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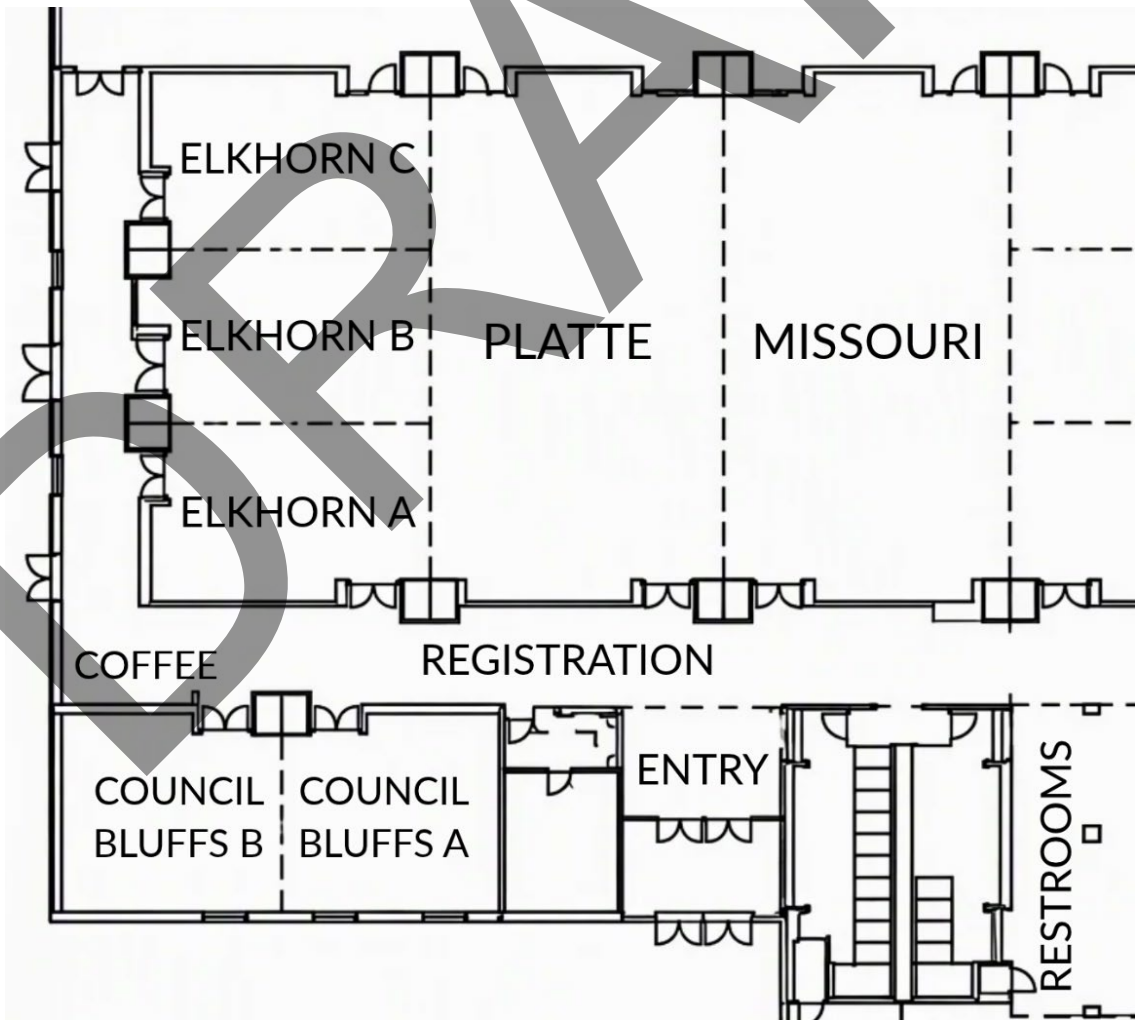

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Thanks: Thanks to all contributors, discussants, and chairs for making a successful program.

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Thursday, November 5, 2026

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Session	4	–	Wages and Compensation	Council Bluffs B

3:00PM-3:15PM

Session	5	–	Coffee Break	Council Bluffs Hallway

3:15PM-5:00PM

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Session	8	–	Active Learning Ideas for the Classroom	Elkhorn C
Session	9	–	Economics Potpourri 1	Council Bluffs A

5:15PM-6:15PM

Session	10	–	Thursday Evening Keynote - Dr. Edward Balistreri	Platte

6:30PM-8:00PM

Session	11	–	MVEA Mixer	The Landing

Friday, November 6, 2026

Registration open from 7:45AM-6:30PM

8:15AM-10:00AM

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Session	13	–	Trade and Economic Development	Elkhorn B
Session	14	–	Health	Council Bluffs B

10:00AM-10:15AM

Session	15	–	Coffee Break – Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State	Council Bluffs Hallway

10:15AM-12:00PM

Session	16	–	Navigating the Job Market	Elkhorn A
Session	17	–	Applied Macroeconomics	Elkhorn B
Session	18	–	Virtual Mixed	Elkhorn C
Session	19	–	Undergraduate 1	Council Bluffs A
Session	20	–	Innovation	Council Bluffs B

12:15PM-1:15PM

Session	20	–	Luncheon and Keynote	Missouri

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1:30PM-3:15PM

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Session	24	–	Virtual Undergraduate	Elkhorn C
Session	25	–	Friends of the Society for Economic Measurement - Macroeconomics	Council Bluffs A

3:15PM-3:30PM

Session	26	–	Coffee Break – Sponsored by University of Kansas	Council Bluffs Hallway

3:30PM-5:15PM

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Session	28	–	Sports and Athletics	Elkhorn B
Session	29	-	Beyond the Journal: Bringing Research to Media, Policy, and the Public	Elkhorn C
Session	30	–	Higher Education Outcomes	Council Bluffs A
Session	31	–	AI-Related Topics	Council Bluffs B

5:30PM-6:30PM

Session	32	–	MVEA Annual Business Meeting	Platte

6:45PM-7:45PM

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Saturday, November 7, 2026

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Registration open from 7:45AM-11:30AM

8:15AM-10:00AM

Session	35	–	Friends of the Society for Economic Measurement II- Stablecoin and Macroeconomics	Elkhorn A
Session	36	–	Gender Topics	Elkhorn B
Session	37	–	Environment and Energy	Elkhorn C
Session	38	–	Economics Potpourri 2	Council Bluffs B
Session	39	–	Executive Committee Meeting	Platte

10:00AM-10:15AM

Session	40	–	Coffee Break	Council Bluffs Hallway

10:15AM-12:00PM

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Session	44	–	Virtual High School	Elkhorn C
Session	45	–	Firm Specific Research	Council Bluffs A
Session	46	–	Economics Potpourri 3	Council Bluffs B

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Thursday, November 5, 2026 1:15PM-3:00PM

Session # 1 **Room: Elkhorn A**

Education

Chair: Angelica Rivera-Olvera, University of Arkansas

A. ***Beyond Compulsory Schooling: Parental Education and Child Health in China***
   Yaxiang Song, Creighton University; Xiaozhou Ding, South Dakota State University; Shiyu Cheng, Liaoning University
B. ***Returns to Education in the U.S. with a college proximity instrument: a deep learning approach with satellite imagery***
   Ryotaro Hiraki, University of Arkansas; Harry Patrinos, University of Arkansas
C. ***School Accountability Rules and Retention Practices***
   William Labadie, Earlham College
D. ***The Returns to Education in Arkansas: Evidence from the 1987 Compulsory Education Law***
   Angelica Rivera-Olvera, University of Arkansas; Harry Patrinos, University of Arkansas

Discussants:

a. Ryotaro Hiraki, University of Arkansas
b. William Labadie, Earlham College
c. Angelica Rivera-Olvera, University of Arkansas
d. Yaxiang Song, Creighton University

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Session # 2 **Room: Elkhorn C**

Virtual Graduate Students

NOTE: Virtual sessions will be streamed into physical spaces for in-person attendees to attend.

Chair: Kathryn Birkeland, North Dakota State University

A. ***Connected Communities, Better Outcomes: Community WiFi Access and Academic Performance***
   Antonica Clarke, Florida International University; Nicholas Wright, Florida International University
B. ***Digital Equity in Crisis: Digital Device Access and Student Academic Outcomes During COVID-19***
   Akeem Carter, Florida International University
C. ***Cheap Credit, Costly Politics: Populism and Household Debt***
   Emoy Young, Department of Economics, Florida International University; Berrak Bahadir, Department of Economics, Florida International University
D. ***Paving the Path to Safety: Rural Roads and Intimate Partner Violence in India***
   Aakriri Saraswat, Fordham University
E. ***Safe to Learn: Legal Protection Against Violence and Educational Outcomes***
   Glory David Adebayo, Florida International University

Discussants:

a. Group Discussion
b. Group Discussion
c. Group Discussion
d. Group Discussion
e. Group Discussion

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Thursday, November 5, 2026 1:15PM-3:00PM

Session # 4 **Room: Council Bluffs B**

Wages and Compensation

Chair: Roberto Cavazos, EmployStats

A. ***Remote and Hybrid Work Wage Premiums: Evidence from The Post-Pandemic U.S. Labor Market***
   John McNeill, Truman State University
B. ***Do Foreign-Born and Foreign-Trained Faculty Face Greater Monopsony Power? Evidence from U.S. Public Universities***
   Mumtahina Islam, University of Kansas
C. ***Beyond Replacement Wages: Lost Earning Capacity for Owner-Operators***
   Roberto Cavazos, EmployStats; Mikhail Pevzner, University of Baltimore

Discussants:

a. Mumtahina Islam, University of Kansas
b. Roberto Cavazos, EmployStats
c. John McNeill, Truman State University

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Session # 5 **Room: Council Bluffs Hallway**

Coffee Break

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Session # 6 **Room: Elkhorn A**

Economic Growth and Development

Chair: Robert Winslow, University of South Dakota

A. ***Traveling to Opportunity: High Speed Rail Connectivity and University Enrollment in China***
   Huiyuan Zheng, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
B. ***Do regenerative grazing practices increase pasture biomass?***
   Scott Fausti, California State University-Monterey Bay; Ryan Schmid, Ecdysis Foundation; Jon Lundgren, Ecdysis Foundation,
C. ***Revisiting the LISP Curse***
   Robert Winslow, University of South Dakota
D. ***Macroeconomic Determinants of Business Formation in U.S.: ARDL approach***
   Kamala Guluzade, Kansas State University

Discussants:

a. Scott Fausti, College of Business, California State University-Monterey Bay
b. Robert Winslow, University of South Dakota
c. Huiyuan Zheng, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
d. Group Discussion

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Thursday, November 5, 2026 3:15PM-5:00PM

Session # 7 **Room: Elkhorn B**

Master's Student Session

Chair: David Yaskewich, Southeast Missouri State University

A. ***Path-Based Screening for Shill Bidding in Online Ascending Auctions***
   Devin Shang, Duke University
B. ***Shadows of the Legal Line: The Informational Impact of Regulatory Thresholds in Strategic Communication***
   Jiaxing Liu, Duke University
C. ***Brain Drain and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: Can Remittances Offset Its Adverse Effects?***
   Marzuq Yakub Ahmed, Kansas State University; Simon Blay Afful, Texas Tech University

Discussants:

a. Jiaxing Liu, Duke University
b. Marzuq Yakub Ahmed, Kansas State University
c. Devin Shang, Duke University

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Session # 8 **Room: Elkhorn C**

Active Learning Ideas for the Classroom

Session Arranged by Mandie Weinandt

Chair: Mandie Weinandt, University of South Dakota

A. Panelist
Mike Allgrunn, University of South Dakota

B. Panelist
Mandie Weinandt, University of South Dakota

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Session # 9 **Room: Council Bluffs A**

Economics Potpourri 1

Chair: William Miles, Wichita State University

A. ***Do Household Inflation Expectations Respond to Macroeconomic Data Releases?***
   Joshua York, Grand Valley State University
B. ***Inflation Co-Movement in the Euro Zone: Headline versus Core, Trends versus Cycles, and the Impact of Debt Crises.***
   William Miles, Wichita State University
C. ***Exchange Rate Movements, Foreign Reserves and GDP Growth. Dynamic Panel Analysis.***
   Nijat Guliyev, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
D. ***Immigration and Medium-Run Consumption Dynamics: Evidence from U.S. States***
   Angie Orjuela, Florida International University

Discussants:

a. Group Discussion
b. Group Discussion
c. Angie Orjuela, Florida International University
d. Nijat Guliyev, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

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Session # 10 **Room: Platte**

Thursday Evening Keynote
Tariff: the most beautiful word in the dictionary?
Led by Dr. Edward Balistreri

About Dr. Balistreri: Duane Acklie College of Business Yeutter Institute Chair at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Professor Balistreri has contributed to climate and trade-policy debates as an academic, a research economist at the United States International Trade Commission, and as a consultant.

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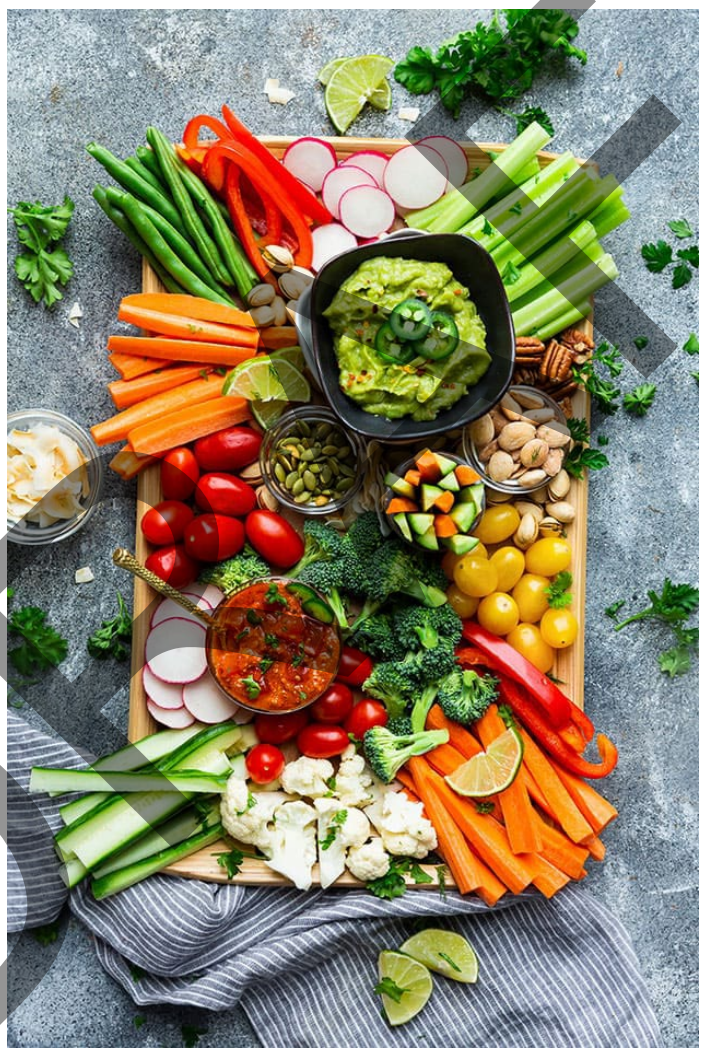
Thursday, November 5, 2026 6:30PM-8:00PM

Session # 11 **Room: The Landing**

MVEA Mixer

Join your colleagues for a bite to eat and a delicious drink during the MVEA Mixer. All registered guests receive two beverage tickets upon check-in. Event hosted by the Missouri Valley Economic Association.



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Session # 12 **Room: Elkhorn A**

Teaching

Session Arranged by Dennis Petruska

Chair: Dennis Petruska, Youngstown State University, Retired

A. ***Teaching the Concept of Correlation using an Excel Presentation***
   Dennis Petruska, Youngstown State University, Retired
B. ***Teaching Quantitative Courses in the Flipped Classroom: Sage Strategy or Miserable Mess?***
   Margie Tieslau, University of North Texas
C. ***Preliminary Observational Evidence on Generative AI usage and Test Security in Online Courses***
   Kara Smith, Belmont University; Richard Li, Belmont University

Discussants:

a. Kara Smith, Belmont University
b. Dennis Petruska, Youngstown State University, Retired
c. Margie Tieslau, University of North Texas

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Session # 13 **Room: Elkhorn B**

Trade and Economic Development

Chair: Kabeer Bora, University of Missouri - Kansas City

A. ***He Who Leads the Flock: Local Clergy and Long-Run Development in Africa***
   Richard Lu, University of Wisconsin-Madison
B. ***Direct versus Indirect Colonial Rule in India: Convergence in Spatial Development***
   Mehtabul Azam, Oklahoma State University
C. ***Foreign Aid, Agricultural Productivity, and Exchange Rate Spillovers: Panel Evidence from West Africa, 2001–2021***
   Patrick Twum, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
D. ***Trade Exposure and the Persistence of Petty Production in Post-Liberalization India***
   Kabeer Bora, University of Missouri - Kansas City

Discussants:

a. Mehtabul Azam, Oklahoma State University
b. Patrick Twum, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
c. Kabeer Bora, University of Missouri - Kansas City
d. Richard Lu, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Session # 14 **Room: Council Bluffs B**

Health

Chair: Kathleen Sheehan, Creighton University

A. ***Nowhere Else to Roe: The Impacts of State Abortion Bans on Neighboring States***
   Andrea Hall, Grinnell College; Lilly Springer, American University
B. ***Do Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills Reduce Personal Bankruptcy?***
   Benjamin Basow, Colorado State University
C. ***Organ Availability and Transplant Candidate Behavior***
   Younghee Son, Michigan State University
D. ***Regulatory Constraints and Hospital Financing Costs: Evidence from the Municipal Bond Market***
   Kathleen Sheehan, Creighton University; Melissa Woodley, Creighton University

Discussants:

a. Group Discussion
b. Group Discussion
c. Group Discussion
d. Group Discussion

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Session # 15 **Room: Council Bluffs Hallway**

Coffee Break

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Session # 16 **Room: Elkhorn A**

Navigating the Job Market

Session Arranged by Thomas Scheiding

Chair: Thomas Scheiding, University of Hawaii

A. Panelist
John McCoy, Associate Economist, Federal Reserve Bank - Kansas City, Omaha Branch

B. Panelist
Robert Winslow, University of South Dakota

C. Panelist
Xiaozhou Ding, South Dakota State University

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Session # 17 **Room: Elkhorn B**

Applied Macroeconomics

Session Arranged by Dennis Petruska

Chair: Mark Tuttle, Sam Houston State University

A. ***Props to Rosie the Riveter: An Analysis of the Gender Wage Gap Across Occupations***
   Margie Tieslau, University of North Texas
B. ***The Effects of Credit Unions on Competition for Financial Services***
   Cullen Goenner, University of North Dakota
C. ***Curriculum Graphs and the Exploration–Completion Tradeoff: A Calibrated Model of Major Choice and Talent Allocation***
   Joseph Palardy, Youngstown State University
D. ***Monetary Manipulation, Debt, and the Fierce Struggle over the Budget***
   Steve Sturdevant, Park University, Retired

Discussants:

a. Cullen Goenner, University of North Dakota
b. Mark Tuttle, Sam Houston State University
c. Margie Tieslau, University of North Texas
d. Group Discussion

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Session # 18 **Room: Elkhorn C**

Virtual Mixed

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Chair: Vance Ginn, Ginn Economic Consulting

A. ***Health Care Expenditure and Remittance Receipts: An Evidence from Uganda***
   Bharati Basu, Central Michigan University; Aranya Biswas, Dalhousie University
B. ***AI-Driven Labor Demand and Skilled Immigration: Evidence from U.S. H-1B Visa Data***
   Mehebuba Ferdous, Department of Economics, University of North Texas; Margie Tieslau, Department of Economics, University of North Texas

Discussants:

a. Bharati Basu, Central Michigan University
b. Mehebuba Ferdous, Department of Economics, University of North Texas

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Session # 19 **Room: Council Bluffs A**

Undergraduate 1

Chair: Vlad Fleurimond, Minnesota Legislative Budget Office

A. ***Adolescent Mental Health and the Quality of Adult Relationships***
   Lauren Meixner, Creighton University; Yaxiang Song, Creighton University
B. ***Genocide and Rwanda's Escape from the Malthusian Trap***
   Maria Solis Duran, John Brown University
C. ***Predicting Field Goal Success in College Football***
   Avery Ravech, University of Oklahoma

Discussants:

a. Benjamin Basow, Colorado State University
b. Vlad Fleurimond, Minnesota Legislative Budget Office
c. David Yaskewich, Southeast Missouri State University

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Session # 20 **Room: Council Bluffs B**

Innovation

Chair: Kristie Briggs, Creighton University

A. ***Does Homework Still Measure Learning? The Illusion of Competence in the Generative AI Era***
   Yaqin Wang, Youngstown State University
B. ***The Economics of Student Satisfaction in the Age of AI: An Application of Small Language Model***
   Rezwanul Parvez, Colorado State University-Fort Collins; Alysha Tarantino, Colorado State University-Fort Collins
C. ***Revisiting Acevedo et al. (2025): A New Framework for the U.S. State-Level Innovation Index***
   Rafael Acevedo, Menard Family Center for Economic Inquiry - Creighton University; Maria Lorca-Susino, University of Miami; Jose Mora, Sul Ross State University
D. ***AI and Patent Value***
   Kristie Briggs, Creighton University

Discussants:

a. Rezwanul Parvez, Colorado State University- Fort Collins
b. Yaqin Wang, Youngstown State University
c. Group Discussion
d. Group Discussion

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Session # 21 **Room: Missouri**

Luncheon and Keynote
Teachers and Teacher Labor Markets
Led by Dr. Cory Koedel

Economists have made great progress in measuring teacher quality, but we have struggled to identify effective policies to improve it. Dr. Koedel will review the evidence on the importance of teacher quality as a driver of student outcomes and explain why past efforts to improve teacher quality have largely fallen flat. He will conclude by discussing the promise of returning to basic principles of labor economics to develop sustainable policy solutions.

About Dr. Koedel: Middlebush Chair in Economics at the University of Missouri. Professor Koedel has expertise in education policy, labor markets and conditions for K-12 education, and educational success. Learn more here.

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Session # 22 **Room: Elkhorn A**

How to Publish in Academic Journals

Session Organized by the Journal of Economic Insight

Chair: David Hakes, University of Northern Iowa

A. Panelist
David Hakes, University of Northern Iowa

B. Panelist
Scott Fausti, California State University-Monterey Bay

C. Panelist
Chris Douglas, University of Michigan-Flint

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Session # 23 **Room: Elkhorn B**

Undergraduate 2

Chair: David Robinow, University of Kansas

A. ***Competing Interests and the 1978 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act***
   Charles Lundstrom, Creighton University
B. ***Travel Fatigue, Roster Diversity, and Performance in Professional Soccer***
   Eduardo Falquez, Pacific Lutheran University (Undergraduate Student); Moises Falquez, Pacific Lutheran University (Undergraduate Student); Fang (Hank) Lin, Pacific Lutheran University

Discussants:

a. Group Discussion
b. Group Discussion

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Session # 24 **Room: Elkhorn C**

Virtual Undergraduate

NOTE: Virtual sessions will be streamed into physical spaces for in-person attendees to attend.

Chair: Mandie Weinandt, University of South Dakota

A. ***Cognitive Fatigue and Worker Productivity: Using Behavioral Data to Identify Declines in Cognitive Efficiency***
   Kristian Janci, Allegheny College
B. ***Interest Rate Surprise, Bank Asset and Liability Allocation, and Investment Return Performance: An Empirical Analysis Based on 61 Chinese Commercial Banks***
   Junhan Tan, Rutgers University; Zhenduo Lyu, Capital University of Economics and Business
C. ***Is Fair Pricing Free? Searching for Less Discriminatory Alternatives in Personalized Consumer Credit***
   Zheng Zhang, University of Wisconsin-Madison
D. ***Health and Wellness Consumption, Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors, and Socioeconomic Differences in the United States***
   Rei Etsumi, Allegheny College
E. ***Same Salesperson, Different Signal: Extraversion, Appraisal, and Store Entry***
   Zimo Zhuang, University of California, San Diego

Discussants:

a. Mandie Weinandt, University of South Dakota
b. Group Discussion
c. Group Discussion
d. Group Discussion
e. Group Discussion

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Session # 25 **Room: Council Bluffs A**

Friends of the Society for Economic Measurement - Macroeconomics

Session Arranged by Jane (Jinan) *Liu*

Chair: Jane (Jinan) Liu, University of Nebraska at Omaha

A. ***Decomposing Supply and Demand-Driven Money Growth: Monetary Policy Identification and Macroeconomic Implications***
   Robin (Zhengyang) Chen, University of Northern Iowa
B. ***Natural Disaster Clause for Sovereign Debt in Small Island Developing States***
   Bira Zhahadai, Illinois Wesleyan University
C. ***The International RBC model finally Works***
   Sushant Acharya, University of Melbourne; Edouard Challe, Paris School of Economics; Louphou Coulibaly, Federal Reserve Bank of New York City and University of Wisconsin-Madison
D. ***Natural Advantage and the Geography of American Steel Industry: Evidence from the Mesabi Discovery***
   Cihang Wang, South Dakota State University; Lovepreet Singh, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Discussants:

a. Bira Zhahadai, Illinois Wesleyan University
b. Robin (Zhengyang) Chen, University of Northern Iowa
c. Jane (Jinan) Liu, University of Nebraska at Omaha
d. Group Discussion

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Friday, November 6, 2026 3:15PM-3:30PM

Session # 26 **Room: Council Bluffs Hallway**

Coffee Break

Network with your colleagues while enjoying some coffee or tea, courtesy of the University of Kansas!

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Friday, November 6, 2026 3:30PM-5:15PM

Session # 27 **Room: Elkhorn A**

Undergraduate 3

Chair: David Yaskewich, Southeast Missouri State University

A. ***Fiscal Balance and Foreign Direct Investment: Evidence from South America***
   Lukas Marques, University of South Dakota
B. ***Policy-Driven Structural Breaks, Regime Shifts, and the Dynamic Relationship between Mortgage-Backed Securities and U.S. Treasuries: Evidence from a Multivariate Time Series Analysis***
   Richard Pilleul, Boston University
C. ***Raising the Floor, Falling off the Cliff: Minimum Wage Policy, SNAP Tradeoffs, and Food Security in the United States***
   Akshan Ranasinghe, Marriotts Ridge High School
D. ***What WPI Students Know about Personal Finance***
   Aedan Bingham, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Alexander Smith, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Discussants:

a. Group Discussion
b. Group Discussion
c. Group Discussion
d. Group Discussion

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Friday, November 6, 2026 3:30PM-5:15PM

Session # 28 **Room: Elkhorn B**

Sports and Athletics

Chair: Jane Ruseski, West Virginia University

A. ***Parimutuel and Fixed Odds Betting, Traditional Sports and Esports***
   Chris Douglas, University of Michigan-Flint; Mark Tuttle, Sam Houston State University
B. ***The Economic Impact of Football Games on Consumer Spending: Evidence from Video Gaming Terminals***
   Brad Humphreys, West Virginia University; Matthew Mullis, West Virginia University
C. ***The Role of Intercollegiate Athletics in University Giving***
   Rabinson Pahiju, University of Memphis
D. ***Does college NIL value predict WNBA draft position, pay, and drawing power?***
   Jane Ruseski, West Virginia University; Jill Harris, United States Air Force Academy

Discussants:

a. Brad Humphreys, West Virginia University
b. Rabinson Pahiju, University of Memphis
c. Chris Douglas, University of Michigan-Flint
d. Group Discussion

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Session # 29 **Room: Elkhorn C**

Beyond the Journal: Bringing Research to Media, Policy, and the Public

Session Arranged by Vance Ginn

Chair: Vance Ginn, Ginn Economic Consulting

A. Panelist
Mike Allgrunn, University of South Dakota

B. Panelist
Chris Douglas, University of Michigan-Flint

C. Panelist
Vance Ginn, Ginn Economic Consulting

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Session # 30 **Room: Council Bluffs A**

Higher Education Outcomes

Chair: Eric Stuen, University of Idaho

A. ***The Effects of Two Financial Aid Designs on Higher Education Outcomes***
   Omar David Vanegas-Virgüéz, Florida International University
B. ***Boosting Participation in Government Programs: Experimental Evidence from the Arkansas Literacy Tutoring Grant Program***
   Harry Patrinos, University of Arkansas; Patrick Wolf, University of Arkansas; Misty Gallo, University of Arkansas
C. ***Competition in U.S. Higher Education: Shifts and Trends Since the Great Recession***
   Eric Stuen, University of Idaho; Marc Chopin, University of Idaho
D. ***Human Capital in the Age of Generative Artificial Intelligence***
   Zhengyi Yu, University of Kansas

Discussants:

a. Harry Patrinos, University of Arkansas
b. Eric Stuen, University of Idaho
c. Omar David Vanegas-Virgüéz, Florida International University
d. Group Discussion

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Session # 31 **Room: Council Bluffs B**

AI-Related Topics

Chair: Melissa Carleton, EmployStats

A. ***Leveraging AI: Advancing an Institutional Responsible AI readiness score for higher education***
   Md Amzad Lachchu, Red Rocks Community College; Rezwanul Parvez, Colorado State University
B. ***From Adoption to Capacity: An Economic Maturity Model for Responsible AI Integration in Higher Education***
   Md Amzad Lachchu, Red Rocks Community College; Rezwanul Parvez, Colorado State University; Mst Jannatul Ferdus, University of Alabama
C. ***Economic Damages in AI and Algorithmic Discrimination Litigation: An Emerging Category***
   Melissa Carleton, EmployStats
D. ***AI, the Composition of Work, and the Economics of Drudgery***
   Roberto Cavazos, EmployStats

Discussants:

a. Roberto Cavazos, EmployStats
b. Melissa Carleton, EmployStats
c. Md Amzad Lachchu, Red Rocks Community College
d. Md Amzad Lachchu, Red Rocks Community College

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Friday, November 6, 2026 5:30PM-6:30PM

Session # 32 **Room: Platte**

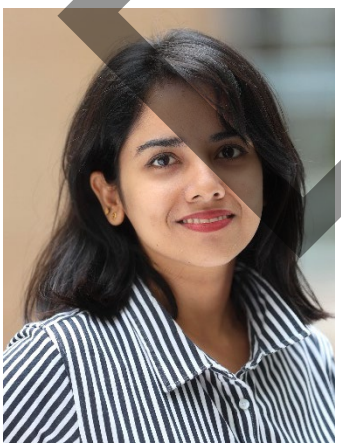
MVEA Annual Business Meeting

Chair: David Yaskewich, Southeast Missouri State University
NOTE: Attendees will receive additional drink tickets for the reception.

Recognition of 2025 MVEA Conference
Graduate Student Paper Award Winners

Best Graduate Student Paper
Dana Golden | Stony Brook University
Investment and the Transfer of Power: Dynamic Effects of Transmission in Electricity Markets

Distinguished Graduate Student Paper
Sanghee Mun | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Disrupted Support, Disrupted Careers: Time Constraints and Skilled Women's Labor Supply



Notable Graduate Student Paper
Suparna Biswas | Iowa State University
Effects of Corporate Rebranding: A Difference-in-Differences Approach

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Friday, November 6, 2026 6:45PM-7:45PM

Session # 33 **Room: The Landing**

Fred Abraham President's Reception

Join your colleagues for a bite to eat and a drink during the Friday evening Mixer named in honor of longtime, MVEA Executive Team member, Fred Abraham.

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Saturday, November 7, 2026 7:15AM-8:15AM

Session # 34 **Room: Embassy Breakfast Area**

Past President's Breakfast

Meet up for the past presidents of the Missouri Valley Economic Association for breakfast before our first session. Only open to Past Presidents of the MVEA.

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Session # 35 **Room: Elkhorn A**

Friends of the Society for Economic Measurement II- Stablecoin and Macroeconomics

Session Arranged by Jane Liu

Chair: Jane (Jinan) Liu, University of Nebraska at Omaha

A. ***Volatility and Risk Spillovers in Stablecoin and Financial Markets***
   Jane (Jinan) Liu, University of Nebraska at Omaha
B. ***Insuring Digital Deposits: The Price of Stablecoin Guarantees***
   Stefan Jacewitz, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
C. ***Rethinking Central Bank LSAPs***
   Vic Valcarcel, University of Texas Dallas
D. ***Maintaining the Anchor: An Evaluation of Inflation Targeting in the Face of COVID-19***
   Lee Smith, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Discussants:

a. Vic Valcarcel, University of Texas Dallas
b. Jane (Jinan) Liu, University of Nebraska at Omaha
c. Lee Smith, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
d. Stefan Jacewitz, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

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Session # 36 **Room: Elkhorn B**

Gender Topics

Chair: Jim Martin, Creighton University

A. ***When Protection Backfires: Violence Legislation and the Limits of Women's Empowerment***
   Sodiq Oladipupo, University of Arkansas
B. ***Fiscal Shocks and the Reallocation of Labor Within the Family***
   Jose Mota, University of Nebraska at Omaha; German Cubas, University of Houston; Pedro Silos, Temple University
C. ***Does Equality Pay? How Women's Economic Rights Influence FDI Inflows***
   Jim Martin, Creighton University; Gargi Vyas, Creighton University
D. ***Artificial Intelligence, Parental Unemployment, and Child Poverty: Evidence from U.S. States***
   Prince Fosu, Rockhurst University; Martinson Ankrah Twumasi, University of Technology Chengdu, China

Discussants:

a. Jose Mota, University of Nebraska at Omaha
b. Sodiq Oladipupo, University of Arkansas
c. Group Discussion
d. Group Discussion

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Session # 37 **Room: Elkhorn C**

Environment and Energy

Chair: Rishabh Mahendra, University of Missouri-Columbia

A. ***Cold Days, Warm Homes: The Impact of Winter Weather on Remote Work***
   Hyunsuk Oh, Iowa State University
B. ***When Mandates Outlive Markets: Selective Exit under Declining Demand in the U.S. Ethanol Industry***
   Hul Hwang, Iowa State University
C. ***Beyond Narrow Economic Rationality: Ecologically Embedded Choice, Environmental Preferences, and Collective Action***
   Rishabh Mahendra, University of Missouri-Columbia
D. ***Understanding the Evolution of the Temperature-Electricity Relationships***
   Fangyu Zhong, University of Missouri

Discussants:

a. Hul Hwang, Iowa State University
b. Rishabh Mahendra, University of Missouri-Columbia
c. Hyunsuk Oh, Iowa State University
d. Group Discussion

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Session # 38 **Room: Council Bluffs B**

Economics Potpourri 2

Chair: Ben Smith, University of Nebraska at Omaha

A. ***Does Participation Matter? Evidence on How Classroom Engagement Influences Academic Outcomes in Undergraduate Economics Courses***
   Mohammad Ismayl Al Masud, Fort Hays State University
B. ***Rethinking the Meaning of Rationality: A Model Beyond Self-Interest***
   Tram Hoang, Aurora University
C. ***Which Advertising Techniques Increase Stated Preference for Microtransit: An Application of a New Estimation Technique***
   Ben Smith, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Sona Klucarova, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Jadrian Wooten, Virginia Tech

Discussants:

a. Tram Hoang, Aurora University
b. Ben Smith, University of Nebraska at Omaha
c. Mohammad Ismayl Al Masud, Fort Hays State University

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Saturday, November 7, 2026 8:15AM-10:00AM

Session # 39 **Room: Platte**

Executive Committee Meeting

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Saturday, November 7, 2026 10:00AM-10:15AM

Session # 40 **Room: Council Bluffs Hallway**

Coffee Break

Network with your colleagues while enjoying some coffee or tea, courtesy of the Missouri Valley Economic Association!

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Session # 41 **Room: Elkhorn A**

Land and Agriculture

Chair: Rishabh Mahendra, University of Missouri-Columbia

A. ***Aging and Texas Land Use***
   Nathan Battaglia, Colorado State University
B. ***Cost Structures and Input Demand in Organic and Conventional U.S. Dairy Farms***
   Albulena Basha, Iowa State University
C. ***Collective-action demand without confidence in cooperative institutions: The institutional credibility gap among farmers in Aurangabad, Bihar (India)***
   Rishabh Mahendra, University of Missouri-Columbia; Harvey James, University of Missouri-Columbia; Michael L. Cook, University of Missouri-Columbia

Discussants:

a. Albulena Basha, Iowa State University
b. Rishabh Mahendra, University of Missouri-Columbia
c. Nathan Battaglia, Colorado State University

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Session # 42 **Room: Elkhorn B**

Macroeconomics

Chair: Nana Quaicoe, Wartburg College

A. ***The Intergenerational Incidence of Central Bank Digital Currency in an Overlapping-Generations New Keynesian Model***
   Nana Quaicoe, Wartburg College
B. ***Stuck in Transition: Structural Barriers to Economic Growth in the Commonwealth of Independent States***
   Mila Malyshava, UMKC & Skidmore College

Discussants:

a. Mila Malyshava, UMKC & Skidmore College
b. Nana Quaicoe, Wartburg College

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Session # 43 **Room: Elkhorn C**

Virtual High School

NOTE: Virtual sessions will be streamed into physical spaces for in-person attendees to attend.

Chair: Mandie Weinandt, University of South Dakota

A. ***State-Dependent Participation Diffusion on Adaptive Influence Networks***
   Hudson Dong, Stuyvesant High School
B. ***Revisit the Efficient Market Hypothesis in the Age of AI Trading: Evidence from the Latest Earning Calls***
   Zhifei Peng, Ardrey Kell High School, Charlotte, NC
C. ***Occupational Credentials in the Age of Generative AI: Evidence on Wage Premiums and Legal Force***
   Ethan Cui, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Nathan Chu, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Sam Lam, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Discussants:

a. David Robinow, University of Kansas
b. Group Discussion
c. Group Discussion

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Session # 44 **Room: Council Bluffs A**

Firm Specific Research

Chair: Andrew Hoover, Economy of Communion Project, Creighton University

A. ***The Impact of Total Wine Entry on Municipal Liquor Stores in the Minneapolis-St Paul MSA***
   Oscar Flores, Minnesota State University Moorhead; Tonya Hansen, Minnesota State University Moorhead
B. ***Skin in the Game: How CEO Inside Debt Fends off Shareholder Short-Termism***
   Jihyun Jeon, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Esthel Kim, Duke University
C. ***Effects of Corporate Rebranding on Sales: A Difference-in-Differences Approach***
   Suparna Biswas, Iowa State University; Katherine Harris-Lagoudakis, Iowa State University
D. ***Profit as Oxygen, Not Purpose: Economic Viability, Ethical Limits, and Managerial Judgment at Cargill***
   Andrew Hoover, Economy of Communion Project, Creighton University

Discussants:

a. Jihyun Jeon, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
b. Suparna Biswas, Iowa State University
c. Andrew Hoover, Economy of Communion Project, Creighton University
d. Oscar Flores, Minnesota State University Moorhead

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Session # 45 **Room: Council Bluffs B**

Economics Potpourri 3

Chair: Mark Frank, Sam Houston State University

A. ***Too-Big-to-Fail Perceptions and Depositor Overreactions to a Banking Crisis Onset***
   Oleksandr Zhylyevskyy, Iowa State University; Roger Stover, Iowa State University (emeritus)
B. ***Top Income Concentration and the Capitalization of Local Income Growth into House Prices***
   Mark Frank, Sam Houston State University
C. ***Stuck at Home? The Effects of COVID Stimulus Payments on the Collectible Card Game Market***
   George Langelett, South Dakota State University

Discussants:

a. Mark Frank, Sam Houston State University
b. George Langelett, South Dakota State University
c. Oleksandr Zhylyevskyy, Iowa State University

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