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Discrimination in the 21st Century: Fostering Conversations Across Fields

Bringing together researchers from economics, artificial intelligence, behavioral sciences, healthcare, sociology, and more to discuss crucial themes around discrimination.

Agenda · Friday, May 6, 2022

All times are listed in CST

7:45 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - 8TH FLOOR LOUNGE

8:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Session 1: The State of Discrimination in Economics and Business

Chair: Heather Tookes, Yale University

Paper Presentations and Discussions

8:30 a.m. What We Teach About Race and Gender: Representation in Images and Text of Children's Books

Anjali Adukia, University of Chicago (**Presenter**)

Alex Eble, Columbia University (Co-author)

Emileigh Harrison, University of Chicago (Co-author)

Hakizumwami Birali Runesha, University of Chicago (Co-author)

Teodora Szasz, University of Chicago (Co-author)

Angelino Viceisza, Spelman College (**Discussant**)

9:10 a.m. Informed Choices: Gender Gaps in Career Advice

Melanie Wasserman, University of California, Los Angeles (**Presenter**)

Yana Gallen, University of Chicago (Co-author)

Ben Posmanick, St. Bonaventure University (**Discussant**)

9:50 a.m. BREAK

10:10 a.m. Automation and Racial Disparities in Small Business Lending: Evidence from the Paycheck Protection Program

Sabrina T. Howell, New York University (**Presenter**)

Theresa Kuchler, New York University (Co-author)

David Snitkof, Oculous (Co-author)

Johannes Stroebel, New York University (Co-author)

Jun Wong, University of Chicago (Co-author)

Tetyana Balyuk, Emory University (**Discussant**)

10:50 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: The State of Discrimination in Economics and Business

Amanda Bayer, Swarthmore College

Marionette Holmes, Spelman College

Trevon Logan, Ohio State University

Luigi Zingales, University of Chicago

Jane Risen, University of Chicago (Moderator)

12:00 p.m. LUNCH - ROOM 701

Session 2: Systemic and Structural Sources of Discrimination

Chair: Heather Sarsons, University of Chicago

Paper Presentations and Discussions

2:00 p.m. **Systemic Discrimination: Theory and Measurement**

Peter Hull, Brown University (**Presenter**)

J. Aislinn Bohren, University of Pennsylvania (Co-author)

Alex Imas, University of Chicago (Co-author)

Ashesh Rambachan, Harvard University (**Discussant**)

2:40 p.m. **Race, Policy, and Individual Labor Productivity: The 1964 Civil Rights Act and Pitcher Batter Confrontations in Major League Baseball**

Andrew W. Nutting, Bryn Mawr College (**Presenter**)

Andrew E. Sfekas, Cornerstone Research (Co-author)

Sitian Liu, Queen's University (**Discussant**)

3:20 p.m. **BREAK**

3:40 p.m. **Systemic Discrimination Among Largest U.S. Employers**

Evan K. Rose, University of Chicago (**Presenter**)

Patrick M. Kline, University of California, Berkeley
(Co-author)

Christopher R. Walters, University of California, Berkeley
(Co-author)

Peter Blair, Harvard University (**Discussant**)

4:20 p.m. **BREAK**

4:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Systemic and Structural Sources of Discrimination**

Marianne Bertrand, University of Chicago

Walter Katz, Arnold Ventures

Shannell Thomas, Bowie State University

Talitha Washington, Atlanta University Center and Data
Science Initiative

Ray Reagans, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
(Moderator)

6:00 p.m. **Conference Reception and Dinner**

Study Hotel — Winter Garden
1227 E 60th Street

Keynote Speaker

Kerwin Charles, Yale University

9:00 p.m. **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**

Saturday, May 7, 2022

7:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - 8TH FLOOR LOUNGE

Session 3: Discrimination in Healthcare and Law
Chair: Alex Imas, University of Chicago

Paper Presentations and Discussions

8:00 a.m. **Capacity Strain and Racial Disparities in Hospital Mortality**

Manasvini Singh, University of Massachusetts (**Presenter**)

Atheendar Venkataraman, University of Pennsylvania
(Co-author)

Hannes Schwandt, Northwestern University (Discussant)

8:35 a.m. **Discrimination and Quality Signals: A Field Experiment with Healthcare Shoppers**

Alex Chan, Stanford University (**Presenter**)

Luke Stein, Babson College (**Discussant**)

9:10 a.m. BREAK

9:25 a.m. **Brokers of Bias in the Criminal System: Do Prosecutors Compound or Attenuate Earlier Racial Disparities**

Emma Harrington, Princeton University (**Presenter**)

Hannah Shaffer, Harvard University (Co-author)

Sasha Indarte, University of Pennsylvania (**Discussant**)

10:00 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Discrimination in Healthcare and Law**

Marcella Alsan, Harvard Kennedy School

Kate Baicker, University of Chicago

David K.A. Mordecai, Risk Economics, Inc.

Ziad Obermeyer, University of California Berkeley

Sendhil Mullainathan, University of Chicago (Moderator)

11:00 a.m. LUNCH - ROOM 701

Session 4: The Impact of Discrimination on Economic Growth
Chair: Pietro Veronesi, University of Chicago

Paper Presentations and Discussions

- 12:00 p.m. Designing Gender Equity: Evidence from Hiring Practices and Committees**
Tatiana Mocanu, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Presenter)
Nicola Persico, Northwestern University (Discussant)
- 12:35 p.m. Talent Allocation in the Indian Economy: Measurement and Policy Implications**
Kopal Mathur, University of Queensland (Presenter)
Soumitra Shukla, Federal Reserve (Discussant)
- 1:10 p.m. BREAK**
- 1:25 p.m. Race and Redistribution in the United States: An Experimental Analysis**
Robert D. Metcalfe, University of Southern California (Presenter)
Jesper Akesson, University of Oxford (Co-author)
Robert W. Hahn, Georgetown University (Co-author)
Itzhak Rasooly, Oxford University (Co-author)
Chang-Tai Hsieh, University of Chicago (Discussant)
- 2:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: The Impact of Discrimination on Economic Growth**
Roseanna Ander, University of Chicago
Erik Hurst, University of Chicago
Felicia Joy, Edelman
Nancy Qian, Northwestern University
Pietro Veronesi, University of Chicago (Moderator)
- 3:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS**

Conference Organizers



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