The Research in Color Conference Schedule
Friday, August 12th, 2022, 9am – 12pm ET

Conference Theme: A Global View of Economics

Opening Address – 9:00 AM ET
Abigail Matthew (Director of Partnerships, Research in Color) and Sebastian Puerta (Research in Color Alum)
Members of the RIC Conference Planning team will provide a brief introduction to this year’s conference and its theme.

Mentee Presentations – 9:10 AM ET
Santiago Deambrosi (Research in Color Alum)
Members of the RIC Conference Planning team will introduce select mentees who will briefly present slides related to their 8-month long research projects.

Keynote Address – 10:00 AM ET
Prof. Anna Stansbury (Massachusetts Institute of Technology); Prof. Dania Francis (University of Massachusetts Boston)
Moderator: Sebastian Puerta (Research in Color Alum)
A dual keynote address during which the speakers will candidly discuss how economics can speak to diverse global issues, while also recognizing the lack of racial and socioeconomic diversity in the profession, which can hamper the depth and breadth of research and policy produced by the profession

Break – 10:30 AM ET
10-minute break

Sponsor Recognition – 10:40 AM ET
Chinemelu Okafor (President, Research in Color)
Chinemelu will take the time to thank the sponsors who have donated to and collaborated with RIC. She will discuss how the money is being used and this year’s program highlights.

Culture Panel – 10:50 AM ET
Prof. Randall Ackee (University of California, Los Angeles), Prof. Cesi Cruz (University of California, Los Angeles), Dr. Modibo Camara (University of Chicago), and Dr. Benjamin Harrell (Vanderbilt University)
Moderators: Prof. Sebastian Tello Trillo (University of Virginia) and Luis Basurto (Research in Color Alum)
Theme: The cultures within the culture: Navigating who we are within the economics profession

Global Panel – 11:20 AM ET
Prof. Melanie Morten (Stanford University), Prof. Nathan Nunn (University of British Columbia), Prof. Tavneet Suri (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), and Prof. Yang-Yang Zhou (University of British Columbia)
Moderators: Prof. Sarah Jacobson (Williams College) and Darien Kearney (Research in Color Alum)
Theme: Economics as a global tool for empowerment: How economics connects us across borders, continents, and contexts.

Congratulations and Closing Remarks – 11:50 AM ET
Chinemelu Okafor (President, Research in Color) will congratulate mentees that have completed the program and award scholarships. End with brief discussion of what the future holds for RIC.

Goodbye! – 12:00 PM ET