

PNREC 2026--Updated 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. Utility Dilemma and Opportunities - AI and Large Data Centers

1C. Affordable Housing

1D. Student presentations 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 and Economic Development

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

3:55 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 II

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

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 and Workforce Development

5C. Energy I: The State of Electric Utilities in the U.S. Pacific Northwest

5D. Economics of Transportation

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, Greg Piepmeyer, Idaho Division of Financial Management

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