

2023 K-State Economics Alumni Conference

This conference is organized by a group of former economics Ph.D. students and aims to strengthen the connection between the department and the alumni, among the alumni themselves, and to provide a forum for graduate students to gain research insights and job market advice. The conference will be held online via Zoom on Saturday August 12, 2023 from 8:00am to 10:45am. If you are interested in attending, please respond to Tyson Thomas (tathomas@mckendree.edu) or George Anaman (ganaman@ksu.edu). A Zoom link will be provided via email. This conference is “free” to attend.

During the conference, the alumni will share their academic and non-academic experiences to help current students better understand future career options and how to succeed in the Ph.D. job market. Moreover, the alumni could also provide valuable insight during all stages of doctoral education. Participating students would receive feedback and have opportunities to network and make connections with a diverse group of alumni in academia, industry, and government.

The conference will last three hours and be divided into the following three sections.

- a. Alumni Presentation (8:00am)
 - 3 papers and 20 minutes each (Q&A included)
- b. Student Presentation (9:00am)
 - 3 papers and 20 minutes each (Q&A included)
- c. Career Development Panel/Q&A (10:00am)
 - Preparing for the job market and maintaining work/life balance

Organizing Committee

- Dr. Tyson Thomas, Associate Professor of Economics, McKendree University
- Dr. Elif Dilden, Assistant Professor of Economics, Rockhurst University
- Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Ahmed, Assistant Professor of Economics, Texas State University
- Dr. Jules Yimga, Associate Professor of Economics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Dr. Xin (Jessie) Xie, Associate Professor of Economics, East Tennessee State University
- George Anaman, Ph.D. candidate, Kansas State University

Call for Papers (for alumni):

The Economics Department of Kansas State University invites its former Ph.D. students to submit an abstract for a paper to be presented at its inaugural alumni conference, to be held virtually on August 12, 2023. Submissions in all economic fields are welcome. Both theoretical and empirical research are highly encouraged.

Conference Mode

In view of the current pandemic and future uncertainty, the conference will be held virtually. A meeting link will be sent as the date approaches.

Extensive Abstract Submission Instructions

➤ Where to submit it?

Please email your extended abstract to Dr. Tyson Thomas (tathomas@mckendree.edu).

➤ Extended Abstract format

The extended abstract is around 450 words long. The format requires a structured abstract, which includes:

- A concise description of the purpose of the research
- A brief introduction of your research design, methodology, or approach
- A description of your (expected) research findings
- A summary of the originality/contribution of your research paper
- A list of literature references that are most pertinent to your research

Important Dates

➤ Submissions and notifications

- Abstract submission deadline: July 1, 2023
- Acceptance notification: by July 15, 2023
- Full paper submission deadline: July 30, 2023. The paper will only be circulated among conference participants

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