

Maine Economics Conference

Bates College, Lewiston, Maine

April 27, 2013

8:15 – 9:00 a.m., Pettengill Hall, Room G65

Breakfast as conference participants arrive.

9:00 – 9:45 a.m., Pettengill Hall, Room G65

“Effects and Role of Macroprudential Policy: Evidence from Reserve Requirements Based on a Narrative Approach”

- Presenter: Guillermo Vuletin (Colby College); co-authors: Pablo Federico (BlackRock), and Carlos Vegh (University of Maryland and NBER)
- Discussant: Daniel Riera-Crichton (Bates College)

9:45 – 10:30 a.m., Pettengill Hall, Room G65

“Housing and Endogenous Default”

- Presenter: Paul Shea (Bates College); co-author: Emily Marshall (University of Kentucky)
- Discussant: TBA

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 a.m., Pettengill Hall, Perry Atrium

Student Poster Session

- Thomas Abe (Colby College). “Can the Stock Market Predict Approval Designations for New Drug Applications by the FDA?”
- Joe Durgin (Bowdoin College). “The Role of Competition and Patient Travel in Hospital Profits: Why Insurers Should Subsidize Patient Travel.”
- Danny Garin (Colby College). “The Effects of Political Signaling on the Federal Reserve.”
- Henry Geng (Bates College). “Willingness to Pay for Anadromous Fisheries Restoration: Split Sample Survey of Kennebec and Androscoggin River Watershed Residents.”
- Chelsea Graves (Bates College). “The Eurozone Debt Crisis: Determinants of Sovereign Credit Spreads.”
- Meagan Hennessey (Colby College). “The Economics of Rockweed Harvesting: Tomorrow's Promise or a Crisis in the Making?”
- Marcus Josefsson (Colby College). “The Dissolution of Currency Unions: Evidence from the Narrative.”
- Qasim Mahmood (Bates College). “Estimating the Equity Premium.”
- Aung Phone Myint (Bates College). “Growth, Trade, and the Environment: Water Pollution from Industrial Sources.”
- Becky Newman (Colby College). “The Relevance of Inflation Targeting.”
- Qi Sun (Colby College) and Siyang Xu (Colby College). “How Independent Are Central Banks-Evidence Based on Narrative Approach.”

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., New Commons Room 221

Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 p.m., Pettengill Hall, Room G65

“Health and Cognition at Work Labor Market Performance in a Low Income Setting”

- Presenter: Dan LaFave (Colby College); co-author: Duncan Thomas (Duke University)
- Discussant: John Fitzgerald (Bowdoin College)

1:45 – 2:30 p.m., Pettengill Hall, Room G65

“Will Offshore Energy Face ‘Fair Winds and Following Seas’?: Understanding the Factors Influencing Support”

- Presenter: Mario Teisl (University of Maine, Orono); co-authors: Shannon McCoy (University of Maine, Orono), Sarah Marrinan (EPA), Caroline L. Noblet (University of Maine, Orono), Teresa Johnson (University of Maine, Orono), Robert Roper (University of Maine, Augusta), Sharon Klein (University of Maine, Orono), and Megan Wibberly (Island Institute).
- Discussant: Lynne Lewis (Bates College)

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Coffee break

3:00 – 3:45 p.m., Pettengill Hall, Room G65

“An Analysis of the Economic Impacts of Big-Box Stores on Maine’s Retail Sector”

- Presenter: James McConnon (University of Maine, Orono); co-authors: Emily Freedman (University of Maine, Orono), Todd M. Gabe (University of Maine, Orono), and Gary L. Hunt (University of Maine, Orono)
- Discussant: Daniel Stone (Bowdoin College)

3:45 – 4:30 p.m., Pettengill Hall, Room G65

“American Renters: Declining Incomes, Tough Choices”

- Presenter: Michael Murray (Bates College)
- Discussant: Andreas Waldkirch (Colby College)

4:30 – 5:00 p.m., New Commons Room 221

Happy Half Hour

5:00 p.m., New Commons Room 221

Dinner