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Opening Ceremony

March 21, 2019, 8:45 AM –10:30 AM

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Eon Nigel Harris Council Room

Welcome & Opening Remarks: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

Dr. Nadine McCloud-Rose - Head, Department of Economics, UWI, Mona

Prof. David Tennant - Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, Mona

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: 9:15 AM - 9:20 AM

Dr. Patrice Whitely - Department of Economics, UWI, Mona



Keynote Address: 9:20 AM -10:30 AM

Jeffrey M. Wooldridge
Distinguished Professor
The Michigan State University

DAY 1: MARCH 21, 2019

Coffee Break: 10:30 - 10:45

Panel 1 : Health & Labour I (10:50 - 12:00)

Chair: Eric Strobl, Department of Economics, University of Bern

- Philipp Doerrenberg, **Denvil Duncan** and Danyang Li, “The (in)visible Hand: Role of Race and Gender in Online Job Selection Decision.”
- **Nicardo McInnis**, “The Long-term Effects of EITC on Health and Health-related Outcomes.”
- George-Levi Gayle, **Peter-John Gordon**, Prasanthi Ramakrishnan and Devon Lynch “Estimating the Welfare Cost of Moral Hazard in Healthcare from a Large Scale Policy Experiment.”

Panel 2: Econometric Modelling & Development (10:50 - 12:00)

Chair: Edward Ghartey, Department of Economics, UWI Mona

- **Karl Watts**, “The Government Savings Bank of Jamaica (1870-1960) and questions of Underdevelopment in the British Empire”
- **Kevin Smith**, “Does Economic Integration Improve the Quality of Life and Business Environment? The Troubling Evidence from the Visegrad Group and the E.U.”
- **Roger McLeod**, “Regime-Dependent Fiscal Multipliers, Structural Adjustment and Economic Growth: Evidence from Jamaica.”

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:15

Panel 3: Econometric Modelling & Monetary (1:15 - 2:45)

Chair: **Denvil Duncan**, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

- **Deniz Ozabaci**, “Nonseparable Nonparametric Regression Models: An Applied Analysis.”
- **Edward Ghartey**, “Taylor Principle versus Exchange Rate Principle: Empirical Evidence about their Effectiveness in Developing Countries.”
- Daniel Henderson, **Nadine McCloud** and Christopher Parmeter, “A Partially Parametric Model.”

Panel 4: Environment & Energy (1:15 - 2:45)

Chair: Nekeisha Spencer, Department of Economics, UWI Mona

- **Alrick Campbell**, “Efficiency Analysis and Setting the X-factor: An Application of Double Bootstrap DEA to Electricity Networks in Island States”
- **Shane Smith**, Brandon Campbell, Kaycilee Wright and Randy Koon Koon, “An Economic Assessment into the St. Vincent Geothermal Phase I Project”
- **Tajrie Welch**, “The Impact of Hurricanes on Export in the Caribbean: A Gravity Model Analysis.”
- **Travis Atkinson**, “Investment Planning and Policy Analysis for the Electricity Sector in Small Island Developing States: Case Study for Jamaica.”

Coffee Break: 2:45 - 3:00

Panel 5: Health & Labour II (3:00 - 4:30)

Chair: Nadine McCloud, Department of Economics, UWI Mona

- **Eric Strobl**, Robert Elliott and Thomas Tveit “A Whirlwind Romance: The Effect of Hurricanes on Fertility in Early 20th Century Jamaica.”
- **Nadia Grant-Reid** “Effect of Vocational Training on Employment and Wage Premium: Evidence from Jamaican Panel Data.”
- **Nekeisha Spencer** and Eric Strobl “The Impact of Decriminalization on Marijuana and Alcohol Consumption.”
- **Rosan Reynolds-Salmon** “Does Household Size Matter? Overcrowding and its Effects on Child Development.”

Panel 6: Finance & Real Estate (3:00 - 4:30)

Chair: Deniz Ozabaci, Department of Economics, The University of New Hampshire

- **Jan Keil**, “Do Relationship Lenders Manage Loans Differently?”
- Amira Karimova, Esra Simsek and **Mehmet Orhan** “Policy Implications of the Lucas Critique Empirically Tested along the Global Financial Crisis.”
- **Roberto Simbaña**, Diana Escobar, Daniel Rivera, Gilmar Picon and Pedro Romero “Analysis of the Real Estate Market in Ecuador: Quito, Guayaquil and Cuenca.”
- **William Lawrence** and David Parker, “Internationalizing a Financial Firm: Business Model Evolution in the Caribbean.”

DAY 2: MARCH 22, 2019

Panel 7: Tourism & Trade (8:30 - 10:00)

Chair: Alrick Campbell, Department of Economics, UWI Mona

- Jeetendra Khadan, Ranita Seecharan and **Eric Strobl** “Coming by Air or by Boat: Which Kind of Tourist is Better for the Caribbean.”
- Antonio Alleyne, **Troy Lorde**, and Yifei Mu, “Should the Caribbean Look East?”
- **Samuel Braithwaite**, “Has The GATT-WTO Promoted CARICOM Trade?”
- Susann Kowalski and **Wolfgang Veit**, “Aligning Sustainability and Competitiveness in International Supply Chains: A Consumer Driven Approach.”

Coffee Break: 10:00-10:25

Panel 8: Education (10:30 - 12:00)

Chair: Eric Strobl, Department of Economics, University of Bern

- **Etel Williams** “The Impact of Education on Intentional Homicide: An Empirical Analysis.”
- Tasha Zephirin, **Kelly-Ann Dixon-Hamil** and Darryl Dickerson “Exploring Black Engineering Student success: A Split Population Survival Analysis.”
- **Patrice Anderson** and Nicholas Wright “Teacher Quality and High School Performance: Evidence from a Math Specialist Intervention.”
- Nadine McCloud and **Peter-John Gordon** “Do Elite Schools Matter? Empirical Evidence from Jamaica.”
- **Tracy-Ann Hyman**, “Attitudes Towards Scholarship Bonding.”

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