



2026 AEA Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference

Le Méridien Washington, D.C., The Madison
1177 15TH STREET NW,
WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, USA,
20005

July 10th- 11th, 2026



THURSDAY, JULY 9TH

**AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS AND OPENING RECEPTION
AT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
*REGISTERED GUESTS ONLY**

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

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Time	Activity	Speaker / Panelists
8:00-9:00AM	Breakfast	
9:00-9:15AM	Welcome, introductions, goals for the day	Fenaba Addo and Fernando Lozano, AEAMP Co-Directors/Vicki Bogan and Jose Fernandez, CSMGEP Co-Directors
9:15-10:00AM	Session 1	<i>Mentor/Mentee Relationships feat. AEAMP Impactful Mentor Award Winners</i> Moderator: Vicki Bogan Sarah Jacobson Colin Cannonier Elizabeth Asiedu Omari Swinton
10:00-10:45AM	Session 2	<i>Grad Session I</i> Moderator: Zadia Feliciano Matthew McKetty
10:45-11:00AM	Morning break	
11:00-11:45AM	Session 3	<i>Randomized Evaluations in Social Policy and Career Panel</i> Gerald Daniels Sarah Sahni Amanda Lee



11:45–12:15PM	Session 4	<i>AI/Heterodox Panel on Teaching and Research</i> Moderator: Angelino Viceisza Di Wu Jessica Reyes
12:15–1:30PM	Lunch	<i>Lewis-Oaxaca Lecture</i> Dr. Ebonya Washington Moderator: Arkey Barnett
1:30–2:15PM	Session 5	<i>Grad Session II</i> Moderator: Karla Cordova Tiffany Ho Uyanga Byambaa
2:15–3:00PM	Session 6	<i>Non-Academic/Government Careers Panel</i> Moderator: Marquise McGraw Valerie Wilson Kristen E. Broady Patrick Lapid Nzinga Broussard Polo Soto
3:00–3:15PM	Afternoon break	
3:15- 4:00PM	Session 7	<i>Grad Session III</i> Moderator: Phanindra Wunnava Monroe Gamble Kayla Jones Mark Sheppard
4:00-4:45PM	Session 8	<i>AFA panel; Finance Jobs in Academia</i> Justin Birru
5:00-6:00PM	Informal Networking and Poster Session	AEASP Students
6:00 - 8:00PM	Reception/ Dinner	<i>Cecilia A. Conrad Impactful Mentor Award</i> Colin Cannonier Sarah Jacobson



SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

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Time	Activity	Speaker / Panelists
8:15–8:50AM	Day #2 overview/ Breakfast	
8:50–9:35AM	Session 1	<i>Grad Session I</i> Moderator: EJ Ume Dayanara Diaz Vargas
9:35–10:20AM	Session 2	<i>Grad Session II</i> Moderator: Marcus Casey Teresita Cruz Vital Roxana Gonzalez
10:20–11:05AM	Session 3	<i>Grad Session III</i> Moderator: Salvator Contreras Kaythari Maw Vaasavi Unnava
11:05–11:50AM	Session 4	<i>Choosing a Graduate School</i> Moderator: Maria Zhu Kaythari Maw Zohal Barsi Daisy Lu Fabian Leal
11:50 AM–12:30PM	Session 5	<i>Succeeding in Graduate School</i> Moderator: Karla Cordova Mackenzie Alston Monique Davis Anderson Frailey
12:30–1:30PM	Wrap-up; Lunch	Fenaba Addo and Fernando Lozano, AEAMP Co-Directors

2026 AEA Mentoring Program

Job Market Bootcamp Mentoring Workshop

***For confirmed JMBC mentees and mentors only**

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Time	Activity
1:30 – 3:30 PM	<i>JMB Group Meetings</i> Group members give and receive feedback on research papers. Up to 30 min per paper.
3:30 – 4:15 PM	<i>Publishing Research Panel</i> Break remarks by each of the JMBC Coaches followed by Q&A.
4:15 – 5:00 PM	<i>Earning Tenure/Promotion Panel</i> Brief remarks by each of the JMBC Coaches followed by Q&A.
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<i>On Your Own until Dinner – Networking Is Encouraged!</i>
6:00 – 8:30PM	Group Dinner



The 2026 Lewis-Oaxaca Distinguished Lecturer



Ebonya Washington is the Laurans A. and Arlene Mendelson Professor of Economics and a professor of International and Public Affairs. Her research interests include the interplay of race, gender, and political representation. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the Econometric Society, and co-director of the National Bureau of Economic Research Program on Political Economy. She was also the former co-chair of the American Economic Association's Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession. Professor Washington earned her PhD in economics at MIT in 2003 and subsequently served as an assistant, associate and full professor at Yale before joining Columbia in 2022. Dr. Washington has been a devoted mentor for the AEAMP for many years. Outside of work she enjoys drawing.

Dr. Washington will be in conversation with Arkey Barnett, her mentee, for this year's lecture.



2026 Cecilia A. Conrad Impactful Mentor Award Recipient



Dr. Colin Cannonier is a Professor of Economics and Director of Faculty Fellows Program at the Jack C. Massey College of Business at Belmont University in Nashville, TN. Professor Cannonier's research explores the intersections of education, health, labor, and public policy, with a focus on economic mobility, labor market disparities, and the broader challenges affecting individual and societal well-being. His work spans workforce development, reentry programs, financial literacy, sports economics, and the economic impact of tourism, particularly in small island economies, bridging scholarly research with real-world policy application.

As co-editor of Contemporary Issues within Caribbean Economies, Dr. Cannonier has contributed to discussions on economic challenges and opportunities in the region. He has been an economic advisor to the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, offering insights on economic growth, labor market policy, and education reform. As a Research Fellow and Country Lead for St. Kitts and Nevis at the Global Labor Organization (GLO) and Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Cannonier remains actively engaged in global labor market research. He also serves on the editorial review boards of *The Review of Black Political Economy* and the *Journal for the Advancement of Developing Economies*.

Dr. Cannonier also has the distinction of having represented St. Kitts in both soccer and cricket, and went on to play professional cricket for the Leeward Islands, a sub-region of the Caribbean.

Professor Cannonier's mentorship is distinguished by its depth, consistency, and reach. From guiding postdoctoral fellows through the academic job market during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, to supporting junior scholars through tenure, to building a pipeline for economists from underrepresented groups including scholars from the Caribbean and the African diaspora; his



dedication extends far beyond any single institution or program. As a former AEAMP mentee, he embodies the program's vision of mentorship as a lasting, generative commitment. As a Board Member of the National Economic Association and Director of the Faculty Fellows Program at Belmont University Dr. Cannonier is truly invested in the profession's future.

Recommenders wrote that his mentorship was "holistic and intentional," noting that he "meticulously reviewed manuscripts, conference papers, and book chapters" while also investing in mentees' teaching, leadership development, and confidence.

One mentee shared, "Colin has always made a point to engage deeply with my work" even across entirely different research fields, adding that "not only does Colin believe in creating a pipeline for young economists from underrepresented groups to thrive in the field, he is putting in the work to make it happen."

Another wrote, "He played an instrumental role in helping his mentee secure a position" during one of the tightest job markets in recent memory, and continued advising through the tenure process, support that culminated in a successful promotion to associate professor in 2025.

Dr. Cannonier's guidance, generosity, and sustained presence in the lives of your mentees have inspired them not only to advance in their own careers but to pay it forward by mentoring the next generation. You exemplify what it means to be a mentor: a teacher, an advocate, a collaborator, and a steadfast source of encouragement.

Inaugurated in 2018, the purpose of the AEA Mentoring Program's Impactful Mentor Awards is to recognize and celebrate the excellence and impact of mentors on diversity, access, and inclusion in the economics profession. Previous Impactful Mentor Award recipients include Cecilia Conrad, William Darity, Jr., and Marie Mora (2018); Lisa D. Cook and Charles M. Becker (2019); Rhonda V. Sharpe (2020); Peter Blair Henry (2021); Omari H. Swinton (2022); Sarah Jacobson (2023); Jesse Rothstein (2024); and Elizabeth Asiedu (2025).



2026 Cecilia A. Conrad Impactful Mentor Award Recipient



Sarah Jacobson is Chair of Environmental Studies and Professor of Economics at Williams College where she holds the W. Van Alan Clark '41 Third Century Professorship in the Social Sciences. She is an environmental and behavioral economist who studies environmental regulations and interactions between preferences and institutions. Her work uses laboratory experiments, applied theory, and observational data. Themes in her research include regulatory incentive structures, punishment, deterrence, charity donations, reciprocity, rationality errors, and situations in which social preferences yield inefficient outcomes. She also designs games for teaching topics in environmental economics. Sarah engages extensively with efforts to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity in the economics profession through initiatives in her institution and in economics more broadly.

Whether mentoring undergraduates navigating post-college decisions, graduate students facing the pressures of doctoral training, or junior scholars entering the job market, Dr. Jacobson consistently shows up with care, patience, and a genuine investment in each person's long-term success. Her sustained involvement in the AEAMP through the Job Market Bootcamp, regular attendance at the AEAMP SMPC conference, and ongoing relationships with mentees well beyond formal program timelines reflects a belief that mentorship is not an obligation but a calling. That the program's community has once again put her name forward is a testament to the enduring difference she makes in the lives of those she mentors.

Recommenders describe her as someone who believes "mentoring is the most important part of her job," noting her ability to see mentees "as whole people" and to strike "a rare balance between support and empowerment."



One mentee shared, "Her consistent belief in me and my potential helped me get through hard times," and described your encouragement during moments when they could only see what wasn't going well.

Another wrote that her mentoring style involves "not simply offering advice but acting as a facilitator and helping the student come to a resolution based on their own realizations," calling her presence "warm, inviting, and affirming of competence."

Your approach to mentorship is defined by a rare combination of generosity, warmth, and empowerment. Your kindness, integrity, and quiet dedication have shaped not only individual careers but the culture of mentorship within our community. Dr. Jacobson exemplifies what it means to be a mentor: a teacher, an advocate, a listener, and a source of enduring encouragement.

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Participants

First	Last	Affiliation
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Justin	Birru	The Ohio State University
Vickie	Bogan	Duke University
Kristen E	Broady	Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Leah	Brooks	George Washington University
Nzinga	Broussard	Sorenson Impact Institute
Colin	Cannonier	Belmont University
Marcus	Casey	University of Illinois- Chicago
Karla	Cordova	Pomona College
Teresita	Cruz Vital	University of California-Berkeley
Gerald	Daniels	Howard University
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