 2: Growth and Development</u> Chair: Roisin O'Sullivan (rosulliv@email.smith.edu)

Ann Owen (aowen@hamilton.edu). "Policy Regimes and Multiple Equilibria: An Empirical Investigation Using Latent Class Analysis" (with Lewis Davis and Julio Videras) Discussant: *Paul Johnson (pajohnson@vassar.edu)*

Masami Imai (mimai@wesleyan.edu) "Related Lending and Financial Development" (with Robert Cull and Stephen Haber) Discussant: *Lewis Davis (davisl@union.edu)*

Jamus Jerome Lim (jamus.lim@centre.edu) "Political Economic Pressures in Financial Crisis Resolution"

Discussant: Robert Rebelein (rebelein@vassar.edu)

<u>Session 3: International Economics</u> Chair: Robert Rebelein (rebelein@vassar.edu)

Indradeep Ghosh (ighosh@haverford.edu) "Imperfect Substitutability and the Current Account" Discussant: *Pavel Kapinos* (*pkapinos*@*carleton.edu*) **Slavi Slavov** (slavi@pomona.edu) "Does Monetary Integration Facilitate the Net Flow of Capital Among Countries?" Discussant: *Patricia Schneider (pschneid@mtholyoke.edu)*

Peter Mikek (mikekp@wabash.edu) "Symmetry of Shocks in old and new EU members through time"

Discussant: Nicole Simpson (nsimpson@mail.colgate.edu)

<u>Session 4: Topics in Macroeconomics</u> Chair: Nicole Simpson (nsimpson@mail.colgate.edu)

Chad Sparber (csparber@mail.colgate.edu) "Comparative Advantages and Gains from Immigration" (with Giovanni Peri) Discussant: *Louis Johnston* (*ljohnston@csbsju.edu*)

Gregory A. Krohn (krohn@bucknell.edu) "An Economic Analysis of Contemporary Community Currencies in the United States" Discussant: *Marc Tomljanovich (mtomljan@drew.edu)*

Felicia Ionsescu (fionescu@mail.colgate.edu) "Effects of Bankruptcy Rules on Student Loan Default Rates and College Enrollments" Discussant: *Mark Hopkins (mhopkins@gettysburg.edu)*