

October 20-21, 2023

Privacy and Data Governance:

Implications for Statistical and Econometric Research

Venue: David Rubenstein Forum at the University of Chicago 1201 E 60th St, Chicago, IL 60637

Conference Program

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Conference Summary

In accordance with the Foundations for Evidence Based Policymaking Act of 2018, federal statistical agencies have sought to broaden research and public access to data and statistical information. Their efforts are in part aided by recent advances in data privacy protection which has prompted innovations in methodologies of statistical disclosure limitation. Under consideration by data custodians in both public and private sectors are formal privacy tools and novel modes of data access, whose adoption will confer renewed interpretations of legal and regulatory policies that govern data dissemination. These developments push the frontier of information transparency, while at the same time bear important implications on statistical and econometric research that routinely deal with data under privacy protection.

This conference brings together scholars from both the academic and government sectors, whose research addresses issues in privacy technology and data governance from the diverse perspectives of computer science, statistics, economics, public policy, and the law. The aim of the conference is to sketch a landscape of the current literatures, to stipulate a research agenda consisting of important and urgent issues relating to statistical and econometric research, and to foster an on-going conversation and possible collaborations among scholars working at the intersection of these disciplines.

The Conference on Privacy and Data Governance: Implications for Statistical and Econometric Research is jointly organized Ruobin Gong (Department of Statistics, Rutgers University) and V. Joseph Hotz (Department of Economics, Duke University and Harris School of Public Policy, the University of Chicago) with generous support by the University of Chicago Trustee Steve G. Stevanovich and the Financial Mathematics Program.

Program - Friday, October 20

Morning Program	9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	
9:00 AM		Opening Remarks
9:10 AM	Ishanu Chattopadhyay	Data Governance and Privacy in the Age of Al
	Department of Medicine, UChicago	
10:00 AM	Robert Grossman	Privacy, Data Governance and Platform Governance for Data Commons and Data Meshes Supporting Scientific Research
	Department of Medicine and Computer Science, UChicago	
10:50 AM		Coffee Break
11:20 AM	Dipti Ranganathan	Panel Discussion
	Chief Privacy Officer, UChicago	Privacy Protections & Data Governance: Legal and Operational Issues
	Andrew Reeder	
	Associate Vice President & Privacy Officer, Rush University	
	Jennifer Romig	
	Partner, Ropes & Gray LLP	
Lunch	12:30 PM – 2 PM	
Afternoon Program	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	
2:00 PM	Marshini Chetty	l Always Feel Like Somebody's Watching Me: Privacy, Data, an EdTech
	Department of Computer Science, UChicago	
2:50 PM	Dean Resnick	Synthetic Data at NORC
	NORC	

Program - Saturday, October 21

Morning Program	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
9:00 AM	Madelyn Sanfilippo	Multistakeholder Responsibilities for Public Sector Data Governance
	School of Information Sciences, UIUC	
9:50 AM		Coffee Break
10:10 AM	Ben Reist	Challenges and Opportunities for Data Governance and Exchange
	NORC	
11:00 AM	Avner Strulov-Shlain Booth School of Business, UChicago	Choice Architecture, Privacy Valuations, and Selection Bias in Consumer Data
11:50 AM		Closing Remarks
Lunch	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	