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THURSDAY, June 1
04:00 pm – 09:00 pm Registration (Bernardine Hall Lobby)
05:00 pm – 06:00 pm Board of Directors’ Dinner (Student Center – Private Dining Room)
06:00 pm – 08:00 pm Board of Directors’ Meeting (Student Center – Private Dining Room)
06:00 pm – 09:00 pm Reception (Bernardine Hall Lobby)

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FRIDAY, June 2
08:00 am – 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Registration (Bernardine Hall Lobby)
07:30 am – 10:30 am Cengage Breakfast (Bernardine Hall Lobby) – Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by Cengage Learning
08:00 am – 08:50 am Cengage Demo (Bernardine Hall Lecture Hall)
Dr. Stephanie Thomas, Cornell University, “Using technology more effectively in the classroom with Cengage’s MindTap for Economics”
09:00 am – 10:15 am Concurrent Sessions (Bernardine Hall)
10:15 am – 10:30 am Cengage Coffee Break (Bernardine Hall Lobby) – Coffee/Refreshment
10:30 am – 11:45 am Concurrent Sessions (Bernardine Hall)
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Luncheon (McGlinn Conference Center)
12:45 pm – 01:45 pm Key Note Speaker (McGlinn Conference Center)
Dr. Patrick T. Harker, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

02:15 pm – 03:30 pm Concurrent Sessions (Bernardine Hall)
03:30 pm – 03:45 pm Coffee Break (Bernardine Hall Lobby) – Coffee/Refreshment
03:45 pm – 04:45 pm Fed Lecture - (Francis Hall Theater)
Dr. Theresa Y. Singleton, Senior Vice President and Community Affairs Officer, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
“Fostering Economic Growth and Opportunity”
Mr. Ryotaro Tashiro, Economic and Public Outreach Associate, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
“National and Regional Outlook”

05:00 pm – 08:00 pm Fed Reception - (Francis Hall Atrium) - Sponsored by the Greater Reading Chamber and Economic Development Corporation

SATURDAY, June 3
07:30 am – 10:30 am Registration (Bernardine Hall Lobby)
07:30 am – 09:00 am Macmillan Learning Breakfast (Bernardine Hall Lobby)
Sponsored by Macmillan Learning
08:00 am – 08:50 am Macmillan Learning Demo (Bernardine Hall Lecture Hall)
09:00 am – 10:15 am Concurrent Sessions (Bernardine Hall)
10:30 am – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting (Bernardine Hall Lecture Hall)
11:45 am Closing
FRIDAY, June 2, 2017

Conference Registration – Bernardine Hall Lobby
08:00 AM – 12:00 PM
02:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Cengage Continental Breakfast – Bernardine Hall Lobby
07:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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08:00 am – 08:50 am

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Session F1: Friday, June 2, 2017
09:00 AM – 10:15 AM

F (Friday); F1 (Friday Concurrent 1); F1A (Friday Concurrent 1 Session A)

Session F1A: Microeconomics, General Economics & Teaching
Bernardine Hall 201 (09:00 – 10:15 am)

Chair: Mark Eschenfelder, Robert Morris University

[1] An Experiment in Multitasking
Ron Baker, Millersville University of PA

Ralph Ancil, Geneva College

[3] Part-time Economics Faculty in Higher Education and Assurance of Learning
Mark Eschenfelder, Robert Morris University
Lois Bryan, Robert Morris University
Tanya Lee, Valdosta State University
[4] Post Bankruptcy Credit Experience of Student Loans Borrowers
Onesime Epouhe, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Discussants:
[3] Imad EL Hamma, GREDEG, CNRS, Cote d'Azur UNIVERSITY

Session F1B: International Economics
Bernardine Hall 203 (09:00 – 10:15 am)

Chair: Frew Hailou, West Virginia State University

[1] Does rising private external debt contribute to growth? – Evidence from India
Prasanna Venkatesan Narayanasamy, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, India

Kayhan Koleyni, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Kafilah Gold, University of Malaya
Rasiah Rajah, University of Malaya
Kwek Kian Teng, University of Malaya
Murtala Mohammed, University of Malaya

[4] Heterogeneity Effects and International Trade
Frew Hailou, West Virginia State University

Discussants:
[2] Lawrence Maishu NGALIM, Istanbul University
Session F1C: Student Paper Session 1
Bernardine Hall 205 (09:00 – 10:15 am)

Chair: Stephanie Brewer, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Samantha Anderson, Youngstown State University

Valeriya Marchenko, LIU Post
Veronika Dollar, LIU Post

Jordan Gwinn, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Robert Schwartz, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:
[1] Farhad Saboori, Albright College
[2] Stephanie Brewer, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Session F1D: Urban, Rural, Regional, Real Estate, and Transportation Economics

Bernardine Hall 209 (09:00 – 10:15 am)

Chair: Brian Sloboda, University of Phoenix

Soumendra Banerjee, Misericordia University
Boishampayan Chatterjee, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies

Brian Sloboda, University of Phoenix
Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Timothy Wilson, Umeå School of Business and Economics
Lars Lindbergh, Umeå School of Business and Economics
The Economic Significance of the VITA Program in Butler County, Pennsylvania

John Golden, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
David Culp, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Rhonda Clark, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Jeffrey Forrest, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:
[1] David Doorn, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
[2] Soumendra Banerjee, Misericordia University
[4] Timothy Wilson, Umeå School of Business and Economics

Session F1E: Microeconomics, General Economics & Teaching
Bernardine Hall 210 (09:00 – 10:15 am)

Chair: Elsy Thomas K, Bowling Green State University Firelands

[1] Course Design Considerations for New Majority Learners
Paul Cowley, Cabrini University
Eric Malm, Cabrini University

[2] Unequal Opportunity in Early Childhood Education in India
Saikat Ghosh, University of Bamberg

[3] The Impact of Lean Implementation and Board Composition on Healthcare Outcomes
Huilan Zhang, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Hassan HassabElnaby, University of Toledo
Amal Said, University of Toledo

[4] An Empirical Investigation on Factors that impact the IMR
Elsy Thomas K, Bowling Green State University Firelands

Discussants:
[1] Elsy Thomas K, Bowling Green State University Firelands
[2] Paul Cowley, Cabrini University
[3] Saikat Ghosh, University of Bamberg
Session F2A: Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics  
Bernardine Hall 201 (10:30-11:45 am)  

Chair: Michael Trebing, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

[1] Quantitative Easing, Household Deposits and Mutual Funds and Growth: A Luxembourgish Case Study  
Gueddoudj Sabbah, Central Bank of Luxembourg

Riyadh Arooq, Western Michigan University  
Matthew Higgins, Western Michigan University

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Michael Trebing, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Discussants:  
[1] Kafilah Gold, University of Malaya  
[2] Adora Holstein, Robert Morris University  
[4] Riyadh Arooq, Western Michigan University

Session F2B: Student Session 2  
Bernardine Hall 203 (10:30 – 11:45 am)  

Chair: James Jozefowicz, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

[1] Exploring the Appalachian Gender Wage Gap  
Lucas Mafica, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Brandon Vick, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Savannah Morrissey Martin, Gettysburg College

[3] The Effects of Airline Behavior on Aircraft Accidents  
Anneliese Brown, Gettysburg College

Discussants:  
[1] Aboozar Hadavand, City University of New York  
[3] Lucas Mafrica, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Session F2C: Urban, Rural, Agricultural and Business Economics
Bernardine Hall 205 (10:30 – 11:45 am)

Chair: Jeffrey Forrest, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

[1] A Dynamic Shift-Share Analysis of Employment Change in Virginia Workforce Investment Regions  
David Doorn, West Chester University of Pennsylvania  
Kyle Kelly, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Susan G. Zumas, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Jeffrey Forrest, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania  
Larry McCarthy, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:  
[1] Susan G. Zumas, Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
[3] Jeff Salavitabar, Delaware County Community College
Session F2D: Labor and Demographic Economics  
Bernardine Hall 209 (10:30 – 11:45 am)

Chair: Ron Baker, Millersville University of PA

[1] Board Gender Diversity and Bank Performance  
Victoria Geyfman, Bloomsburg University  
Wade Cooper, Bloomsburg University  
Laura Davis, Bloomsburg University

[2] Are Risk Attitudes Fixed Factors or Fleeting Feelings?  
Insoo Cho, York College of Pennsylvania  
Peter Orazem, Iowa State University

Sandra Trejos, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:  
[1] Ron Baker, Millersville University of PA  
[2] Victoria Geyfman, Bloomsburg University  
[3] Paul Orzechowski, College of Staten Island – CUNY

Session F2E: Health, Education and Welfare  
Bernardine Hall 210 (10:30 – 11:45 am)

Chair: Divya Balasubramaniam, Saint Joseph's University

[1] The Impact of Public Insurance on Medical Care Utilization  
Bondi Arifin, Georgia State University

Shree Priya Singh, Banaras Hindu University

[3] Public versus Private Investment in Determining Child Health Outcomes: Evidence from India  
Divya Balasubramaniam, Saint Joseph's University

Farhad Saboori, Albright College  
Gertrude Eguae-Obazee, Albright College
Discussants:
[1] Shree Priya Singh, Banaras Hindu University
[2] Ralph Ancil, Geneva College
[3] Bondi Arifin, Georgia State University

Session F2F: Financial Economics
Bernardine Hall 212 (10:30 – 11:45 am)

Chair: Scott Deacle, Ursinus College

[1] Do Political Institutions Improve the Effect of Remittances? Evidence from South-Mediterranean Countries
Imad EL Hamma, GREDEG, CNRS, Cote d'Azur UNIVERSITY

Xiaohui Yang, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Karen Denning, Fairleigh Dickinson University
James Cowan, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Scott Deacle, Ursinus College

Brian Sloboda, University of Phoenix

Discussants:
[1] Paul Cowley, Cabrini University
[2] Brian Sloboda, University of Phoenix
[3] Xiaohui Yang, Fairleigh Dickinson University
[4] Scott Deacle, Ursinus College
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Friday, June 2, 2017
12:00 PM – 01:45 PM
McGlinn Conference Center
Keynote Speaker

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Patrick T. Harker

President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Patrick T. Harker took office on July 1, 2015, as the 11th president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. In this role, Harker participates on the Federal Open Market Committee, which formulates the nation's monetary policy.
Before taking office at the Philadelphia Fed, Harker served as the 26th president of the University of Delaware. He was also a professor of business administration at the university's Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics and a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the College of Engineering.

Before joining the University of Delaware in 2007, Harker was dean and Reliance Professor of Management and Private Enterprise at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to being appointed dean in 2000, Harker served as the Wharton School's interim dean and deputy dean as well as the chair of its operations and information management department. In 1991, he was the youngest faculty member in Wharton's history to be awarded an endowed professorship as UPS Transportation Professor of the Private Sector. He has published/edited nine books and more than 100 professional articles. From 1996 to 1999, he served as editor-in-chief of the journal *Operations Research*.

In 2012, Harker was named a fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) and a charter fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. He was also named a White House fellow by President George H. W. Bush in 1991 and served as a special assistant to FBI Director William S. Sessions from 1991 to 1992.

Harker serves as a member of the Select Operating Committee of Select Greater Philadelphia. He previously served on the boards of Catholic Relief Services, Pepco Holdings, Inc., and Huntsman Corporation and was a founding member of the board of advisors for Decision Lens, Inc. Harker was also a nonbanking Class B director of the Philadelphia Fed from 2012 to 2015.

Harker has a Ph.D. in civil and urban engineering, an M.A. in economics, and an M.S.E. and B.S.E. in civil engineering, all from the University of Pennsylvania.
Session F3: Friday, June 2, 2017
02:15 PM – 03:30 PM

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Session F3A: Business Administration and Business Economics
Bernardine Hall 201 (2:15-3:30 pm)

Chair: Kosin Isariyawongse, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

[1] Are U.S. Small Business Administration loans significant?
Paul Orzechowski, College of Staten Island – CUNY

Jeffrey Forrest, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Melanie Anderson, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Kosin Isariyawongse, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Judex Hyppolite, Monmouth University

Discussants:

Session F3B: Economic Development, Innovation, Technological Change, and Growth
Bernardine Hall 203 (2:15-3:30 pm)

Chair: Orhan Kara, West Chester University

[1] Lineage, Cereals, and Gender Roles: Evidence from Africa
Muse Gadisa Demie, University of New South Wales

[2] A Comparative Study of Multi-Dimensional Analysis of Social Exclusion and
Poverty in India  
Pardeep Singh Chauhan, Kurukshetra University

Thomas Armstrong, Wilson College

Orhan Kara, West Chester University

Discussants:  
[1] Pardeep Singh Chauhan, Kurukshetra University  
[2] Muse Gadisa Demie, University of New South Wales  
[3] Orhan Kara, West Chester University  

Session F3C: Student Paper Session 3  
Bernardine Hall 205 (2:15 – 3:30 pm)

Chair: Sandra Trejos, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

[1] Life Satisfaction, School Performance and Income in Ghana  
Melody Amanor, Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
Sandra Trejos, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Mehdi Hojjat, Neumann University

[3] Pioneer Connect  
Fiorella Riccobono, Net Impact

Zoleka Mekile, Shippensburg University  
Freddy Siahaan, Shippensburg University

Discussants:  
[1] Fiorella Riccobono, Net Impact  
[2] Sandra Trejos, Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
Session F3D: Labor and Demographic Economics
Bernardine Hall 209 (2:15 – 3:30 pm)

Chair: David Nugent, Robert Morris University

[1] To Each According to their Ability? Academic Ranking and Salary Inequality across Public Colleges and Universities
M. Garrett Roth, Gannon University
William McAndrew, Gannon University

Aboozar Hadavand, City University of New York

[3] Assessing the impact of vocational training on productivity: An analysis of NSSO data and a case study of a manufacturing firm in India
Srishti Mittal, Entrepreneur

[4] Economic Factors That Affect Adjunct Faculty Salaries
David Nugent, Robert Morris University

Discussants:
[1] Aboozar Hadavand, City University of New York
[2] Insoo Cho, York College of Pennsylvania
[3] David Nugent, Robert Morris University

Session F3E: Health, Education and Welfare
Bernardine Hall 210 (2:15–3:30 pm)

Chair: Michael Malcolm, West Chester University

[1] Obesity, Poverty and Income Inequality in USA: Evidence from Panel Cointegration
Tahereh Alavi Hojjat, DeSales University

[2] The Impact of Public Hospital Availability in Underdeveloped Areas on Medical Care Utilization and Household Health Expenditures
Bondi Arifin, Georgia State University

Michael Malcolm, West Chester University

Discussants:
[1] Ron Baker, Millersville University of PA
[3] Tahereh Alavi Hojjat, DeSales University
Session F3F: Financial Economics
Bernardine Hall 212 (2:15 – 3:30 pm)

Chair: John Walker, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

[1] Financial and Monetary Variables as Predictive Indicators of the Luxembourgish GDP Growth
Gueddoudj Sabbah, Central Bank of Luxembourg

Mike Witowski, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
Michael Boldin, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
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John Walker, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
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Discussants:
Federal Reserve Lecture
Friday, June 2, 2017
03:45 PM – 04:45 PM
Francis Hall Theater

“Fostering Economic Growth and Opportunity”

Theresa Y. Singleton
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Theresa Y. Singleton is senior vice president of the Community Development Studies & Education Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Bank’s community affairs officer. Singleton is responsible for overseeing research and outreach initiatives that promote community development and fair and impartial access to credit. She has guided the creation and implementation of the Economic Growth & Mobility Project. She also oversees economic education and personal financial efforts for the Bank. Before joining the Bank, Singleton served as the director of research and information at the Housing Assistance Council in Washington, D.C. In that role, she was responsible for the organization’s research and information activities, including oversight of the communications and public relations functions. She also developed and managed the council’s research agenda. In addition, she directed and contributed to research and information products that examined demographic trends, assessed policy impacts, and developed recommendations for rural communities. Prior to her work on rural housing issues, Singleton taught undergraduate courses on the American political system at Temple University and Widener University. She has a Ph.D., an M.A., and a B.A. in political science from Temple University.
Ryotaro Tashiro is an economic and public outreach associate in the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. He is responsible for conducting research on current regional economic issues in the Federal Reserve’s Third District and informing external audiences on national and regional economic conditions, monetary policy, and the role of the Federal Reserve in the economy.

Prior to joining the Bank in June 2016, Tashiro was a business analyst for Bloomberg, where he was responsible for conducting research on issues related to equity data quality. He also has substantial teaching experience, ranging from high school advanced placement economics to undergraduate intermediate Japanese and intermediate Spanish.

Tashiro has a master’s degree in economics from the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Kenyon College.
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SATURDAY, June 3, 2017

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07:30 AM – 10:30 AM

*Macmillan Learning* Continental Breakfast – Bernardine Hall Lobby
07:30 AM – 9:00 AM

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**Session S1: Saturday, June 3, 2017**
09:00 AM – 10:15 AM

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**Session S1A: International Economics**  
Bernardine Hall 201 (09:00 – 10:15 am)

Chair: **Yizhi Wang**, George Washington University

[1] China’s one-child policy has created irreversible damage: A Comprehensive Look at a Life Changing Issue  
**Jullien Searfoss**, Alvernia University

**Lawrence Maishu NGALIM**, Istanbul University

**Yizhi Wang**, George Washington University

[4] Lowering the cost for faculty who use frequent testing  
**Robert Liebler**, King’s College

**Discussants:**  
[1] **Robert Liebler**, King’s College  
[4] **Jeff Salavitarbar**, Delaware County Community College
Session S1B: Financial, Health, Education and Welfare Economics  
Bernardine Hall 203 (09:00 – 10:15 am)

Chair: **Xuebing Yang**, Penn State Altoona

[1] Determinants of Islamic Banking Growth: An Empirical Analysis  
**Tamsir Cham**, Islamic Development Bank

[2] Unemployment Insurance and Cigarette Smoking -- Evidence from the U.S.  
**Wei Fu**, Lehigh University  
**Feng Liu**, Chinese university of Hong Kong

**Xuebing Yang**, Penn State Altoona

[4] Be Bold Take Charge: A Social Entrepreneurship Approach to Reduce Health Disparities in the City of Reading, PA  
**Ada Leung**, Penn State Berks  
**James Shankweiler**, Penn State Berks  
**Lisa Weaver**, Penn State Berks

**Discussants:**  
[1] **Xuebing Yang**, Penn State Altoona  
[3] **Wei Fu**, Lehigh University  
[4] **Tamsir Cham**, Islamic Development Bank

Session S1C: Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics and Economic Development  
Bernardine Hall 205 (09:00 – 10:15 am)

Chair: **Babita Srivastava**, William Paterson University

[1] Opportunities for Andhra Pradesh (India) doing Business in Nebraska (USA)  
**Gandhi Babu Veluri**, Andhra University  
**Michael Lundeen**, Nebraska Department of Economic Development  
**Vani Kotcherlakota**, Nebraska Department of Economic Development

[2] Potential of Renewable Energy in India  
**Babita Srivastava**, William Paterson University

[3] Transitioning into a ‘Throwaway Planet’  
**John McCollough**, Lamar University
Mehmet Fatih Bayramoglu, Bulent Ecevit University
Miao He, Henan Polytechnic University

Discussants:
[1] Muse Gadisa Demie, University of New South Wales

Session S1D: Student Session 4
Bernardine Hall 209 (9:00-10:15 am)

Chair: Sunita Mondal, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Shannon Andres, Alvernia University

[2] Childhood Poverty
James Morris, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Kyle Lindberg, Alvernia University

Discussants:
[1] James Morris, Millersville University of Pennsylvania
[3] Shannon Andres, Alvernia University
General Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 3, 2017
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Bernardine Hall Lecture Hall

Our Annual Business Meeting of the General Membership of the Pennsylvania Economic Association is open to the entire membership of the PEA, including all registrants of the conference.

“Door Prizes” will be awarded!

Closing
11:45 AM
BIO

Stephanie Thomas is a lecturer in the Economics Department at Cornell University. She currently teaches courses in microeconomics, labor economics and personnel economics. Her past experience includes teaching microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory and econometrics at New York University. In 1998, Stephanie Thomas was awarded the NYU College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award, and in 1999 she was awarded the NYU Economics Society Students’ Appreciation Award.

In addition to her undergraduate courses, she regularly teaches executive education programs on topics such as compensation, performance pay, decision making and risk management. Her experiences in executive education range from short 3-hour courses to multi-day training programs in the United States and abroad.

Stephanie Thomas’s teaching philosophy centers on presenting complex concepts in an intuitive manner and demonstrating the relevance of those concepts to real-world issues. In all of her classes, she incorporates active learning techniques encompassing a variety of learning styles, relying on her LMS and supplemental technologies to engage students and bring the course materials to life. MindTap has allowed her to create an array of materials that match any learning style, helping her students succeed.

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