



## **American Economic Association**

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Dear Members of the Press,

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 annual meeting of the American Economic Association (AEA). This year's program includes many newsworthy panels and papers.

For your consideration, see key events and daily highlights below. These are only a small sample of the many conference events and sessions covering important and timely topics.

Please visit [www.aeaweb.org/conference](http://www.aeaweb.org/conference) to view the ASSA program, download the ASSA event app, and explore the AEA program highlights. During the conference, you will also find helpful information on Bluesky ([@assameeting](https://bsky.app/profile/assameeting)) and X ([@assameeting](https://twitter.com/assameeting)).

I hope you enjoy the conference and I welcome your feedback! If you have any questions, please contact [assa@aeaweb.org](mailto:assa@aeaweb.org).

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Peter L. Rousseau  
Secretary-Treasurer

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### **AEA/AFA Joint Luncheon**

**Saturday, January 3, 12:30 PM–2:15 PM**

The 2026 AEA/AFA Joint Luncheon will feature a lecture entitled "Household Finance in Action" by Tarun Ramadorai, Imperial College London. Katharine G. Abraham, University of Maryland, presiding.

### **AEA Excellence Awards and Distinguished Lecture**

**Saturday, January 3, 4:45 PM–6:00 PM**

Leah Boustan, Yale University, will present the 2026 Distinguished Lecture, "Where Are the Streets of Gold? Immigrant Assimilation in the US and Europe." Katharine G. Abraham, University of Maryland, presiding.



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### **CSWEP Reception to Honor the Inaugural Janet L. Yellen Award for Excellence in Public Service**

**Saturday, January 3, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM**

The newly created Janet L. Yellen Award for Excellence in Public Service honors leadership that advances the public good through service in government, university administration, or the private sector. In recognition of her trailblazing career and lasting impact on the economics profession, the prize this year will be given to Janet Yellen herself. A reception will be held by the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession.

### **AEA Awards Ceremony and the Presidential Address**

**Sunday, January 4, 4:40 PM–6:00 PM**

The awards ceremony presents the John Bates Clark Award and the Distinguished Service Award and recognizes the 2025 Distinguished Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members. The winner of the 2025 John Bates Clark Award is Stefanie Stantcheva, Harvard University. Immediately following the awards ceremony, Lawrence Katz, Harvard University, will deliver the 2026 Presidential Address, "Neighborhood Effects and the Missing Market for Opportunity." Katharine G. Abraham, University of Maryland, presiding.

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### **Saturday, January 3**

**8:00 AM–10:00 AM**

**Work Requirements in Transfer Programs**

Chair: Tom Buchmueller (University of Michigan). Discussants: Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, Marianne Bitler, Robert Moffitt, and Lara Shore-Sheppard

**10:15 AM–12:15 PM**

**The Dollar after the Tariff War**

Chair: Martin Uribe (Columbia University). Discussants: Alessandro Dovis, Linda Tesar, and Maurice Obstfeld

**2:30 PM–4:30 PM**

**AI and Productivity: Is This Time Different?**

Chair: Karen Dynan (Harvard University). Discussants: Timothy DeStefano, Anton Korinek, Chad Syverson, and Bart van Ark



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Measuring Development: New Tools

Chair: Pascaline Dupas (Princeton University). Discussants: Stephan Heblich, Christopher Barrett, James Foster, and Noam Angrist

10:15 AM–12:15 PM

Work-from-Home in Transition: Adoption, Persistence, and Labor Market Impacts

Chair: Erik Brynjolfsson (Stanford University and NBER). Presenters: Miguel Espinosa, Emma Harrington, Jose Maria Barrero, and Christos Makridis

2:30 PM–4:30 PM

Investigating Racial Inequality through Historical Data and Events

Chair: Vicki Bogan (Duke University). Discussants: Munir Squires, Suresh Naidu, Claire Celerier, and Naomi Zewde

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Monday, January 5

8:00 AM–10:00 AM

The State of Government Economic Statistics

Moderator: David Wessel (Brookings Institution). Panelists: Karen Dynan, William Beach, Loretta Mester, Seth Carpenter, and Jed Kolko

10:15 AM–12:15 PM

Legal Status and Immigrant Human Capital

Chair: Kristin Butcher (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago). Discussants: Kristin Butcher, Chloe East, Na'ama Shenhav, and Julia Zhu

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Intangible Capital

Chair: Nicolas Crouzet (Northwestern University). Discussants: Laura Veldkamp, Lawrence D.W. Schmidt, and Thomas Winberry