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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 am	**Opening Remarks by Gary Gensler, Chairman,** **U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission**
9:15 am	**Remarks by Andrei Kirilenko,** **Chief Economist, Commodity Futures Trading Commission**
9:30 – 11:00 am	**Session 1: Commodity Index Trading** Chair: Wei Xiong, Princeton University
9:30 am	Kenneth J. Singleton, Stanford University <u>Investor Flows and the 2008 Boom/Bust in Oil Prices</u>
	Discussant: Albert S. "Pete" Kyle, University of Maryland
10:00 am	Scott Irwin, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign <u>Testing the Masters Hypothesis in Commodity Futures Markets</u>
	Discussant: James Hamilton, University of California, San Diego
10:30 am	Celso Brunetti, Johns Hopkins University <u>Commodity Index Trading and Hedging Costs</u>
	Discussant: Ing-Haw Cheng, University of Michigan
11:00 am	**Break**
11:15 – 12:45 pm	**Session 2: Market Sentiment** Chair: Kenneth J. Singleton, Stanford University
11:15 am	Lin Gao, Swiss Institute of Banking and Finance <u>Market Sentiment in Commodity Futures Returns</u>
	Discussant: Kris Jacobs, University of Houston

11:45 am	Xuhui Pan, McGill University Investors' Beliefs and State Price Density in the Crude Oil Market Discussant: Kenneth J. Singleton, Stanford University
12:15 pm	Hyun Shin, Princeton University Balance Sheet Capacity and Endogenous Risk Discussant: Wei Xiong, Princeton University
12:45 pm	**Lunch**
	Session 3: Hedging and Arbitrage Chair: Hyun Shin, Princeton University
2:00 pm	Lars Lochstoer, New York University Limits to Arbitrage and Hedging: Evidence from Commodity Markets Discussant: Raymond "Pat" Fishe, University of Richmond
2:30 pm	Michel Robe, American University Fundamentals, Trader Activity and Derivative Pricing Discussant: Bryan Routledge, Carnegie Mellon University
3:00 pm	Motohiro Yogo, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis What Does Futures Market Interest Tell Us about the Macroeconomy and Asset Prices? Discussant: Robert Vigfusson, Federal Reserve Board
3:30 pm	Yoichi Otsubo, Luxembourg School of Finance The Market Microstructure of the European Climate Exchange Discussant: Pradeep Yadav, University of Oklahoma
4:00 pm	Adjourn
4:30 pm	**Reception (venue TBD)**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

8:45 am	**Opening remarks by Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration**
9:00 – 11:00 am	**Joint EIA-CFTC Panel** Chair: James Smith, Southern Methodist University Ine Van Robays, Ghent University <u>Do Financial Investors Destabilize the Oil Price?</u> Fan Chen, University of Oklahoma <u>Energy Futures Prices and Drilling Activity</u> James Hamilton, University of California, San Diego <u>Crude Oil</u> Sheridan Titman, University of Texas, Austin <u>Crack Spreads</u>
11:00 am	**Break**
11:15 am	**Opening remarks by Laurian Unnevehr, Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture**
11:30 – 1:30 pm	**Joint ERS-CFTC Panel** Chair: Sally Thompson, Economic Research Service, USDA Aaron Smith, University of California, Davis <u>Futures Market Failure</u> Randy Fortenbery, Washington State University <u>Speculative Influence in Thin Markets: The Case of Dairy</u> Brian Wright, University of California, Berkeley <u>On the Economics of Grain Price Volatility</u> Wei Xiong, Princeton University <u>The Seismology of Commodity Futures Markets</u>
1:30 pm	**Closing Remarks** Andrei Kirilenko, CFTC
1:45 pm	**Adjourn**