

**2026 MEAs – Chicago (Magnificent Mile!), Illinois
AERE Organized Sessions**

- I Air Pollution (1X): Friday, March 20, 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Session Chair: Anna Klis, Northern Illinois University, aklis@niu.edu
- “Bad Air Days: Pollution, Forecasts, and Consumer Shopping Behavior”
 - **Qingyin Cai, Louisiana State University**
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 - Discussant: Jaeyong Han, Arizona State University
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 - “Strategic Local Regulators and the Efficacy of Uniform Pollution Standards”
 - **Neha Khanna, Binghamton University**
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 - Discussant: Sareh Vosooghi, KU Leuven
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 - “As the Wind Blows: Dispersing the Environmental Benefits of Electric Vehicles”
 - **Yilan Xu, University of Illinois**
Yi Huang, Nanjing Audi University
Xiaoyi Han, Xiamen University
Linlin Fan, Pennsylvania State University
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 - Discussant: Karen Maguire, USDA-ERS
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 - “Particulate Matter Pollution and Crime: Insights from Seasonal Weather Changes and Comprehensive Indian Court Records”
 - **Linh Pham, Lake Forest College**
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 - Discussant: Debra Israel, Indiana State University
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 - “Airborne Disruptions: The Educational Consequences of Wildfire Smoke in California”
 - **Tamara Sheldon, University of South Carolina**
Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, University of California, Merced
Crystal Zhan, University of South Carolina
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 - Discussant: Jamie Hansen-Lewis, University of California, Davis
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- II Water (2X): Friday, March 20, 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Session Chair: Simanti Banerjee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, banerjee@unl.edu
- “Lost Power, Lost Value: Economic Costs of Dam Water Bypass.”
 - **Ao Yu, Argonne National Laboratory**
Matija Pavicevic, Argonne National Laboratory
Quentin Ploussard, Argonne National Laboratory
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 - Discussant: Allen Bellas, Metro State University
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 - “Quantifying Demand for Flood Mitigation Behavior: Evidence from Online Search Queries.”
 - **Mythili Vinnakota, Institute for Policy Integrity, NYU School of Law**
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 - Discussant: Qingyin Cai, Louisiana State University
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 - “Chemical Contamination, Fishing and the Benefits of Restoration Actions.”
 - **Richard Melstrom, Loyola University Chicago**
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 - Discussant: Chen Qing, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
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 - “Water Scarcity Management and Housing Markets: Evidence from Water Impact Fees in Colorado.”
 - **Benjamin Edelstein, Loyola University Chicago**
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 - Discussant: Dylan Brewer, Georgia Institute of Technology
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 - “Property Value Impacts of Flood Buyouts: Checkerboard Effect, Flood Risk, and Green Space.”
 - **Emma Donnelly, Purdue University**
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 - Discussant: Niaoniao You, University of Michigan
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- III Politics & Regulation (3X): Friday, March 20, 1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Session Chair: Allen Bellas, Metro State University, allen.bellas@metrostate.edu
- “Partisan Differences in Natural Hazard Risk: Evidence from Registered Voters in Florida”
 - **Haoluan Wang, University of Miami**
Phillip Khaskin, University of Florida
Xinde Ji, University of Florida
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 - Discussant: Rafia Zaman, Duke University
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 - “How State Elections Matter: Insights from Environmental Patents in the United States”
 - **Dibyajyoti Sinha, University of Akron**
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 - Discussant: Neha Khanna, Binghamton University
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 - “Political Connections and Energy Regulations: How Firms Distort Environmental Policies”
 - **Tanaya Shubhangi, Washington State University**
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 - Discussant: Sanjana Ghosh, Northwestern University
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 - “From Domestic Pressure to Linking Climate Coalitions”
 - **Sareh Vosooghi, KU Leuven**
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 - Discussant: Diego Cardoso, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
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 - “Losing the Shield: How Political Connections Shape Environmental Enforcement”
 - **Sanjana Ghosh, Northwestern University**
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 - Discussant: Emma Donnelly, Purdue University
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IV Panel: Branching Out – AI and Technology’s Role in Environmental Economics Education
(4X): Friday, March 20, 3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session Chairs: Anna Klis, Allen Bellas, Richard Melstrom, & Simanti Banerjee

Panel Participants:

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- Haoluan Wang, University of Miami, Haoluan.wang@miami.edu
- Lonnie Hobbs, Kansas State University, lhobbs@ksu.edu

- V Agriculture (5X): Saturday, March 21, 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Session Chair: Daniel Karney, Ohio University, karney@ohio.edu
- “Climate Change and Crop Choice: Evidence from a Global Panel”
 - **Andrew Hultgren, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**
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 - Discussant: Linh Pham, Lake Forest College
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 - “Farmers Going Solar: Who and Where are Farms Using Small-Scale Solar Panels?”
 - **Karen Maguire, USDA-ERS**
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 - Discussant: Simanti Banerjee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
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 - “County-Level U.S. Grain Trade: Economically Consistent Downscaling and Climate-Informed Forecasts”
 - **Chen Qing, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**
 - Sandy Dall’erba, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
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 - Discussant: Ao Yu, Argonne National Laboratory
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 - “Behavioral Rules and Anticipatory Resilience in Irrigation Commons: Experimental Evidence from Northern Bangladesh”
 - **Rafia Zaman, Duke University**
 - Marc Jeuland, Duke University
 - Atonu Rabbani, Dhaka University
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 - Discussant: Mythili Vinnakota, Institute for Policy Integrity, NYU School of Law
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VI Shocks & Disasters (6X): Saturday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Session Chair: Haoluan Wang, University of Miami, haoluan.wang@miami.edu

- “The Long-Term Labor Market Effects of the BP Oil Spill”
 - **Christopher Clapp, University of Chicago**
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 - Discussant: Tamara Sheldon, University of South Carolina
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- “Distributional Impacts of Updating Flood Risk Information”
 - **Jesse Gourevitch, Environmental Defense Fund**
Stephen Billings, University of Colorado-Boulder
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 - Discussant: Alex Yu, Wake Forest University
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- “Spatial Analysis of Temperature Impact on GDP Levels and Growth Effect: Subnational Data in the United States”
 - **Gabriela Mundaca, University of Delaware**
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 - Discussant: Daniel Karney, Ohio University
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VII WTP & Valuation Measures (7X): Saturday, March 21, 1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Session Chair: Karen Maguire, USDA-ERS, karen.maguire2@usda.gov

- “Not Just a Radom Forest: Using Bayesian Additive Regression Trees to Estimate Willingness to Pay to Protect Critical Habitat”
 - **Brian Vander Naald, Drake University**
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 - Discussant: Isla Globus-Harris, Colgate University
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- “Just a Cat, No Hat: A Contingent Valuation of the Value of a Statistical Cat Life (VSCL)”
 - **Lea-Rachel Kosnik, University of Missouri-St. Louis**
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- “In My Backyard? Really? The Impact of Information Provision on Pollution Avoidance”
 - **Jaeyong Han, Arizona State University**
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 - Discussant: Khyati Malik, National Bureau of Economic Research
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- “The Degree of Global Professional Consensus in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics”
 - **Simanti Banerjee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
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 - Discussant: Andrew Hultgren, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
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VIII Health and the Environment (8X): Saturday, March 21, 3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session Chair: Emma Donnelly, Purdue University, donnel26@purdue.edu

- “The Impact of Environmental Exposures on Human Performance: Evidence from 837,000 Chicago Marathon Times”
 - **Dylan Brewer, Georgia Institute of Technology**
Marta Westerstahl, University of Pennsylvania
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 - Discussant: Christopher Clapp, University of Chicago
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- “No Pain, No Gain? Mining Pollution and Morbidity”
 - **Odmaa Narantungalag, Davidson College**
Syed Hasan, Massey University
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 - Discussant: Richard Melstrom, Loyola University Chicago
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- “Infant Health in the Age of Megafires: Evidence from U.S. Wildfire Smoke Exposure”
 - **Jamie Hansen-Lewis, University of California, Davis**
Laura Alcocer Quinones, University of California, Davis
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 - Discussant: Haoluan Wang, University of Miami
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- “Birth Outcomes and Drinking Water Regulation: Evaluating the Impact of Arsenic Standards in California”
 - **Gabriel Lara, Hazen and Sawyer**
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Maura Allaire, Arizona State University
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IX Carbon Emissions and Climate Change (9X): Sunday, March 22, 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Session Chair: Dylan Brewer, Georgia Institute of Technology, brewer@gatech.edu

- “General Equilibrium Effects of Carbon Offsets”
 - **Isla Globus-Harris, Colgate University**
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 - Discussant: Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology
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- “Ramping Up Emissions? The Implications of Intermittent Renewables for Thermal Power Plant Pollution”
 - **Khyati Malik, National Bureau of Economic Research**
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 - Discussant: Madeline Yozwiak, Carnegie Mellon University
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- “Smoggy Instruments: A Breath of Bias in Air Pollution Impact Studies”
 - **Alex Yu, Wake Forest University**
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 - Discussant: Yilan Xu, University of Illinois
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- “Carbon Footprint of Place-Based Economic Policies”
 - **Sayahnika Basu, James Madison University**
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 - Discussant: Dibyajyoti Sinha, University of Akron
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- “Beyond Population Growth: How Fertility Shapes Household Carbon Footprints”
 - **Niaoniao You, University of Michigan**
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- X Taxes, Taxes, Taxes (10X): Sunday, March 22, 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Session Chair: Richard Melstrom, Loyola University Chicago, rmelstrom@luc.edu
- “The Effect of U.S. Federal Production Tax Credits on Negative Prices in Electricity Markets”
 - **Daniel Karney, Ohio University**
Erik Johnson, Carthage College
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 - Discussant: Benjamin Edelstein, Loyola University Chicago
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 - “The Effects of Oil Production Taxes: Evidence from the US Royalty Relief Program”
 - **Diego Cardoso, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**
Julien Daubanes, Technical University of Denmark
Erik Katovich, University of Connecticut
Pritam Saha, University of Geneva
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 - Discussant: Anna Klis, Northern Illinois University
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 - “The Law and Economics of Tradeable Satellite Debris Permit Market Design”
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 - Discussant: Joshua Hilton, Grand Valley State University
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 - “The Distributional Impact of Fuel Subsidy Reform in Bolivia”
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