Northwestern Macro Conference
May 18-19, 2018
Kellogg Global Hub
Room 5101
Evanston, IL

Friday, May 18
9:30-10:30  No Flying Cars but 140 IPAs: Productivity Growth in the Brand Economy (with Gagnon, Gruber, and Hottman)
Presenter: Rob Vigfusson, Discussant: Nicolas Vincent

10:30-11:30  Secular Stagnation, Technological Change and the Relationship with Productivity
Presenter: Michelle Alexopolous, Discussant: Titan Alon

11:30-12:30  Intermediation as Rent Extraction
Presenter: Guido Menzio, Discussant: Ralf Meisenzahl

12:30-1:30  Lunch

1:30-2:30  Mortgage Choices and Rapid Housing Price Appreciation (with Barlevy)
Presenter: Jonas Fisher, Discussant: Sena Coskun

2:30-3:30  Discretion Rather than Rules: Equilibrium Uniqueness and Forward Guidance with Inconsistent Optimal Plans (with Weber)
Presenter: Jeff Campbell, Discussant: Roc Armenter

3:30-4:30  Economic Agents as Imperfect Problem Solvers
Presenter: Cosmin Ilut, Discussant: Martin Bodenstein

Presenter: Matthias Kehrig, Discussant: Chris Gust

5:30-  Dinner

Format will be 30 minutes for presenters, 10 minutes for discussants, 10 minutes for general discussion, and 10 minutes as a buffer/break between presentations.
Saturday, May 19

9:30-10:30  *Stock Market Cross-Section Skewness and Business Cycle Fluctuations*  
Presenter: Thiago Ferreira, Discussant: Victor Luo

10:30-11:30  *Competitive or Random Search* (with Maibom and Moen)  
Presenter: Rasmus Lentz, Discussant: Ben Johannsen

11:30-12:30  *A Monetary-Fiscal Theory of the Price Level*  
Presenter: David Miller, Discussant: Gideon Bornstein

12:30-1:30  *Lunch*

1:30-2:30  *Synchronization and Bias in a Simple Macroeconomic Model*  
Presenter: Assaf Patir, Discussant: Joao Guerriero

2:30-3:30  *Bubbly Recessions*  
Presenter: Toan Phan, Discussant: Riccardo Masolo

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