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CONFERENCE SESSIONS

THURSDAY AUGUST 1, 2024

OPENING PLENARY
Location: Centennial Room, AC Hotel Atlanta Downtown
6:00-6:15 pm Welcome

6:15-7:45 Standing Up and Sitting Down: Activism, Faculty Governance, and the Scholarly Enterprise in the Atlanta University Center
Moderator and Panelist: Suneye Holmes, Economics, Spelman College
Danielle Dickens, Psychology, Spelman College
Angela Farris Watkins, Psychology, Spelman College
Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Women Studies, Spelman College
Romie Tribble, Economics, Spelman College

7:45-9:00 Meet and Greet Reception
Hosted and sponsored by Washington Center for Equitable Growth

FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 2024
Location: NASA Auditorium, Albro-Falconer-Manley Science Center, Spelman College
7:45-8:15 am Breakfast

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FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 2024

SESSION I
8:30-10:00  
*Challenging Racism in the Economics Discipline*

The Color of Ideas: Racial Dynamics and Citations in Economics
*Marlene Koffi, University of Toronto*
Roland Pongou, University of Ottawa
Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University

The Economist and Indigenous Peoples: A Study of Representation
*Kyra James, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona*

A Glimpse into the New Undergrad Textbook on Economic Stratification
*Jan E. Christopher, Delaware State University*
James B. Stewart, Penn State University

Lessons From the Black Second
*Robert B. Williams, Guilford College*

SESSION II
10:15-12:00  
*Community Impacts of Economic and Policy Interventions*

The Right to Denver? A Closer Look at Globeville Elyria-Swansea (GES) Neighborhood
*Bilen Gurara, University of Massachusetts Amherst*

Tracking MENASA Immigrant and Refugee Resettlement in United States: A San Antonio Case Study
*Analyssa María García, St. Mary’s University, Culturalingua*

Ordinary Ethical Agents
*Muziwami Mtetwa, University of Missouri-Kansas City*
*Sana Ahmed, University of Memphis - Lambuth*

Tracking Justice40 Funding for Disadvantaged Communities
*Linda Loubert, Morgan State University*
Cari Harris, Morgan State University

Checking and Balancing: Evidence on the Performance of Native Self Rule
*Courtney A. Andrews, Walden University*
Miriam R. Jorgenson, Harvard University; Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona
*Jonathan B. Taylor, Harvard University; Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona; Taylor Policy Group, Inc.*

12:00-1:00  
Lunch

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SESSION III

1:00 - 2:30  
Topics on the Intersection of Gender and Race

Solidarity Economics within Black and Brown Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Community
Regine Tamarh Adrien, Institute for Research on Poverty, CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Potential Impact of Health Campaigns on Maternal Mortality Rates Among Women of Color: The Case of Hear Her
*Nathalie Nyanga, University of San Francisco
*Haining Yuan, University of San Francisco

Health Shocks and Older Minority Women Wealth: The Role of Private Transfer, Public Benefits and Neighborhood Characteristics
Mónica García-Pérez, Fayetteville State University; Samuel Dubois Cook Center on Social Equity, Duke University

Persistence of Racial Inequality: Earnings Gap among Women from 1979-2018
Jeannette Wicks-Lim, Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst

SESSION IV

2:45-4:15  
What Can Community-Engaged Research Tell Us About the Economy?
Moderator: Julie Siwicki, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Worker Voices: Shifting Perspectives and Expectations on Employment
*Elizabeth Simpson, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Sarah Miller, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Merissa Piazza, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
Ashley Putnam, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
Kristen Broady, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Heterogeneous Effects of Monetary Policy on Job Flows Across Income, Race, Gender and Age
*David Wiczer, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Ester Faia, Center for Economic Policy Research
Ekaterina Shabalina, Reserve Bank of Australia

Building A Beloved Economy: A Baseline and Framework for Building Black Wealth in Atlanta
*Jarryd Bethea, Atlanta Wealth Building Initiative
Alex Camardelle, Atlanta Wealth Building Initiative

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Heirs Property Research Ethics Toolkits
*Sarah Stein, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Portia Johnson, Auburn University
Ryan Thompson, Auburn University
John Green, Southern Rural Development Center
Roseanne Scammahorn, Southern Rural Development Center
Eloris Speight, Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers Policy Research Center, Alcorn State University
Kara Woods, Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers Policy Research Center, Alcorn State University

DINNER & KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Location: Rock Steady Atlanta, 907 Marietta Street NW Atlanta, GA
4:45-5:15  Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar
5:15-6:15  William E. Spriggs Memorial Lecture
           Keynote: Kendra Davenport Cotton, CEO, New Georgia Project
6:15-7:45  Dinner

SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 2024
Location: NASA Auditorium, Albro-Falconer-Manley Science Center, Spelman College
8:00-8:30  Breakfast

SESSION V
8:30-10:00  Systemic Racism and its Components

What Makes Systemic Discrimination “Systemic”? Exposing the Amplifiers of Inequity
David McMillon, Emory University

The Murder of George Floyd and the Behavior of the Minneapolis Police Department
Isabel Pastoor, University of Minnesota

Does Intervention by the U.S. Department of Justice Improve Police Accountability?
Rodney Green, Howard University

Economics of the Montgomery Bus Boycott
Kush Jenkins, Northern Virginia Community College

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SESSION VI
10:15-12:00  Access to Education

The Impact of SRO Selection and Training on Racial Disparities in Exclusion
Monique E. Davis, University of Minnesota

Teresita Cruz Vital, University of California Berkeley

CADAA Estudiante Cuenta: The Effects of the California DREAM Act Application on Undocumented Student Success
*Teresita Cruz Vital, University of California Berkeley
*Kassandra Hernández, University of California Berkeley

Addressing Barriers to Educational Attainment for Black Single Mothers in College
Jennifer Turner, Institute for Women’s Policy Research

The Effects of the HBCU Capital Financing Program
Tre Wells, Northwestern University

LUNCH SESSION
12:15-1:30  Roundtable: Public Service Opportunities for Academics
Moderator: Korin Davis, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

SESSION VII
1:45-3:15  Access to Capital

Experiences of Native American Entrepreneurs Accessing Capital for Small Business Loans
*Britnee Johnson, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona
*Kyra James, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

The Racial Wealth Gap, Homeownership, and Mission Driven Community Lenders
*Anthony Barr, Pepperdine University, National Bankers Association Foundation
Carl Romer, London School of Economics

Native American Wealth and Mortality at the Turn of the 20th Century
*Donn Feir, University of Victoria, IZA Institute of Labor Economics
Maggie E. C. Jones, Emory University, NBER
Angela Redish, University of British Columbia

Mapping the NCDFI Industry: Insights from a New Survey
*Valentina Dimitrova-Grajzl, Virginia Military Institute
Peter Grajzl, Washington and Lee University, CESifo
Michou Kokodoko, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
*Laurel Wheeler, University of Alberta and Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

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SESSION VIII

3:30-5:00  Labor Standards and Labor Market Dynamics

Worker-led Lawsuits: The Effects of California’s Private Attorneys General Act
*Kassandra Hernández, University of California Berkeley
*Enrique Lopezlira, University of California Berkeley Labor Center

A Community-Based Path to Full Employment
Kenneth Been, CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Beyond Unemployment: Measuring Increased Black Economic Vulnerability from the War on Drugs and the End of the Keynesian Consensus
Michele I. Naples, The College of New Jersey

Employment Implications of COVID and Automation Risk: The Moderating Effect of Minorities
*Salvador Contreras, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Samirian Das, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Amit Ghosh, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

CLOSING SESSION

5:15-6:00  Reflective Activity and Adjournment

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