

# 2025 FSRDC Annual Conference Program

<b>Venue:</b>	Robert Purcell Community Center (RPCC), Cornell University
<b>Date:</b>	September 26, 2025
<b>Co-sponsors:</b>	Cornell Center for Social Sciences, Department of Economics, and Brooks School of Public Policy

## SEPTEMBER 25

5:30-7:30: RECEPTION AND DINNER (RPCC RM 101/103/105)

## SEPTEMBER 26

8:00-9:00: BREAKFAST (TONI MORRISON 102/104)

9:00-10:30: PARALLEL SESSION 1

### ❖ SESSION 1A: FSRDC DIRECTORS' SPECIAL (RPCC AUDITORIUM, RM 205)

- **Migration from Appalachia and the Role of Homeownership**
  - Christopher R. Bollinger, University of Kentucky
- **Measuring Vaccine Behavior in Continuous Time**
  - Dean Lillard, The Ohio State University
- **When Race is Endogenous and Why it Matters: Evidence from Administratively Linked Federal Data**
  - John Anders, Trinity University
- **The Role of Social Costs in Response to Labor Market Opportunities: Differences Across Race**
  - Julie Hotchkiss, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

### ❖ SESSION 1B: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND CLIMATE POLICY (RPCC RM 101/103)

- **Size-Based Environmental Regulation: Evidence from Major Clean Air Act Thresholds**
  - Bora Ozaltun, UC Berkeley
- **Disasters, Capital, and Productivity**
  - Tarikua Erda, New York University
- **Green Technology and Labor Demand: Evidence from Matched U.S. Employer-Employee and Patent Data**
  - Hyeonwoo Do, University at Albany, SUNY
- **Resilience after Climate Shocks: Evidence from SBA Disaster Loans**
  - Federico Esposito, Tufts University

### ❖ SESSION 1C: LABOR MARKETS AND WORKPLACE DYNAMICS (RPCC RM 105)

- **Housing Wealth and Labor Supply: Evidence from Geographically-linked Microdata**
  - Xi Yang, University of North Texas
- **Monopolizing Minds: How M&As Stifle Innovation Through Labor Market Power**
  - Jing (Sophia) Xue, Georgia State University
- **Thy Bust, My Boom: Micro Evidence on Small Firms' Tech Evolution after Dot Com Bubble Burst**

- Wenting Ma, UMass Amherst
- **How Workplace Matters for Mortality: Explaining the Educational Differential Within and Across Racial/Ethnic Groups**
  - Frank Heiland, CUNY--Baruch College

**10:30-10:50: BREAK (WENDY PURCELL LOUNGE, RPCC 203)**

**10:50-12:00: KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR JOHN ABOWD (RPCC AUDITORIUM, RM 205)**

**12:00-13:00: LUNCH (TONI MORRISON 102/104)**

**13:00-14:30: PARALLEL SESSION 2**

❖ **Session 2A: Innovation, R&D, and Technology Adoption (RPCC AUDITORIUM, RM 205)**

- **The Rising Returns to R&D: Ideas are not getting harder to find**
  - Xiupeng Wang, Northeastern University and TPRI
- **Minimum Wage and Robots: Evidence from the Census Microdata**
  - Robert Seamans, New York University
- **Quality-driven Automation**
  - Kyeongmin Park, University of Rochester
- **Information Technology Adoption and Human Capital Flows: The Case Of E-Selling**
  - Chris Forman, Cornell University

❖ **Session 2B: Public Health and Safety Net Programs (RPCC RM 101/103)**

- **Education and Mortality: Evidence for the Silent Generation from Linked Census and Administrative Data**
  - Anna Malinovskaya, Yale University
- **The effect of local food infrastructure on SNAP participation and non-participation among eligible Americans**
  - Michael Lotspeich-Yadao, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- **Health Care Utilization Under Subsidy – Evidence from Medicaid Expansions**
  - Prabal De, CUNY City College and Graduate Center

❖ **Session 2C: Management Practices and Global Operations (RPCC RM 105)**

- **Understanding Efficiency Differences: The Role of Management and Organization in U.S. Food and Beverage Manufacturing Firms**
  - Pinar Celikkol Geylani, Duquesne University
- **Trade Costs and Global Sourcing: Evidence from Importers' Use of Customs Brokers**
  - Dyanne Vaught, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Exploring the Hiring, Pay, and Trading Patterns of U.S. Firms: The Dominance of Multinationals Engaged in Related-Party Trade**
  - Richard Mansfield, University of Colorado Boulder

**14:30-14:50: BREAK (WENDY PURCELL LOUNGE, RPCC 203)**

**14:50-16:20: SESSION 3**

❖ **Session 3A: Place-based Policy, Urban Economics, And Housing Markets (RPCC AUDITORIUM, RM 205)**

- **Place-Based Investment and Neighborhood Choice**
  - Max Snyder, UC Berkeley
- **Extending Place-Based Innovation Policy to Rural Areas: Using Oaxaca-Blinder Decomposition to Identify Endowment Deficiencies**
  - Timothy Wojan, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education
- **Who Benefits from Million Dollar Plants? The Missing Local Beneficiaries**
  - **Rahul Gupta**, Georgetown University

❖ **Session 3B: Firms And Finance (RPCC RM 101/103)**

- **Firm Dynamics and Private Debt**
  - Theodore Naff, UCLA
- **Evaluating the Impact of the USDA Business and Industry Program on Rural Business Growth: Evidence from Matching and Staggered Difference-in-Differences Analysis**
  - Zheng Tian, Pennsylvania State University
- **Financing Competition: Evidence from SBA Loans**
  - Chinmay Lohani, University of Pennsylvania
- **The Rise of Specialized Firms**
  - **Lorenz Ekerdt**, Stony Brook University

❖ **Session 3C: Human Capital (RPCC RM 105)**

- **Investigating the Genetic and Environmental Influences on Income using US Census and IRS Data**
  - Ryan Fraser, University of Michigan
- **Gender Differences in the Returns to Double Majoring: A Case of Signaling?**
  - Maria Zhu, Syracuse University
- **Exposure to the Military and Later Life Outcomes**
  - Sergio Ernesto Barrera, Virginia Tech
- **Cross-Identification of Interdisciplinary Dissertators: Key advance for assessing career experiences of boundary-spanner researchers**
  - **Kevin M. Kniffin**, Cornell University

**16:20: ADJOURN**

Note: **Bolded** researchers serve as session chairs.