

Canadian Labour Economics Forum (CLEF) Conference / Conférence FCET

Host Institution / Hôte : Université du Québec à Montréal

Day 1: Friday, April 17, 2026 / Jour 1 : Vendredi 17 avril 2026

8:30 – 9:10 **Registration and Continental Breakfast / Inscription et petit déjeuner**

9:10 – 9:20 **Opening Remarks**

Mikal Skuterud (University of Waterloo and CLEF Director) and Geneviève Dufour (CIRANO)

9:20 – 11:20 **SESSION 1**

Chair: Marie Connolly (UQAM)

Kourtney Koebel (University of Toronto) "[*Subsidized Child Care and the Labor Market for Caregivers*](#)" (with Xiner Xu)

Discussant: Catherine Haeck (UQAM)

Clementine van Effenterre (University of Toronto) "*Productivity under Hostility*" (with Manuela Collis)

Discussant: Nicole Fortin (University of British Columbia)

Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel (Dalhousie University) "*Breaking Barriers via Refugees: Cultural Transmission and Women's Economic Empowerment*" (with Abdurrahman Aydemir, Murat Kirdar and Belgi Turan)

Discussant: Catherine Michaud-Leclerc (Université Laval)

11:20 – 11:40 **Coffee Break / Pause café**

11:40 – 13:00 **SESSION 2**

Chair: Catherine Michaud-Leclerc (Université Laval)

Jean-Francois Gauthier (HEC Montréal) "[*Great Expectations: Responses to Current and Future Transfers for Low-Income Individuals*](#)" (with Achyuta Adhvaryu, Pamela Jakiela and Dean Karlan)

Discussant: Gabrielle Vasey (Concordia University)

Paule Olivia Akotto (Université de Sherbrooke) "*Can the Internet Reduce Child Labor? Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa*"

Discussant: Francesco Amodio (McGill University)

13:00 -14:00 **Lunch / Dîner**

14:00 – 15:20 **SESSION 3**

Chair: Michael Baker (University of Toronto)

David Green (University of British Columbia) "*Immigrant Impact on Local Labour Markets: Evidence from the Canadian International Student Expansion*" (with Mikal Skuterud and Stephen Tino)

Discussant: Chris Worswick (Carleton University)

Sam Gyetvay (UQAM) "*The effect of mobility restrictions on refugees*" (with Philipp Jaschke, Kamal Kassam and Sekou Keita)

Discussant: Jean-William Laliberté (University of Calgary)

15:20 – 15:40 **Coffee Break / Pause café**

15:40 – 17:00 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**
Chair: David Green (Stone Centre and UBC)

Ilyana Kuziemko (Princeton University) *“The Great North American Union Density Divergence”*

17:00 – 18:00 **Reception at CIRANO (all participants welcome) / Réception au CIRANO (pour tous)**

18:30 **Dinner (pre-registration required) / Souper (sur inscription), Chez Lionel**

Day 2: Saturday, April 18, 2026 / Jour 2 : Samedi 18 avril 2026

8:00 – 9:00 **Continental Breakfast / Petit déjeuner**

9:00 – 11:00 **SESSION 4: BEST PAPER PRIZE WINNERS**
Chair: Kelly Foley (University of Saskatchewan)

Abdelrahman Amer (University of Toronto) *“Monopsony in Space: Commuting & Labor Market Power”*

Sara Benetti (University of British Columbia) *“The Social Consequences of Technological Change: Evidence from U.S. Electrification and Immigrant Labor”*

Pierre-Loup Beauregard (University of British Columbia) *“It’s About Time: Social Housing, Parental Labour Supply, and Long-term Child Outcomes”*

11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee Break / Pause café**

11:20 – 12:40 **SESSION 5**
Chair: Jean-William Laliberté (University of Calgary)

Angela Zheng (McMaster University) *“From Kindergarten to College: The Impact of Education Policies over the Lifecycle”* (with Jacob Wright)

Discussant: Fernando Saltiel (McGill University)

Sean Elliott (University of Toronto) *“[Marriage, Cohabitation, and Separation: A Dynamic Approach to the Second Demographic Transition](#)”*

Discussant: Joshua Lewis (Université de Montréal)

12:40 -13:40 **Lunch / Dîner**

13:40 – 15:40 **SESSION 6**
Chair: Matias Cortes (York University)

Bentley MacLeod (Yale University) *“The Value of Worker Rights in Collective Bargaining”* (with Benjamin W. Arold, Elliott Ash and Suresh Naidu)

Discussant: Thomas Lemieux (University of British Columbia)

Andrei Munteanu (Université du Québec à Montréal) *“Malleable minds: The effects of STEM- vs. humanities-focused curricula.”*

Huju Liu (Statistics Canada) *“Skills at Work: Firm-Level Evidence on Productivity and Worker Competencies”* (with Jeannine Bailliu and Scott Murray)

Discussant: Lars Vilhuber (Cornell University)

15:40 – 15:50 **Closing Remarks, Mikal Skuterud (University of Waterloo and CLEF Director)**

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