

Day 1: Friday, May 16, 2025

11:30 – 12:30 PM *Lunch and pick up conference materials—West Village H 108 – 110*

12:30 – 12:40 PM *Opening Remarks:*
Nicole Boyson (Chair – Finance Group) & David DeCremer, Dunton Family Dean

Session – 1 Session Chair: Andrés Shahidinejad

“The Impact of Finfluencers on Retail Investment”

12:45 – 1:25 PM Authors: Isiah Hull (Norwegian Business School); Yingjie Qi (Copenhagen Business School)

Discussant: Christopher Palmer (MIT)

“Tyranny of the Personal Network: The Limits of Arm’s Length Fundraising in Venture Capital”

1:25 – 2:05 PM Authors: Sabrina T. Howell, Dean Parker (NYU); Ting Xu (Univ. of Toronto)

Discussant: Morten Sorensen (Dartmouth)

2:05 – 2:45 PM Coffee Break

Session – 2 Session Chair: Fabricius Somogyi

“Private Capital Markets and Inequality”

2:45 – 3:25 PM Authors: Ararat Gocmen (University College London); Clara Martínez-Toledano (Imperial College London); Vrinda Mittal (UNC- Chapel Hill)

Discussant: Olivia Kim (HBS)

“What Do Unions Do? Incentives and Investments”

3:25 – 4:05 PM Authors: Vojislav Maksimovic, Liu Yang (Univ. of Maryland)

Discussant: Hyunseob Kim (FRB - Chicago)

4:05 – 4:45 PM Coffee Break

“The Real Cost of Benchmarking”

4:45– 5:25 PM Authors: Sebastian Hanson, Christian Kontz (Stanford)

Discussant: Samuel Hartzmark (Boston College)

5:30 – 8:30 PM *Dinner Reception: Faculty Club (EXP)*

Day 2: Saturday, May 17, 2025

8:00 – 8:35 AM

Breakfast: Alumni Center (6th floor 716 Columbus Avenue)

Session – 3

Session Chair: Weiling Liu

“National Pricing and the Geography of U.S. Life Insurers”

8:45 – 9:25 AM

Author: Derek Wenning (Indiana Univ.)

Discussant: Daniel Weagley (Univ. of Tennessee)

“Divided Government and the Stock Market”

9:25 – 10:05 AM

Authors: Theofanis Papamichalis (Univ. of Cambridge); Dean Ryu (Harvard, Oxford); Mungo Wilson (Oxford Univ.)

Discussant: Alok Kumar (Univ. of Miami)

10:05 – 10:20 AM

Coffee Break

“Measuring and Mitigating Racial Disparities in Large Language Model Mortgage Underwriting”

10:20 – 11:00 AM

Authors: Donald E. Bowen III (Lehigh University); Luke C.D. Stein (Babson College); S. McKay Price, Ke Yang (Lehigh University)

Discussant: James Weston (Rice Univ.)

11:00 – 11:05 PM

Closing Remarks & Adjourn for Lunch

11:05 – 12:00 PM

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