Sundance Conference on Monopsony in Labor Markets
Organized by Orley Ashenfelter, Henry Farber, and Michael Ransom
October 26 - 27, 2018

Friday, October 26

Session A: (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Measuring Labor Market Concentration.
Breakfast: 8:00-9:00
A1. 9:00-10:00 “Labor Market Concentration.” By Jose Azar, Ioana Marinescu, and Marshall I. Steinbaum. Presented by Ioana Marinescu
Discussant: Henry Farber
A2. 10:00-11:00 “Strong Employers and Weak Employees: How Does Employer Concentration Affect Wages?” by Efraim Benmelech, Nittai Bergman, Hyunseob Kim. Presented by Efrain Benmelech
Discussant: Jose Azar
Break: 11:00-11:15
Discussant: Orley Ashenfelter

Lunch: (12:15 PM - 1:30 PM)

Session B: (1:30 PM – 3:45 PM) Geographical Limits to Labor Market Competition
Discussant: Angus Deaton
Break: 2:30-2:45
Discussant: Ted To

Social Activity: (3:45 PM– 5:45 PM) Hike to Stewart Falls? Mountain biking?

Dinner: (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)
Saturday, October 27

Session C: (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Legal and Illegal Constraints on Mobility

Breakfast: 8:00-9:00

C1. 9:00-10:00 “Non-poaching Agreements,” by Alan Krueger and Orley Ashenfelter, Presented by Alan Krueger
Discussant: John Pencavel

C2. 10:00-11:00 “Legal Protections for Workers under Monopsonistic Competition.”
By Eric Posner and Suresh Naidu. Presented by Eric Posner
Discussant: Nancy Rose

Break: 11:00-11:15

C3. 11:15-12:15 “Locked In? The Enforceability of Covenants Not to Compete and the Careers of High-Tech Workers,” by Natarajan Balasubramanian, Jin Woo Chang, Mariko Sakakibara, Jagadeesh Sivadasan, and Evan Starr. Presented by Evan Starr
Discussant: Michael Ransom

Lunch:  (12:15 PM - 1:30 PM)

Session D: (1:30 PM – 5:00 PM) Aspects of Monopsonistic Labor Markets

D1: 1:30-2:30 “Industrial Labor Market Concentration and Income Inequality and Mobility” by Kevin Rinz. Presented by Kevin Rinz.
Discussant: Anne Case

D2: 2:30-3:30 “Labour Market Polarisation and Monopsonistic Competition” by Ronald Bachmann, Gökay Demir and Hanna Frings. Presented by Ronald Bachmann.
Discussant: Arin Dube

Break: 3:30-3:45

Discussant: David Arnold

Session E: (4:45 PM – 6:00 PM) Summary and General Discussion

Rapporteurs: Orley Ashenfelter and Alan Manning

Dinner: (6:45 PM - 9:00 PM)