

MDev Conference
May 16-18, 2024
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Thursday, May 16th

6:30 PM **Dinner** - Blue Nile (221 E. Washington St.)

Friday, May 17th

8:00-8:30 **Breakfast**

8:30-9:00 **Introductions**

9:00-10:20 **Session 1 – Education**

Chair: **Caroline Theoharides** - Amherst College

9:00-9:30 **Ana Reynoso** - University of Michigan
“From Access to Achievement: The Primary-School-Age Impacts of an At-Scale Preschool Construction Program in Highly Deprived Communities”

9:30-10:00 **Todd Pugatch** - Oregon State University
“Unintended Consequences of Youth Entrepreneurship Programs: Experimental Evidence from Rwanda”

10:00-10:10 **Thomas Lloyd** - University of Michigan
“The impact of a negative shock to education quality in the first years of schooling: Evidence from the Philippines”

10:10-10:20 **Kevin Carney** - University of Michigan
“Teaching Mental Health: Evidence from India’s Happiness Curriculum”

10:20-10:50 **Break and discussion of short presentations**

10:50-12:50 **Session 2 – Poverty and Programming I**

Chair: **Dean Yang** – University of Michigan

10:50-11:20 **Kate Ambler** - IFPRI
“Lump-sum Transfers for Agriculture, Support Services, and Household Decision Making”

11:20-11:50 **James Allen IV** - IFPRI
“Would You Rather: Voluntary Take-Up of a Poverty Graduation Program among Cash Transfer Recipients”

11:50-12:20 **Jon Denton-Schneider** - Clark University
“Rags to Rags: The Effects of the New Poor Law across Three Generations”

12:20-12:30 **Eduardo Montero** - University of Chicago
“Disease, Disparities, and Development: Evidence from Chagas Disease Control in Brazil”

12:30-12:40 **Emily Beam** - University of Vermont
“Improving Graduation Scalability through Group Coaching: Evidence from Uganda and the Philippines”

12:40-12:50 **Justin Holz** - University of Michigan
“Do Prize-Linked Savings Incentives Increase Savings? Evidence from a Natural Field Experiment in Colombia”

12:50-2:20 Lunch and discussion of short presentations

2:20-4:00 Session 3 – Firms and Labor

Chair: **Jessica Goldberg** – University of Maryland

2:20-2:50 **Russell Morton** - University of Michigan
“Vertical Integration and Relational Contracts: The Threat Point Effect”

2:50-3:20 **Maximilian Huppertz** - University of Michigan
“Sacking the Sales Staff: Firm Reactions to Extreme Weather and Implications for Policy Design”

3:20-3:30 **Ariza Gusti** - University of Michigan
“Labor Inspection, Firm Adjustments and Employee Costs”

3:30-3:40 **Hang Yu** - Peking University
“Inspiring Intrinsic Motivation in Future Doctors: Evidence from a Large-Scale Online Experiment in China”

3:40-3:50 **C. Austin Davis** - American University
“Entrepreneurship Training & Implementation Quality at Scale”

3:50-4:00 **Michael Olabisi** - Michigan State University
“Price Pickers: Second-degree price discrimination and implications for elasticity and substitution”

4:00-4:30 Break and discussion of short presentations

4:30-4:40 Group photo

4:40-5:45 Structured/topical group discussions and research exchange

6:30 Dinner - Pretzel Bell (226 S. Main St.)

Saturday, May 18th

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:40 Session 4 - Governance, Politics, Conflict

Chair: **Taryn Dinkelman** – University of Notre Dame

9:00-9:30 Meera Mahadevan - University of California, Irvine
“Women Leaders Improve Environmental Outcomes: Evidence from Crop Fires in India”

9:30-10:00 Obeid Ur Rehman - Toronto Metropolitan University
“Predistribution Vs. Redistribution: The Role of Taxes, Transfers, and Public Spending in Reducing Inequality”

10:00-10:10 Alexander Fertig - University of Michigan
“The Impact of Social Media on Political Conflict: Evidence from Myanmar”

10:10-10:20 Paul Brimble - University of Michigan
“Media, Politics and Conflict: Evidence from Television in India”

10:20-10:30 Aneesha Parvathaneni - University of Michigan
“War Mobilization and Economic Development: World War II and Structural Transformation in India”

10:30-10:40 Jun Fang - University of Michigan
“Strategic State Building: The Balancing Act of Indirect and Direct Rule in the Qing Empire”

10:40-11:10 Break and discussion of short presentations

11:10-12:40 Session 5 - Poverty and Programming II

Chair: **Susan Godlonton** – Williams College

11:10-11:40 Farzana Afridi - ISI (Delhi) and University of Toronto
“Social Networks, Gender Norms and Labor Supply: Experimental Evidence Using a Job Search Platform”

11:40-12:10 Laura Zimmermann - University of Georgia
“How Widespread Is Labor Trafficking? Evidence from Three Measurement Approaches in Two Countries”

12:10-12:40 Emma Riley - University of Michigan
“‘We’re All in This Together’: Addressing Poverty in Village Economies”

12:40 PM – 2:00 PM: Lunch

6:30 PM Dinner and Karaoke - Dean Yang’s Residence (701 Green Rd.)