



2025 Liberal Arts Macroeconomics Conference Program Overview

Thursday, August 7th

Start time	Item	Location (Singer Hall)
7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Common (the Atrium)
8:15 AM	Welcome	Singer 346
8:30 AM	Session 1	Singer 346
10:00 AM	Morning Coffee Break	Common
10:15 AM	Session 2	Singer 346
11:45 AM	Lunch/ Brown Bag Workshop sessions	Various - see details below
1:30 PM	Session 3	Singer 346
3:00 PM	Afternoon Coffee Break	Common
3:15 PM	Session 4	Singer 346
4:45 PM	Free (campus walk opportunity)	
5:30 PM	Reception and drinks	Common and Patio
6:00 PM	Dinner	Singer 034-035
6:45 PM	Dessert & Presentation by Satyajit (Chatty) Chatterjee FRB Philadelphia “Why are Credit Card Interest Rates So High?”	Singer 034-035

Friday, August 8th

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7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Common (the Atrium)
8:00 AM	Steering committee meeting	Singer 248
8:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions 5A and 5B	Singer 346
10:15 AM	Morning Coffee Break	Common
10:30 AM	Session 6	Singer 346
11:30 AM	Feedback on conference	Singer 346
11:45 AM	Lunches available	Common
12:00 PM	Concurrent teaching sessions	Singer 346 and 248
12:30 PM	"Navigating Tenure for Junior Faculty" Special presentation by Amanda Bayer	Singer 033
01:15 PM	Session 7	Singer 346
02:45 PM	Afternoon Coffee Break	Common
03:00 PM	Session 8	Singer 346
04:30 PM	Closing and informal gathering	Common

Conference Program Details

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7:30 - 8:15 Continental Breakfast: Singer Common (the atrium)

8:15: Welcome

8:30 - 10:00 **Session 1 (Singer 346)**

Wei Qian (Haverford College)	Melitz meets Lewis: The Impacts of Roads on Structural Transformation and Businesses (w/ J. Kaboski, W. J. Lu and L. Ren)
Naafey Sarder (St. Olaf College)	Rethinking Productive Shocks: The Role of Monetary Policy Constraints
Paul Ko (Swarthmore College)	Measuring Productivity Shocks in Sub-Saharan Africa (w/ B. Azenui)

10:00 - 10:15 Break: Singer Common (the atrium)

10:15 - 11:45 **Session 2 (Singer 346)**

Karen Smith (Drew University)	Cross-Country Inflation Expectations: Evidence of Hetero and Synchronized "Mistakes"
Ezgi Kurt (Bentley College)	Corporate Taxes and Monetary Effectiveness: Evidence on Employment
Ethan Struby (Carleton College)	Knowledgeable Partisans and Inflation Expectations (w/ C. Farhart)

11:45 - 1:15 Pick up Lunch in Singer Common (the atrium) & join Concurrent **Brown Bag Research Workshops**.

Brown Bag Research Workshop A (Singer 248)

Daniel Kebede (Colgate)	Testing Smooth Structural Changes in Predictive Regression Models
Mohit Arora (Union College)	Linear Estimation of Nonlinear Business Cycles

Brown Bag Research Workshop B (Singer 034-035)

Anamika Sen (Bates College)	Credit Liberalization and the Shift to Household Lending (w/ Ugurlu)
Cody Couture (Hamilton College)	The Impact of Media on Consumption: Spillover Effects from U.S. Political Ads
H. Evren Damar (Hobart & Williams)	Banking on Uninsured Household Deposits

Brown Bag Research Workshop C (Singer 346)

Konstantin Platonov (Loyola Marymont)	Nonlinear Labor Markets
Michael Carter (Lafayette College)	Driving Inequality: How Vehicle Access Shapes Labor Outcomes
Guanyi Yang (Colorado College)	Beyond the Wage Premium: Cultural Norms, Skill Mismatch and the Long-run Value of Human Capital (China)

1:30 - 3:00 Session 3 (Singer 346)

Andrew Jalil (Occidental Col)	Germany's Anti-Inflation Monetary Policy, 1945-1973
Nino Kodua (Holy Cross)	Sectoral and State Evidence on the Pandemic Beveridge Curve Shift
Kristina Sargent (Middlebury Col)	Trade, Automation, and the Male Employment Gap (w/ P. Ko, E. Wolcott)

3:00 - 3:15 Break: Singer Common (the atrium)

3:15 - 4:45 Session 4 (Singer 346)

Erin Cottle Hunt (Reed College)	Finite Horizons Life-Cycle Learning (w/ J.P.L. Font)
Abhiprerna Smit (William & Mary)	Partisan Trust in the Federal Reserve (w/ C. Binder, C. Couture)
Joe Anderson (Macalester Col)	Fiscal Strength within a Framework of Institutional Independence

4:45 - 5:30 Free

5:30 - 7:45 Evening events:

5:30 - 6:00 Drinks (Singer Common - the atrium and patio))

6:00 - 6:45 Dinner (Singer 034-35)

6:45 - 7:30 Dessert & comments from [Satyajit Chatterjee](#)

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7:30 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast: Singer Common (the atrium).

7:45 - 8:10 Steering Committee Meeting. Singer 248: Interested in getting involved?
All are welcome.

8:15 - 9:45 Session 5A (Parallel Session, Singer 346)

Mitchell Vaughn (Elon University)	Sudden Stops with Heterogenous Agents
Belinda Azenui (Denison College)	Investigating Corruption - Currency Depreciation Nexus in Anglophone SSA: A focus on the GHS/\$ Relationship (w/ S. Armah, A. Berkoh)
Van Nguyen (Lawrence College (WI))	Monetary Policy in a Small Open Economy with Multiple Monetary Assets (w/ William Barnett)

8:15 - 9:45 Session 5B (Parallel Session, Singer 034-035)

Sukjoon Lee (NYU Shanghai)	Why Do (So Many) Corporate Bonds Pay Coupons? (w/ N. Caramp, A Geromichalos, Y Wang)
Linh Pham (Lake Forest College)	Good vs Bad COVOL in Cryptocurrency Markets: A Measure of Asymmetric Common Volatility (w/ S. D.Pham, W. Han, T. Nguyen, H.X. Do)
Yingtong Xie (Carleton College)	Bank Financial Transparency and the Lending Channel of Monetay Policy Transmission (w/ K. Liu)

9:45 - 10:00 Break: Singer Common (the atrium)

10:00 - 11:30 Session 6 (Singer 346)

Yang Fan (Colby Col)	The Impact of Policy Uncertainty on Entrepreneurial Experimentation (w/ L. Litov, M. Mehra, M-J. Yang)
Dong (Carl) Cheng (Union College)	Natural Disasters, Production and Asset Prices: Evidence from Winter Storm Uri (w/ N.T. Vu)
Joshua Abel (Holy Cross Col)	Mortgage Lock-In and Home Sales Volume Dynamics

11:30 - 11:45 - Conference feedback (Singer 346)

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch: Pick up lunch in Singer Common (the atrium)

12:00-12:30 Concurrent Teaching Breakout Sessions

Session A	Singer 248
Konstantin Platonov (Loyola Marymount)	Inflation in the IS-MP Model: What's Missing and How to Fix It
Prateek Arora (Union College)	A non-traditional assessment tool in a macroeconomics classroom: Model IMF/WEF Summit
Session B	Singer 346
Saif Mekhari (Univ of Richmond)	Deploying AI resources for research and teaching
Emanuele Citera (Bard College)	Using Perusall to enhance student engagement in a reading-intensive History of Finance class

12:30-1:10 Junior Faculty Session with Amanda Bayer on Tenure, Singer 033

01:15 - 02:45 Session 7 (Singer 346)

Udara Peiris (Oberlin College)	Housing Market Inefficiencies and the Role of Borrower-Based Macroprudential Policy (w/ J. Kiacso, R Martin, F Masek, D Tsomocos)
Carolina Acuna-Armenta (Marquette Univ)	Do Economic Conditions Matter for Inflation Expectations
Xinchan Lu (Grinnel College)	Liquidity and Monetary Policy with Fraudulent Assets (with Duhyeong Kim)

02:45-3:00 Break

03:00 - 4:30 Session 8 (Singer 346)

Ryuichiro Izumi (Wesleyan Univ)	Trademarks, Confusion and Financial Contagion (w/ A. Kotidis, P. Soto)
Giorgi Nikolaishvili (Wake Forest U)	The Evolution of Community Bank Interconnectedness
Andreea Rotarescu (Wake Forest U)	Zombie Prevalence & Bank Health: Exploring Feedback Effects (w/ C. Possnig, K. Song)

4:30 Wrap up