



Atlantic Canada Economics Association (ACEA) Annual Conference

“Labour Market Challenges and the Role of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in Atlantic Canada.”

**University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), Charlottetown
20 - 22 October 2023**

Friday, 20th:

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM: Performing Arts Centre 121

Graham Lecture: *The Proposed PEI Guaranteed Income Project*

Prof. Herbert Emery (University of New Brunswick)

Panelists: David Chaundy (Atlantic Provinces Economic Council)
Keyvan Eslami (Toronto Metropolitan University)
Fan Yang (McGill University)
Prof. Jim Sentance (University of Prince Edward Island)

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM: Break

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM: Performing Arts Centre 121

The Rise of Remote Work Arrangements: Opportunities and Challenges for Atlantic Canada

George Jia (University of Prince Edward Island)

Panelists: Prof. Audra Bowlus (Western University)
David Chaundy (Atlantic Provinces Economic Council)
Prof. Herbert Emery (University of New Brunswick)
Prof. Jim Sentance (University of Prince Edward Island)

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM:

Reception, Ocean Room, The Holman Grand Hotel, 123 Grafton St Charlottetown

Saturday, 21st:

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM:

Session A: Environmental Economics Health Science Building Room 105

Session Chair: Didier Tatoutchoup (Université de Moncton)

EV Sales, Policy Incentives and Spatial Spillovers: Evidence from the US Regional EV Markets

Hui Xiao (Saint Mary's University), Prabhleen Kaur [MA]

The Effectiveness of Incentives in Electric Vehicle Adoption

Adam Blackburn (Acadia University) [U]

Is environmental consciousness compatible with inferior goods?

Didier Tatoutchoup* (Université de Moncton), Mahutin Anselme Houessigbéde

Session B: Households

Health Science Building Room 106

Session Chair: Alan Chan (Crandall University)

Are Canadian Households Financially Distressed? A Disaggregated Analysis

Samrana Choudhury* (University of New Brunswick), Murshed Chowdhury (UNB) [MA]

From Struggle to Strain: Examining the Effects of Financial Distress on Household Vulnerability to Poverty

Murshed Chowdhury (University of New Brunswick)

Parenting under COVID: a Canadian Analysis

Alan Chan* (Crandall University), Rachel Sharpe (Carleton University)

Session C: Housing

Main Building 320

Session Chair: Hui Xiao (Saint Mary's University)

The Long-Run Consequences of Declining Construction Productivity

Andrew Davis (Acadia University)

Sticky Rent Prices, House Prices, and Monetary Policy in the Business Cycle

Homayoun Shirazi (Toronto Metropolitan University) [PhD]

Trust Thy Neighbor? Uncovering the Structure of the Real Estate Market

Hui Xiao (Saint Mary's University)

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Break

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:

Session D: Higher Education/DEI Health Science Building Room 105
Session Chair: Barry Watson (Acadia University)

International Students in Canada: Who Stays After Graduation and Who leaves?

Fariba Solati* (St. Thomas University), Murshed Chowdhury (University of New Brunswick),
Maria Amalia Cordova (University of New Brunswick)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Field of Economics in Atlantic Canada

Angela Daley* (University of Maine), Nazanin Behzadan (UPEI), Lynn Gambin (Memorial
University of Newfoundland)

Dreaming of a Brighter Future? The Impact of Economic Vulnerability on University Aspirations

Barry Watson* (Acadia University), Nancy Kong (University of Sydney), Shelley Phipps
(Dalhousie University)

Session E: Health Science Building Room 106
Session Chair: Jason Stevens (UPEI)

Natural Resource Extraction under Habit Formation

Justin Kakeu (UPEI)

Micro-Level Determinants of Human Capital Flight in Atlantic Canada

Liam McCann* (St. Thomas University), Fariba Solati (St. Thomas University;), Murshed
Chowdhury (University of New Brunswick) [U]

Efficient Carbon Pricing in a Federation

Jason Stevens* (UPEI), Remi Morin-Chasse (University of Quebec at Chicoutimi)

Session F: Media Training for Economists: Main Building 320

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Lunch break

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM: **DEI Mentoring Session**

(Lunch is provided. Pre-registration is not required):

Health Science Building Room 106

2:00PM - 3:15 PM: **Keynote: EDI & Education in Canada: Where are we at and what can
we do about it?**

Professor Audra Bowlus (Western University)

Health Science Building Room 105

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM: Break

3:45 PM - 5:15 PM:

Session G: Labour/Human Capital

Health Science Building Room 105

Session Chair: Javier Cano-Urbina (Florida State University)

Does the Canadian Labour Market Value Field of Study Specific Knowledge? An Alignment Score Based Approach

Nicholas Manuel (Saint Mary's University)

The Effect of Informality on Educational Attainment

Javier Cano-Urbina (Florida State University)

Session H: Experimental

Health Science Building Room 106

Session Chair: Jason Childs (University of Regina)

A novel experiment exploring labour effort and impairment

Stephanie Thomas* (Saint Mary's University), Neil Buckley (York University), and Feng Xie (McMaster University)

An Experimental Examination of Borrowing and Precautionary Saving in the Face of Random Financial Shocks

James Sawler* (Mount Saint Vincent University) and Jason Childs (University of Regina)

Wired to Acquire: Why Having isn't Happy

Jason Childs (University of Regina)

Session I:

Main Building 320

Session Chair: Nicholas Li (Toronto Metropolitan University)

Heterogeneous Effects of Governance on Growth: Insights from Grouped Fixed-Effects Estimation for African Countries

Feissal ASSOUM (ENSEA, University of Moncton) [PhD]

The Art of Temporal Approximation: An Investigation into Numerical Solutions to Discrete- & Continuous-Time Problems in Economics

Keyvan Eslami* (Toronto Metropolitan University), Thomas Phelan (Cleveland FEDs)

Food price levels and dynamics in remote Northern Canadian communities: Evidence from product level prices

Tracey Galloway (University of Toronto) and Nicholas Li* (Toronto Metropolitan University)

5:20 PM - 6:20 PM: **ACEA Executive Meeting** Main Building 310

7:00 PM banquet: **Lobster On The Wharf Restaurant, 2 Prince St. Charlottetown**

Sunday, 22nd:

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM:

Session J: Macro/Money

Health Science Building Room 105

Session Chair: Patrick Alexander (Bank of Canada)

Insights from the Yield Curve: Understanding Canadian Monetary Policy Shocks

Ibrahim Abuallail (University of Ottawa) [PhD]

Real effects of a bank credit supply shock on the Canadian economy

Cory Languais (Mount Allison University)

Foreign Exchange Interventions: the Long and the Short of It

Patrick Alexander* (Bank of Canada), Sami Alpanda (University of Central Florida), Serdar Kabaca (Bank of Canada)

Session K: Political Economy

Health Science Building Room 106

Session Chair: Blair Long (Cape Breton University)

Population Aging and Optimal Fiscal Progressivity

Fan Yang (McGill University)

Economic and Political Consequences of Interstate Conflict

Teresa L. Cyrus (Dalhousie University)

The Opioid Epidemic in the Courts

Blair Long (Cape Breton University)

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Break

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:

Session L:

Health Science Building Room 105

Session Chair: Mike Farnworth (University of New Brunswick)

Information sharing in the farm credit market: Evidence from developing countries.

Emile S. Sonehekpon (ENESA) [PhD]

Exploration in History: The 17th Century Dutch Tulip Mania (And Its Relevance in the 21st Century)

Hari Luitel (Algoma University)

Free Open Source Software to Consider for Teaching

Mike Farnworth (University of New Brunswick)

Session M: Labour Market

Health Science Building Room 106

Session Chair: Matheus Crepaldi (Mount Allison University)

The Nexus between Employment and Economic Growth: An Empirical Analysis Across Canadian Provinces

Wimal Rankaduwa* (UPEI), Azad Haider

Youth Labour Market in New Brunswick: Learning from International Case Studies

Matheus Crepaldi*, Carla VanBeselaere, and Alysha Walker (Mount Allison University) [U]

12:00PM-1:00PM: **AGM** (Lunch provided) Health Science Building Room 105

Land Acknowledgment:

Since time immemorial, the Mi'kmaq People have walked gently on the traditional territories of Epekwitk, which is where the University of Prince Edward Island is located. We acknowledge that Mi'kma'ki is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people, who, in 1725 first signed Treaties of Peace and Friendship. We recognize Elders past and present who have cared for, and continue to care for, the land. In offering this acknowledgement, we affirm the history, experiences, and resiliency of Indigenous people who are still here today. We are grateful to live, work, and learn here and we are committed to building relationships based in honour and respect.

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