

Call for Papers

Access, Equity, and Education: A Conference in Honor of Rodney J. Andrews, Ph.D.

May 31 and June 1, 2024
Dallas, Texas

We invite papers for potential presentation at a conference in honor of the late Dr. Rodney J. Andrews, who was Associate Professor of Economics and the Endowed Fellow, Vibhooti Shukla Professor of Economics and Political Economy at the University of Texas at Dallas. The conference will be held on May 31 and June 1, 2024, at the [Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center at the University of Texas, Dallas](#). The program will be co-organized by Celeste Carruthers (University of Tennessee), Trevon Logan (The Ohio State University), and Greg Price (University of New Orleans). Papers selected for the conference will be considered for special issues of either [Economics of Education Review](#) or [Review of Black Political Economy](#), subject to peer review and special issue editorial approval. Submission of papers to the respective journals for the special issues will occur after the conference.

The organizers are especially interested in papers that take race and human capital as their primary substantive focus, which feature data from the [Texas Schools Project](#), and papers that incorporate and/ or extend cutting-edge applied microeconomic approaches to the study of education, including those which bring insights from other disciplines into economic analysis. The goal is to bring together scholars who have been influenced by and will carry forth the work that Dr. Andrews was known for.

Specific topics of interest include:

- Determinants and causal policy factors of postsecondary educational choices
- Outcomes of historically underrepresented non-white minorities in education
- The impact of Affirmative Action on the postsecondary education choices of underrepresented minority groups.
- Factors affecting students' access to and choice of different fields, majors, and programs, either before or during postsecondary education.
- Labor market returns to fields of study, college majors, and specialized credentials.
- Institutional demand for and supply of postsecondary programs and credentials.
- Non-college alternative routes to skill development and credentialing
- Labor market institutions that interact with postsecondary investment, such as licensure and certification
- Race and ethnicity differences in student specializations, institutional program offerings, and labor market returns to different fields.

We welcome submissions by scholars who are early in their careers and/or who are members of under-represented groups. To be considered for inclusion in the program, submissions, which can be extended abstracts or drafts of completed papers, must be uploaded by 11:59pm (EST) on Friday, February 9, 2024, via the following link:

[Dr. Rodney J. Andrews Memorial Conference Submission Form](#)

Please do not submit papers that have been accepted for publication and/or will be published by May 2024. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified in late February 2024. Each paper included in the conference program will include a \$2,000.00 honorarium to defray travel and lodging costs for presenters at the conference.

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