

Labor and Finance Group Conference Agenda Spring 2025

April 11, Friday (Room 440, Rafik Hariri Building)
Breakfast 8-9am outside of Room 440

Session 1: Job Search in the Information Age

Moderator: Alberto Rossi (Georgetown University)

- 9:00—9:40am [AI Personality Extraction from Faces: Labor Market Implications](#)
Marius Guenzel (Wharton), Shimon Kogan (Wharton/Reichman), **Marina Niessner** (Indiana University), Kelly Shue (Yale University)
- 9:40—10:20am [Interviews](#)
Elliott Ash (ETH Zurich), Soumitra Shukla (Yale University), **Jason Sockin** (Cornell University)

Coffee Break 10:20—10:40

Session 2: Firm Layoffs and Labor Reallocation

Moderator: Hyunseob Kim (Chicago Fed)

- 10:40—11:20am [The Labor Market Spillovers of Job Destruction](#)
Michael Blank (Stanford GSB), Omeed Maghzian (Harvard University)
- 11:20—12:00pm [Micro Evidence on Small Firms' Tech Evolution after Dot Com Bubble Burst](#)
John (Jianqiu) Bai (Northeastern University), Chen Li (UMass Amherst), **Wenting Ma** (UMass Amherst)

Lunch 12—1:40pm (Faculty Club)

Session 3: Data, Technology, and Human Capital

Moderator: Huan Tang (Wharton School)

- 1:40—2:20pm [Data, Markups and Asset Prices](#)

Alexandre Corhay (University of Toronto), Kejia Hu (Said Business School), Jun E. Li (Warwick Business School), **Jincheng Tong** (University of Toronto), and Chi-Yang Tsou (Alliance Manchester Business School)

2:20—3:00m [Big Data and Bigger Firms: A Labor Market Channel](#)

Abhinav Gupta (UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School), Naman Nishesh (UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School), Elena Simintzi (UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School)

Coffee Break 3-3:30pm

Short Presentations

3:30—3:45pm [Do investors value DEI? Evidence from the Stop WOKE Act](#)

Hoa Briscoe-Tran (University of Alberta), Stephan Siegel (University of Washington)

3:45—4:00pm [Race, Gender, and Employee Turnover: Evidence from Mergers and Acquisitions](#)

Rui Dai, (WRDS), Tingting Liu (University of Tennessee), **Cong (Roman) Wang** (Texas Tech University)

4:00—4:15pm [The “Great Reshuffling” and Entrepreneurship](#)

Matthew Denes (Carnegie Mellon University), **Spyridon Lagaras** (UIUC), Margarita Tsoutsoura (Washington University in St. Louis)

4:15—4:30pm [Stock Price Movements and Skill Requirement](#)

Yao Lu (Tsinghua University), Liu Yang (University of Maryland), and Yeqing Zhang (CUFE)

4:30—4:45pm [Time on your Side: Labor Market Effects of Foreclosure Delays](#)

Avantika Pal (UIUC)

4:45—5:00pm [Labor Dynamics at Failing Banks](#)

Mark Kutzbach (FDIC)

Conference Dinner: [Boqueria Penn Quarters](#), 6pm

April 12 Saturday (Room 440, Rafik Hariri Building)

Breakfast 8-9am outside of Room 440

Session 4: The Labor Market for Inventors

Moderator: Jessica Bai (Harvard University)

- 9:00—9:40am [Monopolizing Minds: How M&As Stifle Innovation Through Labor Market Power](#)
Alex Xi He (University of Maryland), Jing (Sophia) Xue (Georgia State University)
- 9:40—10:20am [Regulating Inventors](#)
Torin McFarland (Drexel University)

Coffee Break 10:20—10:40

Session 5: Political Economy and Labor Market

Moderator: Margarita Tsoutsoura (Washington University in St. Louis)

- 10:40—11:20am [Unauthorized Immigration and Local Government Finance](#)
Jess Cornaggia (Penn State University), Kimberly J. Cornaggia (Penn State University), Ryan D. Israelsen (Michigan State University)
- 11:20—12pm [When Protectionism Kills Talent](#)
Mehmet Canayaz (Penn State University), Isil Erel (Ohio State University), Umit G. Gurun (UT Dallas), Yufeng Wu (Ohio State University)

Conference concludes, boxed lunch to go

AI, ANALYTICS, AND THE FUTURE OF WORK INITIATIVE

Georgetown University's AI, Analytics, and the Future of Work Initiative was established in 2022 with a mission to explore the economic and social transformations brought by digital technology.

The initiative addresses how technology – and specifically artificial intelligence – is transforming the economy, society, and the nature of work. We envision a world in which technological advances serve people. We actively study how new technologies can be deployed to help individuals improve their everyday lives at work and home, enabling them to become more productive members of society.

The Initiative develops three strategic areas of focus:

1. **Promises and Pitfalls of AI**
2. **AI, Analytics, and the Workplace**
3. **Digital Technologies, Economic Growth, and Societal Well-Being**

The Initiative supports high-impact research through grants to researchers, hosting pre-and post-doctoral fellows, establishing corporate partnerships, and issuing white papers and opinion pieces. The Initiative hosts four types of events to connect academic research with industry and policymaking:

1. **Annual Flagship Event:** featuring a renowned keynote speaker and policy panels
2. **Online Industry Insights Series:** virtual events where leading companies share insights on AI and its impact on their industries
3. **In-Person Speaker and Workshop Series:** 2-3 hour in-person events, including guest lectures, fireside chats, and workshops on emerging AI topics
4. **Academic Conferences:** specialized conferences on AI, Analytics, and the Future of Work, targeting faculty and researchers from top U.S. and international institutions

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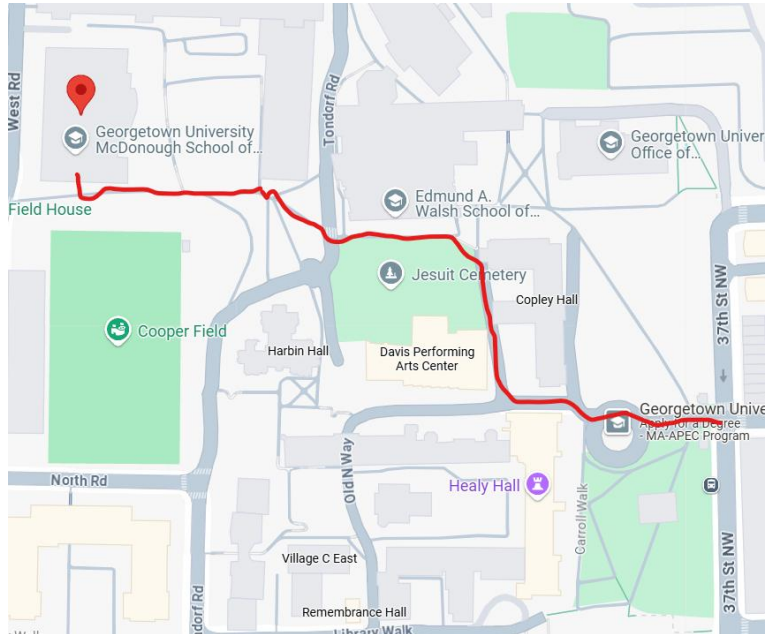
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Registered Participants

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Agustin Hurtado	University of Maryland	Mark Kutzbach	FDIC
Alex He	University of Maryland	Mehmet Canayaz	Penn State University
Allison Koester	Georgetown University	Michael Blank	Stanford GSB
Avantika Pal	UIUC	Miguel Palacios	University of Calgary
Biwen Zhang	UC Berkeley	Naman Nishesh	UNC Chapel Hill
Bugra Ozel	University of Texas at Dallas	Pablo Slutzky	University of Maryland
Carlos Acuna	University of Michigan	Reena Aggarwal	Georgetown University
Claire Liang	Georgetown University	Rui Dai	WRDS, UPENN
Cong (Roman) Wang	Texas Tech University	Sara Holland	W&L University
Elena Simintzi	UNC Chapel Hill	Soumitra Shukla	Yale University
Francesco D’Acunto	Georgetown University	Spyridon Lagaras	UIUC
Geoffrey Tate	University of Maryland	Stephen Weymouth	Georgetown University
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Huan Tang	Wharton, Upenn	Tengfei Zhang	Rutgers University
Hyunseob Kim	Chicago Fed	Torin McFarland	Drexel University
Jason Sandvik	University of Arizona	Turan Bali	Georgetown University
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Conference location: Rafik Hariri Building (McDonough School of Business), 4th Floor, Rm 440

- If you are taking an Uber, ask for drop off directly at the Rafik Hariri Building
- If you are dropped off at the main campus gate on 37th and O Street, you can follow the walking path on the right:



- If you are driving to the conference, there is a parking garage on Georgetown university campus that allows day parking for visitors.
- Choose “Hilltop campus visitor parking” in this link for details:

<https://transportation.georgetown.edu/parking/parking-options/>

- The garage is called “Southwest Garage,” on 3611 Canal Road NW
- The walking path from Southwest garage to Hariri building is shown on the right:

