

PNREC 2026--Draft Program

Tuesday, May 19

- 2:00 – 4:00 Economics Educator Workshop, Princeton Williams, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Student competition orientation
- 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Registration
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Meet and Greet Reception (Appetizers and Drink Ticket), No Host Bar

Wednesday, May 20

- 7:00 am to 7:00 pm – Registration
- 7:30 am to 8:30 am – Breakfast
- 8:30 am Welcome from Hart Hodges, PNREC Chair, and conference Co-Chairs
- 9:00 am Dr. Patrick Newport, S&P Global Market Intelligence, “U.S. National Economic Outlook”**

Panel Session 1, Wednesday 10:15 am to 11:30 am

- 1A. Labor Markets in the U.S. Pacific Northwest
- 1B. Energy I: The State of Electric Utilities in the U.S. Pacific Northwest
- 1C. Affordable Housing I

11:45 am to 1:15 pm – Lunch

12:00 noon Keynote Address – John Ricco, Yale Budget Lab, “Tariff Impacts”

Panel Session 2, 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

- 2A. Transportation Electrification
- 2B. Labor Market Topics
- 2C. Affordable Housing II

2D. Student competition presentations

3:15 pm to 3:30 pm Washington Outlook, Dr. David Reich

3:30 pm to 3:45 pm Oregon Outlook, Carl Riccadonna

3:45 pm to 4:45 pm Keynote, Jeff Allen, Forth, “Electrification”

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Reception (Appetizers and Drink Ticket), No Host Bar and Poster Session

Thursday, May 21

7:00 am to 3:00 pm – Registration

7:30 am to 8:30 am – Breakfast

8:00 am Dr. Chris Sands, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, “Canadian-U.S. Relations”

Panel Session 3, Thursday 9:15 am to 10:30 am

3A. Agriculture

3B. Energy II: “Planning for the Pacific Northwest Electricity Future”

3C. Student panel I

3D. Transportation

Panel Session 4, Thursday, 10:45 am to 12:00 noon

4A. The Calculus of Local Governance in Portland: Navigating Restricted Funds and Local Realities

4B. Economics of Hydropower

4C. Economic Inquiries

4D. Student panel II

12:15 pm Tiebout Lecture –James Bohnaker, Cushman & Wakefield, “State of Commercial Real Estate”

Session 5, Thursday 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

5A. Tariffs

5B. AI in Education

5C. Utility Dilemma and Opportunities - AI and Large Data Centers

3:00 pm to 4:45 pm Regional Outlook

Moderator: Tom Potiowsky

British Columbia, Bryan Yu, Central 1 Credit Union

Alberta, Felicia Mutheardy, City of Edmonton

Idaho, TBD

Montana, Kate Flavin, Montana Department of Labor and Industry

Alaska, Dan Stickel, Alaska Department of Revenue

Facilitated roundtable discussion

4:45 pm – Closing Ceremonies, Student Competition Winners

Hart Hodges