

AERE 2025 Fall Virtual Workshop Agenda

The workshop, "Weather Extremes, Natural Disasters, and Insurance: Research and Policy Issues," ran October 23–24, 2025, and was organized by Margaret Walls and Will Wheeler.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

1:00 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

Session 1 - 1:05–2:10 p.m. Insurability in a Warming World

- Speaker: Carolyn Kousky (Associate Vice-President, Economics and Policy Analysis, Environmental Defense Fund)

Session 2 - 2:20–3:20 p.m. Floods, Hurricanes, and Sea Level Rise

Moderator: Tatyana Deryugina (University of Illinois)

- Hannah Druckenmiller (California Institute of Technology), "Buyer Aversion to Flood-Resistant Homes" (with Jaimie Choi, Billy Babis, and Michael Toman)
- Miyuki Hino (University of North Carolina), "Impacts of Sea Level Rise and Storms on Residential Migration in North Carolina"
- Laura Bakkensen (University of Oregon), "Shifting the Load: How Debt Crowds Out Flood Insurance" (with John Bailey Jones, Toàn Phan, and Tsz-Nga Wong)

Session 3 - 3:30–4:30 p.m. Insurance

Moderator: Yanjun (Penny) Liao (Resources for the Future)

- Joakim Weill (Federal Reserve Board), "Pricing Protection: Credit Scores, Disaster Risk, and Home Insurance Affordability" (with Joshua Blonz and Mallick Hossain)
- Ana-Maria Tenekedjieva (Federal Reserve Board), "The Limits of Insurance Demand and the Growing Protection Gap" (with Pari Sastry, Tess Scharlemann, and Ishita Sen)
- Philip Mulder (University of Wisconsin), "Coverage Neglect in Homeowners Insurance" (with Tony Cookson and Emily Gallagher)

Friday, October 24, 2025

1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks

Session 1 - 1:00–2:10 p.m. Egg-timers: Short Talks on Disasters and Climate Change

Moderator: Maximilian Auffhammer (University of California, Berkeley)

- Tarikua Erda (NYU Stern School of Business), "Disasters, Capital and Productivity"
- Jacob Gellman (Oregon State University), "The Cost of Hurricane Evacuations" (with Hannah Hennighausen, Brett Watson, and Kevin Berry)
- Seunghoon Lee (University of Missouri), "Beyond Asset Losses: Estimating the Economic Cost of Floods" (with Xibo Wan and Siqi Zheng)

- Frederick Strabo (University of California, Davis), "Wildfire Damages and the Cost-Effective Role of Forest Fuel Treatments" (with Calvin Bryan and Matthew Reimer)
- Rachel Young (University of Minnesota), "Limited Migration from Tropical Cyclones in the United States" (with Katie Kolodner and Michael Oppenheimer)
- Andrew Earle (East Carolina University), "Practical Considerations When Using Wildfire Smoke Data in Economic Analyses" (with Elise Breshears and Dylan Brewer)

Session 2 - 2:20–3:20 p.m. Climate Change Economics Research and the Press: A Conversation With Washington Post Reporter Anna Phillips

- Speaker: Anna Phillips (Washington Post)

Session 3 - 3:30–4:30 p.m. Wildfires

Moderator: Marshall Burke (Stanford University)

- Lala Ma (University of Kentucky), "Sorting over Wildfire Risks" (with Matthew Wibbenmeyer, Emily Joiner, and Margaret Walls)
- Patrick Baylis (University of British Columbia), "Incentivizing Self-Protection from Wildfires" (with Juddson Boomhower and Bob Horton)
- Crystal Zhan (University of South Carolina), "Wildfires, Smoke Pollution, and Household Purchasing Behavior" (with Tamara Sheldon)

4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks