FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

CHECK-IN 8:30-9
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT 9-10:30
CRIME & DEVIAN'T BEHAVIOR 10:40-12
LUNCH
EDUCATION 1:30-3
MACROECONOMICS & FINANCE 3:10-4:40
BREAK
STUDENT-FACULTY RECEPTION 6-8
Stout Grand Central

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

CHECK-IN 8:30-9
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH 9-10:30
PUBLIC POLICY 10:40-12:10
LABOR, GENDER, & EDUCATION 12:20-1:50
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

THE SUCCESS OF SOAP-MAKING: HOW ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING IN UGANDAN REFUGEES IMPACTS THEIR OUTCOMES IN VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS
Aniyah Adams, Elon University
Discussant: Kara Friske, Elon University

HOW WEATHER SHOCKS AFFECT CHILD NUTRITION IN FEMALE VERSUS MALE-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS IN NEPAL
Vatsala Ramanan, Smith College
Discussant: Morgan Kearns, Elon University

DETERMINANTS OF FOOD INSECURITY IN AFRICA: A Paneled and Multi-Level Analysis
Jonas Baune, Minnesota State University - Moorhead
Discussant: Carol Gao, Smith College

GLOBALIZATION AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH: REMODELING MEXICO’S MIGRATION NARRATIVE
Timur R Martinez Smirnov, St. Lawrence University
Discussant: Kimheng Larch, Elon University

WOMEN’S FAMILY PLANNING ACCESSIBILITY AND ITS IMPACT ON INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITY IN SOUTHWEST KENYA: AN INDIVIDUAL LEVEL ANALYSIS
Cole Haecker, Elon University
Discussant: Rishika Todi, College of Wooster

Session Chair: Andrea Sheetz, Elon University
SESSION TWO

CRIME & DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND LABOR MARKET OUTCOMES
Kimheng Larch, Elon University
Discussant: Michelle Bryant, College of Wooster

ACCUMULATING CONSEQUENCES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE: AGE OF FIRST EXPERIENCE ON HUMAN CAPITAL
Morgan Kearns, Elon University

THE EFFECT OF BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS ON ARREST RATES: EVIDENCE FROM CHICAGO
Carol Gao, Smith College
Discussant: Bridget Foehl, Elon University

Session Chair: Liam O'Connor, Elon University
SESSION THREE

EDUCATION

THE GENDER GAP IN TEST SCORES AND TEACHER GRADES IN ECLS-K:2011: CAN NON-COGNITIVE SKILLS EXPLAIN?
Kara Friske, Elon University
Discussant: Laura Li, Smith College

REMITTANCES – A CHILD’S TICKET TO BETTER EDUCATION: A CASE STUDY OF NEPAL
Rishika Todi, College of Wooster
Discussant: Blake Roberts, Minnesota State University - Moorhead

THE PREDICTIVE ABILITY OF COGNITIVE AND NON-COGNITIVE SKILLS ON FIFTH GRADE ACHIEVEMENT
Bridget Foehl, Elon University
Discussant: Zhitian (Ariel) Zhang, Smith College

WAGE DIFFERENTIALS ACROSS DEGREE FIELDS AND LEVELS OF EDUCATION FOR IMMIGRANTS VS. NATIVES
Mark Wardlaw, Belmont University
Discussant: Max Hagan, St Lawrence University

THE IMPACT OF THE NOTION OF LABOR DISCRIMINATION ON EXPECTED HIGHER EDUCATION RETURNS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOLARS
Michelle Bryant, College of Wooster
Discussant: Taylor Zixuan Zhang, Smith College

Session Chair: Andrea Sheetz, Elon University
SESSION FOUR

MACROECONOMICS & FINANCE  3:10-4:40

CENTRAL BANK INDEPENDENCE AND ITS ROLE IN DISCIPLINING DEFICIT SPENDING
Laura Li, Smith College
Discussant: Aniyah Adams, Elon University

SHORT SELLING: ECONOMIC INSIGHTS AND ANALYSIS
Blake Roberts, Minnesota State University- Moorhead
Discussant: Vatsala Ramanan, Smith College

CENTRAL BANK INDEPENDENCE AND MACROECONOMIC PERFORMANCE: A PANEL DATA ANALYSIS
Zhitian (Ariel) Zhang, Smith College
Discussant: Jonas Baune, Minnesota State University - Moorhead

PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS VS FEED-IN TARIFFS: EFFECTS ON CAPACITY AND EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS
Cady Gentile, Gettysburg College
Discussant: Timur R Martinez Smirnov, St. Lawrence University

THE SPILLOVER EFFECTS OF QUANTITATIVE EASING ON CAPITAL FLOWS TO EMERGING MARKET ECONOMIES
Taylor Zixuan Zhang, Smith College
Discussant: Cole Haecker, Elon University

Session Chair: Morgan Kearns, Elon University
SESSION FIVE

ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH

WALKABILITY AND COMMUTING BEHAVIOR
Lillian Byrne, University of Maryland
Discussant: Tsvetomir Petkov, Gettysburg College

POTENTIAL FOR LODGING IN THE ADIRONDACK AND ST. LAWRENCE RIVER REGIONS
Max Hagan, St Lawrence University
Discussant: Andrea Sheetz, Elon University

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE 2008 RECESSION AND BIRTH RATES IN THE UNITED STATES
Malia Takei, Elon University
Discussant: William Drappo, Indiana State University

BUDGETING NORTH CAROLINA WATER THROUGH WATERSHED TRADING QUOTAS
Adam Mottershead, Western Carolina University
Discussant: Maria J. Mendoza, Elon University

MEASURING THE EFFECT OF AGE AT FIRST BIRTH ON WAGE
Madison Duchesneau, Elon University
Discussant: Brandon Charles, College of Wooster

Session Chair: Cole Haecker, Elon University
PUBLIC POLICY

THE ROLE OF PRICE TRANSPARENCY AND MANDATORY INSURANCE IN DETERMINING PRICES
Tsvetomir Petkov, Gettysburg College
Discussant: Laura Peterjohn, College of Wooster

IMPACT OF ABORTION CLINIC CLOSURES ON EVICTIONS
Maria J. Mendoza, Elon University
Discussant: Mark Wardlaw, Belmont University

HOW NEOCLASSICAL ECONOMIC THEORY FAILS TO EXPLAIN THE INDUSTRIAL FOOD SYSTEM
William Drappo, Indiana State University
Discussant: Isabella Hindley, Elon University

AN ANALYSIS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC LIBRARY INNOVATION AND SOCIAL CAPITAL
Liam O'Connor, Elon University
Discussant: Mahi Lal, College of Wooster

HOW DO MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES IMPACT UNEMPLOYMENT?
Brandon Charles, College of Wooster
Discussant: Lillian Byrne, University of Maryland

Session Chair: Andrea Sheetz, Elon University
SESSION SEVEN

LABOR, GENDER, & EDUCATION

HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENT THROUGH EDUCATION: THE WAY TO AN EQUITABLE MIDDLE CLASS IN SOUTH AFRICA
Laura Peterjohn, College of Wooster
Discussant: Liam O’Connor, Elon University

THE EFFECT OF SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER EXPECTATIONS ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - A GENDER-SPECIFIC ANALYSIS
Isabella Hindley, Elon University
Discussant: Adam Mottershead, Western Carolina University

WAGE AND OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MIGRANT NURSES IN THE US: A MIXED-METHODS APPROACH
Mahi Lal, College of Wooster
Discussant: Malia Takei, Elon University

THE IMPACT OF FOREIGN AID ON CHILD LABOR
Elisha Brinkman, Stonehill University
Discussant: Madison Duchesneau, Elon University

Session Chair: Maria J. Mendoza, Elon University
LOCATIONS

ALL SESSIONS: THE LEXINGTON HOTEL
511 Lexington Avenue,
Entrance at 48th Street, New York, NY 10017
In accordance with state, local, and hotel guidelines, face coverings must be worn except when presenting or actively eating or drinking

STUDENT-FACULTY RECEPTION: STOUT GRAND CENTRAL
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