

ACEA 2026 Conference Program

52nd Annual Conference

October 2-4, 2026 | Acadia University | Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Theme: Better Living in Atlantic Canada

Welcome to Wolfville!

Conference Highlights

Day	Time	Highlight
Friday	1:15 PM	Housing Panel, KC Irving Centre
Friday	3:00 PM	Keynote Address by Dr. Andrew Clark, KC Irving Centre "Bechdel at the Box Office in 58 Countries: National Gender Inequality Measures and Cinema Success"
Friday	5:00 PM	Reception at Benjamin Bridge
Saturday	12:30 PM	ACEA Student Mentorship Lunch, Patterson Hall
Saturday	2:00 PM	Graham Lecture by Dr. Michael Baker, KC Irving Centre "The Child Penalty and Child Care"
Saturday	6:30 PM	Conference Dinner at Luckett Vineyards
Sunday	12:30 PM	General Meeting, Patterson Hall

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Friday Program

Time	Event	Location
12:00-5:00 PM	Registration	KC Irving Centre Lobby
12:30 PM	Coffee Service	KC Irving Centre Lobby
1:00 PM	Welcome Remarks	KC Irving Centre Auditorium
1:15-2:30 PM	Housing Panel: Vicki Elliot (CEO, NS Provincial Housing Agency), Jodi MacKay (Mayor of Wolfville), Kevin Russell (Executive Director, Rental Housing Providers NS), Justin Beaudoin (moderator, Acadia University)	KC Irving Centre Auditorium
2:30-3:00 PM	Refreshment Break	KC Irving Centre Lobby
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Saturday Program

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8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast	Patterson Hall Lobby
8:00 AM-12:30 PM	Registration	Patterson Hall Lobby
9:00-10:30 AM	Parallel Sessions	Patterson Hall
10:30-11:00 AM	Refreshment Break	Patterson Hall Lobby
11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Parallel Sessions	Patterson Hall
12:30-2:00 PM	Lunch and Mentoring	Patterson Hall Lobby
2:00-2:05 PM	Remarks by Pearson	KC Irving Centre Auditorium
2:05-3:30 PM	Graham Lecture: Michael Baker, Professor of Economics, University of Toronto: "The Child Penalty and Child Care"	KC Irving Centre Auditorium
3:30-4:00 PM	Refreshment Break	Patterson Hall Lobby
4:00-5:30 PM	Parallel Sessions	Patterson Hall
5:30-6:15 PM	Executive Meeting, KC Irving Centre Garden Walk, or Student Q&A	To be confirmed
6:15 PM	Bus Departure for Lockett Vineyards	Patterson Hall Lobby
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Session	Presentations
Patterson 107 International Trade and Globalization Chair Hassan Goreja	Hassan Goreja (Export Development Canada) <i>Impact of EDC's Financial Support on Canadian Exporters</i> Ma. Alliah D. Antig (Memorial University of Newfoundland) <i>Who Bore the Burden of Canada's 2018 Retaliatory Tariffs?</i> Shiming Huang (Saint Mary's University) <i>Trade Policy Shocks and AI-Sector Performance: Evidence from the United States and China</i>

Session	Presentations
Patterson 206 Health Policy, Coverage, and Family Outcomes Chair Hugh Shiple	Fatemeh Valipour (University of New Brunswick) <i>Waiting Times for Minor Health Problems in Canada: A Discrete-Time Duration Analysis</i> Dawn McDonald (Memorial University of Newfoundland) <i>Ontario's 2018 Drug Coverage Expansion and Illness-Related Work Absences Among Young Workers</i> Emran Hassan (Dalhousie University) <i>Education as Nutrition: Effects of Maternal Schooling on Infant and Young Children Feeding Practices</i> Hugh Shiple (University of New Brunswick) <i>Fertility Responses to Canada's Paid Parental Leave Expansion</i>
Patterson 316 Economic History and Long-Run Development Chair Jeff Chan	Casey Pender (Mount Allison University) <i>Minsky vs. Mises: On the Role of Private Money Creation in the Business Cycle</i> Blair Long (Memorial University of Newfoundland) <i>General Incorporation and the Growth of Legal Doctrine in the 19th-Century United States</i> Fraser Summerfield (St. Francis Xavier University) <i>The Demographic Evolution of a Minority Community: The French-Canadian Population of Ontario, 1871-1921</i> Jeff Chan (University of Windsor) <i>The Mechanization of Manufacturing and Female Labour in the 19th Century United States: Evidence from Establishment-Level Panel Data</i>
Patterson 213 Market Design, Firm Incentives, and Productivity (CEBERG) Chair Stephanie Thomas	Hui Xiao (Saint Mary's University) <i>Tariff Shocks, Industrial Linkages, and Firm-Level Employment: Evidence from China</i> Stephanie Thomas (Saint Mary's University) <i>Tax Reporting Incentives versus Financial Reporting Incentives: A Protocol to Explore Trade-Offs in Firms' Reporting Aggressiveness</i> Md Shahidul Islam (University of Prince Edward Island) <i>Overlapping Dynamic Matching with Dichotomous Preferences</i> Derek Messacar (Memorial University of Newfoundland) <i>Telework and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Canada</i>

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Patterson 107 Workplaces, Technology, and Firm Performance Chair Mahmood Haddara	Hammad Shaikh (University of Stavanger Business School) <i>The Effects of Supportive Leader Behaviors on Employee Satisfaction and Turnover: Evidence from a Large Grocery Store Chain</i> Mahmood Haddara (Queen's University) <i>Customer Accumulation, Firm Size, and Aggregate Productivity</i> Hui Feng (King's University College at Western University) <i>How Electoral Competitiveness Affects How Much the Economy Automates: A Study of 14 OECD Countries with Implications for Atlantic Canada</i> Joel Varughese (Crandall University) <i>AI Adoption and Labour Market Outcomes Among Canadian Workers</i>
Patterson 206 Agriculture, Fisheries, and Public Policy Chair Emmanuel Yiridoe	Emmanuel Yiridoe (Dalhousie University) <i>Determinants of Climate-Smart Agriculture Adoption Decisions and Spatial Effects of Agroclimatic Zones: Evidence from Cocoa Farmers in Ghana</i> Rodney Beard (Athabasca University) <i>The Dual Margins of Conservation: The Political Economy of Rent Creation and Dissipation in Fisheries Management</i> Jason Stevens (University of Prince Edward Island) <i>Does an Equalization Program Make Sense When Taxes Are Distortionary?</i>
Patterson 316 Indigenous Economies and Remote Communities Chair Angela Daley	Bela Georgiev (Toronto Metropolitan University) <i>Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Nutrition North Subsidies: A Subgroup Analysis of Canadian Traditional Food Production</i> Sara Wray Enns (Memorial University of Newfoundland) <i>Labour Demand and Indigenous Traditional Economic Activity: Shift-Share IV Evidence Using the Aboriginal Peoples Survey in Canada</i> Angela Daley <i>Evaluating Policies to Improve Food Affordability, Nutrition, and Food Security in Remote Communities in Northern Canada</i>
Patterson 213 Community Integration, Institutions, and Well-Being Chair Burc Kayahan	Ada Poon (Crandall University) <i>Social Integration Among Immigrants: A Study on the Role of Charitable Organizations</i> Sarah Chen (New Brunswick Community College) <i>Multiculturalism and the Shaping of Canadian Christian Churches in Atlantic Canada</i> Burc Kayahan (Acadia University) <i>Spatial Patterns and Inequality in Community Well-Being: Evidence from Atlantic Canada</i>

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Patterson 107 Health Inequality over the Life Course Chair Maryam Dilmaghani	Maryam Dilmaghani (Saint Mary's University) <i>Credit Exclusion, Predatory Lending, and Wealth Inequality Among Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual (LGB) Canadians</i> Tania Tanwi (Dalhousie University) <i>Income Inequalities in Adult Cannabis Use in Post-Legalization Canada: What Explains the Gradient?</i> Zobraj Hosen (Dalhousie University) <i>Effects of Retirement on Health in Bangladesh</i>
Patterson 206 CIPA Session in Policy Analysis Chair Joniada Milla	Claudia De Fuentes (Saint Mary's University) <i>Shaping Clean Transitions: The Role of Government Support in Firm-Level Innovation</i> Joniada Milla (Saint Mary's University) <i>The Impact of Innovation Subsidies in Atlantic Canada</i> Derek Mikola (Institute for Replication) <i>Reproducibility and Robustness by Method and Subfield</i>
Patterson 316 Public Finance and Social Protection Chair Barry Watson	Barry Watson (Acadia University) <i>Insecurity, Intolerance, and the Social Safety Net: Did COVID-19 Change the Political Implications of Risk-Pooling in the U.S.?</i> George Jia (University of Prince Edward Island) <i>Welfare Wall in Canada: Marginal Effective Tax Rates and Work Disincentives for Low-Income Canadian Households Across Provinces</i> Alan Chan (Crandall University) <i>The Politics of Public Funding: A Comparative Analysis of the Harper and Trudeau Administrations</i>
Patterson 213 Housing, Construction, and Regional Development Chair Wimal Rankaduwa	Krithika Saha (Housing Construction Council) <i>Certification Yield in Nova Scotia's Construction Trades: A Trade-Level Flow-to-Stock Measure</i> Ezra Brunet-Jailly (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) <i>The Impact of Ontario's 2018 Changes to Rent Control</i> Wimal Rankaduwa (University of Prince Edward Island) <i>Construction Costs and House Prices: Evidence from Major Canadian Cities</i>

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Patterson 107 Climate Policy, Agriculture, and Development Chair Talan Iscan	Abby Mercer (St. Francis Xavier University) <i>Effects of Environmental Policy Stringency on Bilateral Provincial Trade in Canada</i> Grant Flinn (Saint Mary's University) <i>Carbon Intensity, Economic Factors, and Sustainability: Cross-Country Evidence</i> Abreham Adera (Brescia University College) <i>Climate Shocks and Norms of Violence Against Children</i> Talan Iscan (Dalhousie University) <i>An Unsustainable Course: Environmental Indicators for Canada's Agri-Food Sector</i>
Patterson 206 Work, Performance, and Well-Being Chair Nicholas Manuel	Conchita D'Ambrosio (University of Luxembourg) <i>Return-to-Office Mandates, Health and Well-Being: Evidence from a Natural Experiment</i> Nicholas Manuel (Saint Mary's University) <i>Public Shaming and On-the-Job Performance: Major League Baseball Umpires' Pitch-Call Accuracy in the Automated Ball-Strike Era</i> Hugh Shiplett (University of New Brunswick) <i>Consistency and Conflict in Expectations and Recollections of Life Satisfaction</i> Murshed Chowdhury (University of New Brunswick) <i>Beyond the Poverty Line: Financial Literacy and Future Poverty Risk in Canada</i>
Patterson 316 Macroeconomic Policy, Productivity, and Measurement Chair Herb Emery	Emily Jaye Pachell (Mount Allison University) <i>Rethinking Inflation Targeting: Assessing the Future of Canadian Monetary Policy</i> Pat Coe (Carleton University) <i>The Real-Time Path of Pre-NIPA National Income for the United States, 1909 to 1946</i> Kashif Iqbal (RMIT University Vietnam) <i>The Geography of Compute: Scale and Spatial Concentration in U.S. Data-Center Markets</i> Herb Emery (University of New Brunswick) <i>Why Canadians Don't Care About Productivity: The Collapse of the Correlation Between GDP Growth and Household Income Growth in Canada, 1950-2024</i>

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Patterson 107 Energy Markets and the Green Transition Chair Didier Tatoutchoup	Huiling Qu (Saint Mary's University) <i>Forward Contracts, Common Ownership, and Tacit Collusion in China's Electricity Market</i> Ziwen Huang (Saint Mary's University) <i>Electric Vehicle (EV) Adoption and Local EV Policies: Evidence from China</i> Didier Tatoutchoup (Université de Moncton) <i>How Does Macropudential Policy Promote Renewable Energy Development?</i>
Patterson 206 Household Security, Health, and Well-Being Chair Moriam Khanam	Rhythm Chaudhary (Crandall University) <i>A Segmental Market Analysis of Rental Vacancies in Canada: The Impact of the Provincial Attestation Letter</i> Sunny Karim (Carleton University) <i>Testing the Common Causality of Covariates in Difference-in-Differences: Evidence from Ban-the-Box Policies</i> Moriam Khanam (Dalhousie University) <i>The Differential Impact of Universal Childcare on the Health of Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Children</i> Zobraj Hosen (Dalhousie University) <i>Impacts of Fasting on Depression and Anxiety Among University Students in Bangladesh</i>
Patterson 316 Conflict, Institutions, and Development Chair Dozie Okoye	Dozie Okoye (Dalhousie University) <i>Stuck in War: The PKK Conflict and Intergenerational Outcomes in Turkiye</i> Fiona Nguyen (Dalhousie University) <i>From Bombing to Books: Dimensions of Parental War Exposure and the Educational Attainment of the Next Generation</i> Mumuni Loggu-Naa (Dalhousie University) <i>Effects of Inclusive Development and Financial Sector Development on Public Debt Structure in Sub-Saharan Africa</i>

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ACEA Presenters on the Academic Job Market

Bela Georgiev (Ph.D. student, TMU), <https://www.belageorgiev.com/>

- Research interests include development economics and Indigenous economics.
- Job Market Paper: Indigenous Harvesting under Retail Food Subsidies and Harvesting Support Grants (with Leo Michelis)

Md Shahidul Islam (Assistant Professor, UPEI), <https://www.mdshahidulislam.info/>

- Research interests include microeconomics, matching theory, market design, financial economics, and econometrics.
- Job Market Paper: Overlapping Dynamic Matching with Dichotomous Preferences

Sunny Karim (Ph.D. student, Carleton University), <https://carleton.ca/economics/cu-people/sunny-karim/>

- Research fields include econometrics and health economics.
- Job Market Paper: Testing the Common Causality of Covariates in Difference-in-Differences: Evidence from Ban-the-Box Policies