



American Economic Association

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Dear Journalist Friends:

Welcome to the annual meetings of the American Economic Association (AEA). This gathering has always attracted interest from economics and business journalists, and this year's program includes many newsworthy panels and papers as well. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio, TX at the [2024 ASSA Conference!](#)

Please check the ASSA [program](#) to review more than 500 scheduled sessions and events. There you will be able to search by title (session or paper), last name, or *Journal of Economic Literature* classification code to locate events of interest. An all-in-one ASSA [mobile app](#) allows you to build a schedule, locate participants, take session notes, and more. A conference registration ID and password are required to access the mobile app.

I have provided some key highlights for your consideration:

- **AEA Excellence Awards and Distinguished Lecture: Friday, January 5 at 4:45–6:00pm (CST)**

This year's lecturer, **Michael Greenstone (University of Chicago)**, will present "The Economics of the Global Energy Challenge." Presiding: **Janet Currie (Princeton University)**

- **AEA Awards Ceremony and the Presidential Address: Saturday, January 6 at 4:40–6:00pm (CST)**

The star attraction of the awards ceremony is the presentation of the **John Bates Clark Medal**, awarded annually to the person under 40 who has made the most significant contribution to economic thought and knowledge. This year's winner is **Gabriel Zucman (University of California, Berkeley)**. The AEA will also recognize the 2024 Distinguished Fellows and announce other prestigious awards. Presiding: **Janet Currie (Princeton University)**

The presidential address occurs immediately following the awards ceremony. **Susan Athey (Stanford University)**, is presenting "Design and Analysis of Complex Experiments to Evaluate Social Impact." Presiding: **Janet Currie (Princeton University)**

- **AEA/American Finance Association Joint Luncheon—Fee event: Friday, January 5 at 12:30–2:15pm (CST)**

Presiding: **Markus Brunnermeier (Princeton University)**. The lecture features **Ivan Werning (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)**, speaking on "Inflation."

There is also a full lineup of speeches and panel discussions on current economic events, including:

Friday, January 5

8:00–10:00am (CST)

“Global Value Chains and Inflation”

Chair: **David Weinstein (Columbia University)**. Organizer: **Mary Amity (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)**

10:15am–12:15pm (CST)

“Economics of Gender in the Economics Profession”

Chair: **Francisca Antman (University of Colorado)**. Organizer: **Orgul Ozturk (University of South Carolina)**

Discussant(s): **Danila Serra, Joyce Jacobsen, Shulamit Kahn, and Shaianne Osterreich**

10:15am–12:15pm (CST)

“Becoming an Effective Bystander in the Profession”

Moderator: **Christina Romer (University of California-Berkeley)**

Panelist: **Susanna Borgelt**

2:30–4:30pm (CST)

“Where the Economy Is Headed”

Moderator: **Catherine Rampell (Washington Post)**

Panelist(s): **Cecilia Rouse, Emi Nakamura, James Hines, and Janice Eberly**

2:30–4:30pm (CST)

“Working to Change the Climate in Economics”

Moderator: **Janet Currie (Princeton University)**

Panelist(s): **Marianne Bertrand, Anusha Chari, and Nnena Odim**

Saturday, January 6

8:00–10:00am (CST)

“Understanding the Return of Inflation”

Chair: **Stephanie Schmitt-Grohé (Columbia University)**. Discussant(s): **Jón Steinsson, John Cochrane, Karel Mertens, and Francesco Bianchi**

8:00–10:00am (CST)

“New Perspectives on the Economics of Mental Health”

Chair: **Janet Currie (Princeton University)**. Discussant(s): **Prashant Bharadwaj, Amitabh Chandra, and Janet Currie**

10:15am–12:15pm (CST)

“Economics of Gun Violence”

Chair: **Janet Currie (Princeton University)**. Discussant(s): **Prashant Bharadwaj, Jennifer L. Doleac, and Vicki Bogan**

10:15am–12:15pm (CST)

“Racial Aspects of Economic Disparities”

Chair: **Ellora Derenoncourt (Princeton University)**. Discussant(s): **Kevin Lang, Dania Francis, and Robert Margo**

The sessions above are only a small sample of the many opportunities to attend talks about relevant and important topics. Remember to check out the program for a complete listing. There will be several livestream sessions available at <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/livecasts/2024>, including many of those listed above.

You can find additional meeting information on the [ASSA registration](#) pages on our website or follow us on X (formerly known as Twitter) [@ASSAMeeting](#) to receive program updates and other developments before and during the meeting.

Access quick overview information about American Economic Association programs and activities via these links to the [AEA Fact Sheet](#), the [AEA Spotlight PDF](#), on the [AEA Brochures](#) page, or at the [AEA website](#).

I hope you enjoy the conference and I welcome your feedback!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Rousseau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Peter L. Rousseau
Secretary-Treasurer