

**2024 Liberal Arts Macroeconomics Conference  
Program Overview**

**Thursday, August 8th**

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| <b>Start time</b> | <b>Item</b>                 | <b>Location</b>             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7:30 AM           | Continental Breakfast       | Kenyon Inn                  |
| 8:15 AM           | Welcome                     | Chalmers 320                |
| 8:30 AM           | Session 1                   | Chalmers 320                |
| 10:00 AM          | Break                       | Chalmers 303                |
| 10:15 AM          | Session 2                   | Chalmers 320                |
| 11:45 AM          | Lunch and Workshop sessions | Various - see details below |
| 1:15 PM           | Session 3                   | Chalmers 320                |
| 2:45 PM           | Break                       | Chalmers 303                |
| 3:00 PM           | Session 4                   | Chalmers 320                |
| 4:30 PM           | Free                        |                             |
| 5:30 PM           | Drinks, dinner, etc.        | Pierce Hall Lower Level     |

**Friday, August 9th**

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| <b>Start time</b> | <b>Item</b>                 | <b>Location</b>             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7:30 AM           | Continental Breakfast       | Kenyon Inn                  |
| 8:00 AM           | Steering committee meeting  | Chalmers 303                |
| 8:45 AM           | Session 5                   | Chalmers 320                |
| 10:15 AM          | Break                       | Chalmers 303                |
| 10:30 AM          | Session 6                   | Chalmers 320                |
| 11:30 AM          | Feedback                    | Chalmers 320                |
| 11:45 AM          | Lunch and teaching sessions | Various - see details below |
| 1:15              | Session 7                   | Chalmers 320                |
| 1:15 PM           | Session 7                   | Chalmers 320                |
| 2:45 PM           | Break                       | Chalmers 303                |

## Conference Program Details

All sessions are located in **Chalmers 320** unless otherwise noted

**Thursday Aug 8, 2024**

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7:30 - 8:15 Continental Breakfast: Kenyon Inn. All welcome even if not staying at KI

8:15: Welcome

8:30 - 10:00 **Session 1**

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| Neil White         | Do the Means Matter for the Ends? An Evaluation of Optimal Unemployment Assistance under Search Frictions |
| Caitlin Hegarty    | Worker Heterogeneity and Immigration Policy Inefficiencies  |
| Pubali Chakraborty | The Equilibrium Impact of Agricultural Support Prices and Input Subsidies                                 |

10:00 - 10:15 Break: Chalmers 303 (aka Denniston Reading Room)

10:15 - 11:45 **Session 2**

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|----------------------|---|
| Giorgi Nikolaishvili | Measuring Dynamic Transmission using Pass-Through Impulse Response Functions      |
| Linh Pham            | Renewable energy common volatility  |
| Huachen Li           | The Chinese Silver Standard: Parity, Predictability, and (In)Stability, 1912–1934 |

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch & Concurrent **workshop sessions**. Pick up lunch in Chalmers 303.

Workshop A: Chalmers 320

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| Paul Ko        | Impact of Trade and Structural Change on the Sub-Saharan African Economies |
| Esteban Argudo | Monetary Policy and the Nativity Earnings Gap                              |
| Julie Smith    | Forecasting Employment with JOLTS data                                     |

Workshop B: Chalmers 200

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| Kadidiatou Doucouré | Exchange Rate Regimes and Firms Performance in Africa         |
| Cal Stroup          | Director movements between financial and non-financial firms  |
| Michael Carter      | Firm Size Distribution and the Increase in Aggregate Mark-ups |

1:15 - 2:45 **Session 3**

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|------------------|---|
| Carla Moreno     | The Impact of Lump-Sum Retirement Withdrawals on Labor Supply: Evidence from Peru |
| Erin Cottle Hunt | Retirement Choice and Bequest Risk  |
| Daniel Kebede    | Modeling Earnings Processes and Consumption Insurance at the Household Level      |

2:45 - 3:00 Break: Chalmers 303

3:00 - 4:30 **Session 4**

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|-------------------|--|
| Alberto Arredondo | Financing constraints of capital goods producers and investment dynamics |
| Naafey Sardar     | U.S. manufacturing employment and the oil price shock of 1999-2007       |
| Zhiyi Wei         | Collateral, Debt Composition, and Borrowing Constraints                  |

4:30 - 5:30 Free

5:30 - 7:45 Evening events: Pierce Hall, lower level

5:30 - 6:00 Drinks on patio

6:00 - 6:45 Dinner: Alumni Dining Room

6:45 - 7:45 Dessert & comments from [Ellis Tallman](#)

## Friday Aug 9, 2024

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7:30 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast: Kenyon Inn. All are welcome.

8:00 - 8:30 Steering Committee Meeting: Chalmers 303. All are welcome.

### 8:45 - 10:15 **Session 5**

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|------------------------|---|
| Stephen Armah          | Interrogating the Inflation-Corruption nexus for developing countries: The case of Ghana        |
| Ethan Struby           | Inflation expectations and political polarization: evidence from the Cooperative Election Study |
| Carolina Acuña Armenta | Information frictions: Learning and Inattention in an Estimated New Keynesian Model             |

10:15 - 10:30 Break: Chalmers 303

### 10:30 - 11:30 **Session 6**

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|-------------------|--|
| Chad Curtis       | Does the Phillips Curve Lie Down as we Age?                                      |
| Fiorella Pizzolon | Optimal Time-Consistent Monetary Policy and Sovereign Debt Currency Denomination |

11:30 - 11:45 - Conference feedback

11:45 - 1:00 lunch and teaching breakout session. Pick up lunch in Chalmers 303.

Teaching DEI topics in macroeconomics - Julie Smith: Chalmers 330

Doing Event Studies with Undergraduates - Ethan Struby: Chalmers 320

Grading policy & practice in Econ at SLACs - PJ Glandon: Chalmers 303

### 1:15 - 2:45 **Session 7**

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|-------------------|--|
| Prateek Arora     | Dominant Currency Paradigm: Pricing and Financing                            |
| Udara Peiris      | Capital Flow Freezes   |
| Abigail Hornstein | When less may be more: Economic growth and foreign direct investment in Asia |

2:45 Wrap up