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Name Tag Decoding

Maroon footer	Mentee
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Program at a Glance

Monday, July 6	**All events at Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St**
before 3 pm	Check in (or at least drop off your luggage) at Hotel Zachary, 3630 N Clark St
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Registration at Center on Halsted: Pick up your name tag and merch
3:00 - 5:30 pm	1, Conference Kick-Off, 3rd floor
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Break and Book Signing with Mike Martell and Leanne Roncolato, 3rd floor
6:00 - 8:30 pm	Meet & Greet Reception & Dinner, 3rd floor Terrace and Reception Hall
Tuesday, July 7	**All events at Center on Halsted3656 N. Halsted St**
7:30 - 8:00 am	Walk to Center on Halsted
8:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast at Center on Halsted, 3rd floor
8:30 - 9:00 am	2, Welcome Session with AEA President Katharine Abraham, 3rd floor
9:00 - 10:30 am	3, Being Queer in Economics, 3rd floor
10:30 - 10:45 am	Group Photo, 3rd floor (Terrace if weather allows)
10:45 - 11:00 am	Break, you can head outside for some fresh air
11:00 - 2:00 pm	4, Working Lunch & Research Feedback, Various Locations as listed on page 4
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 - 3:45 pm	5, The Current Job Market: Being Ready to Pivot, with John Cawley, 3rd floor
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 - 4:45 pm	6A, Resilience: Those Who Navigated 2025-26 Job Market, 3rd floor
4:45 - 5:00 pm	Break
5:00 - 5:45 pm	6B, Resilience: Those Who Navigated Other Challenging Job Situations, 3rd floor
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Reception & Dinner, 3rd floor Terrace and Reception Hall
Wednesday, July 8	**All events at Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St**
7:30 - 8:00 am	Walk to Center on Halsted
8:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast, 3rd floor
8:30 - 10:00 am	7, Concurrent Sessions 7A, Mentees: Job Market Prep: Getting Yourself Ready, 3rd floor 7B, Mentors: Career Advancement in Academic Settings, Room 200
10:00 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 - 12:00 pm	8, Concurrent Sessions 8A, Parenting and More, 3rd floor 8B, International Perspectives, Room 202 8C, Understanding Academic Publication, Room 200
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch, eat inside or outside. Themed tables available.
1:00 - 2:30 pm	9, Concurrent Sessions 9A, Careers in Nonacademic Settings, Room 200 9B, Teaching, Advising, & Mentoring, 3rd floor 9C, Pop-Up Session (Suggest topics to Kitt before Wednesday), Room 202
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 - 4:30 pm	10, Closing Session, yesterday's locations, then 3rd floor 3:00 - 3:30, with your small group, Various Locations as listed on page 9 3:30 - 4:30, with everyone , 3rd floor
4:30	Adjourn and depart

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Land Acknowledgment

The City of Chicago is located on land that is and has long been a center for Native peoples. The area is the traditional homelands of the Anishinaabe, or the Council of the Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations. Many other Nations consider this area their traditional homeland, including the Myaamia, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sac and Fox, Peoria, Kaskaskia, Wea, Kickapoo, and Mascouten. The City specifically acknowledges the contributions of Kitihawa of the Potawatomi in fostering the community that has become Chicago. CSQIEP joins the City of Chicago in acknowledging all Native peoples who came before us and who continue to contribute to Chicago.

Conference Co-organizers

Kitt Carpenter, Vanderbilt University
Ben Harrell, Trinity University
Martha Olney, University of California, Berkeley

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