

# IPE 28th Annual Conference

## Feb. 26-27, 2021

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, February 26:

IPE1: 9:30-10:50 am

IPE2: 11:00-12:20 pm

Lunch

IPE3: 1:00-2:20 pm

IPE4: 2:30-3:50 pm

IPE5: 4:00-5:20 pm

**Virtual IPE Student-Faculty Reception: 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**via Gather.Town**  
**Login will be provided via email to all presenters and faculty**

#### Saturday, February 27:

IPE6: 11:00-12:20 pm

Lunch

IPE7: 1:00-2:20 pm

IPE8: 2:30-3:50 pm

IPE9: 4:00-5:20 pm



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### **[IPE1] Undergraduate Student Research I: Monetary Policy**

One of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Marybeth Collins Nemecek**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

#### **Presentations:**

Do Returns to Capital Matter for Gold Prices?

**Aguiete Ndoungla Fobasso Awah**, Austin College; **Mikidadu Mohammed**, Austin College

Impact of QE Announcements on US Stock Return Volatility 2020

**Nage Ngo**, Smith College

The Impact of the Federal Open Market Committee's Quantitative Easing Announcements on Stock Market Volatility in the United States

**Sara Ahsan Khan**, Smith College

Easy Money? The Effects of Quantitative Easing Announcements on the Implied Volatility of Junk Bond ETFs

**Thomas Kuntz**, Stonehill College

#### **Discussants:**

**Juliana Lacerda Pyrrho**, Smith College

**Tal Feldman**, Wake Forest University

**Kenneth Duke Giraldo**, Furman University

**Andrew Pierpont Warner**, Furman University

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### **[IPE2] Undergraduate Student Research II: Macroeconomics and Inequality**

Two of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Alexa Rae Rasmussen**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

#### **Presentations:**

Predicting Power: The Impact of Economic Growth on Geopolitical Influence

**Maxwell Zucker**, Elon University

Are Central Bank Institutional Features Associated with Lower Income Inequality?

**Juliana Lacerda Pyrrho**, Smith College

Rent-Seeking and (De)Regulation: Examining the Growth in American Economic Inequality

**Tal Feldman**, Wake Forest University

Convergence and economic growth: does income inequality matter?

**Kenneth Duke Giraldo**, Furman University; **Yuhan You**, Furman University

When Bad Times Are Good: The Effect of Macroeconomic Factors on the Financing of Consumer Durables Companies

**Andrew Pierpont Warner**, Furman University

#### **Discussants:**

**John Norman Mahn**, Hartwick College

**Aguiete Ndoungla Fobasso Awah**, Austin College

**Nage Ngo**, Smith College

**Sara Ahsan Khan**, Smith College

**Thomas Kuntz**, Stonehill College

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### **[IPE3] Undergraduate Student Research IV: Labor Markets**

Four of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Maxwell Zucker**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

### **Presentations:**

The Impact of Collective Bargaining Coverage on OECD Countries` Phillips Curves and its Implications for Monetary Policy

**Anoushka Sharma**, Smith College

An Analysis on the Relationship between Teenage Participation in Sports and Income

**Kyle Fränkel**, Elon University

Factors affecting the employment of Veterans` across states

**Jacob Doll**, Minnesota State University Moorhead

New York City`s Transportation Issue: Metro Lines and Job Accessibility

**Robbie Fox**, Elon University

Evidence for the Phillips Curve in Three Countries

**Aise Jacob O`Neil**, American University

### **Discussants:**


**Maxwell Zucker**, Elon University

**Olga Émilie Laura Ntsah Ngono**, Université Libre de Bruxelles

**Marybeth Collins Nemecek**, Elon University

**Anoushka Sharma**, Smith College

**Nicholas Joseph Arbogast**, Belmont University



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### **[IPE4] Undergraduate Student Research III: Development Economics**

Three of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Robbie Fox**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

#### **Presentations:**

"The Refugees are Better Off Than We Are": Evaluating the Impact of Syrian Refugees on Jordanian Labor Markets

**Maggie Dougherty**, College of Wooster

The Economic Impact of Allowing Refugees the Right to Work

**Graham Oliver Hutchinson**, Elon University

Examining the Effectiveness of Official Development Assistance in Sub-Saharan African Countries

**Nicholas Joseph Arbogast**, Belmont University

Modern-Day Economic Development: A case study of Rwanda

**Lotanna Precious Umunna**, Minnesota State University Moorhead

#### **Discussants:**

**Alexa Rae Rasmussen**, Elon University

**Jacob Doll**, Minnesota State University Moorhead

**Prachi Adhikari**, Smith College

**Brian Henry Word-Sims**, Stonehill College





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### **[IPE5] Undergraduate Student Research V: Education and Gender Inequality**

Five of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Graham Oliver Hutchinson**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

#### **Presentations:**

The Impact of Technology Use on Cognitive and Non-cognitive Skills of Elementary School Students

**Marybeth Collins Nemecek**, Elon University

The Effect of School Quality on Residential Housing Prices in Massachusetts

**Brian Henry Word-Sims**, Stonehill College

Is Having a Child Damaging to a Woman's Earning Potential in the Labor Market?

**Alexa Rae Rasmussen**, Elon University

From Gender Inequalities to Income Inequalities

**Olga Émilie Laura Ntsah Ngonu**, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Gender Dimensions of Climate Change in Rural Agriculture

**Prachi Adhikari**, Smith College

#### **Discussants:**

**Aise Jacob O'Neil**, American University

**Robbie Fox**, Elon University

**Maggie Dougherty**, College of Wooster

**Graham Oliver Hutchinson**, Elon University

**Lotanna Precious Umunna**, Minnesota State University Moorhead



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### **[IPE6] Undergraduate Student Research VI: Sports and Games**

Six of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Caroline Grace McGimsey**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

#### **Presentations:**

Match Fixing and Fans` Soccer Attendance in Cyprus: A study to examine how match-fixing occurs and how it affects fan loyalty

**Andreas Xenofontos**, The College of Wooster

The Core Expansion Method of Generating Better User-based Video Game Genres

**Prithvi Kalkunte**, Austin College

Mythical Influence: Do Fans Impact the Results of English Premier League Football Matches?


**Michael McShane**, Stonehill College

#### **Discussants:**

**John Michael McGinley**, Elon University

**Claire Eliese Conzelmann**, Furman University

**Anna Ford Pittard**, Furman University



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### **[IPE7] Undergraduate Student Research VII: Health and Environmental Justice**

Seven of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Alexa Rae Rasmussen**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

#### **Presentations:**

Impact of Childhood Parasitic Infection on Future Wages in Indonesia

**John Michael McGinley**, Elon University

The Economic Impact of Critical Habitat Designations on Indigenous Communities

**Caroline Grace McGimsey**, Elon University

The Impact of High Tide Flooding on Income Inequality in East and Gulf Coast Counties of the United States

**Claire Eliese Conzelmann**, Furman University; **Anna Ford Pittard**, Furman University;

**James Dunbar Myrick**, Furman University

Environmental Justice: Spatial Distribution of Air Pollution, Income and Race

**Meng Zhou**, Furman University; **Emma Kuntz**, Furman University; **Quinn Funke**, Furman University

#### **Discussants:**

**Andreas Xenofontos**, The College of Wooster

**Udeesha Sharma**, Smith College

**Prithvi Kalkunte**, Austin College

**Michael McShane**, Stonehill College





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### **[IPE8] Undergraduate Student Research VIII: Politics and Regulation**

Eight of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **John Michael McGinley**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

#### **Presentations:**

When Employers Call the Shots: Monopsony Power and Wage in US Labor Markets

**John Norman Mahn**, Hartwick College

The Efficiency of Quadratic Voting

**Chris Amoroso**, Davidson College

Adverse Selection and the Repeal of the Shared Responsibility Payment

**Kaitlyn Marie Martin**, Stonehill College

Market Structure and Quality of Service: Investigating Oligopolies and the Quality of Nursing Home Care in California During The COVID-19 Pandemic

**Tessa J Ireton**, The College of Wooster

How Effective are Past Stimulus Checks and How Might They Affect the United States in the Future

**Christopher Wright**, Saint Anselm College; **Joseph Pollard**, Saint Anselm College

#### **Discussants:**

**Emma Kuntz**, Furman University

**Quinn Funke**, Furman University

**Olivia Botting**, St. Lawrence University

**Emily Anderson**, St. Lawrence University

**Michael James McHenry**, Gettysburg College



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### **[IPE9] Undergraduate Student Research IX: International Finance**

Nine of Nine Sessions Sponsored by *Issues in Political Economy (IPE)*

Session Chair: **Caroline Grace McGimsey**, Elon University

Session Organizers: **Steve DeLoach**, Elon University, **Steve Greenlaw**, University of Mary Washington

#### **Presentations:**

Monetary Policy and Economic Stabilization: Wicksellian and Taylor Rules

**Michael James McHenry**, Gettysburg College

Financial Flows into Western Africa: Does the CFA Zone make a difference?

**Olivia Botting**, St. Lawrence University

Is Inflation Targeting Working for India?

**Udeesha Sharma**, Smith College

An Analysis of Basel 3 Capital Requirements on the Composition of GSIB Earnings

**Emily Anderson**, St. Lawrence University; **Kai-Sigurd Jensen**, St. Lawrence University

#### **Discussants:**

**Chris Amoroso**, Davidson College

**Kaitlyn Marie Martin**, Stonehill College

**Tessa J Ireton**, The College of Wooster

**Christopher Wright**, Saint Anselm College