

THE HOYT INSTITUTE
Weimer School of Advanced Studies
in Real Estate and Land Economics

Program Schedule

May 16-17, 2025

Thursday, May 15, 2025

6:30 – 8:30 pm *The Clubhouse Restaurant at North Palm Beach Country Club:* Reception, followed by dinner for Hoyt Professional and Hoyt Academic Fellows – participants, spouses, and guests

Friday, May 16, 2025 **Weimer School Convenes** All Hoyt Fellows (Professional and Academic) are invited to participate.

8:30 - 9:00 am Buffet breakfast – Hoyt Center – participants only

SESSION 1: FUTURE OF THE GSE's

Session Chair: Richard Green

9:00 – 10:00 am	Patricia Mosser (Columbia University) <i>"Presentation Title TBD"</i>
10:00 – 11:00 am	Joe Tracy (Federal Reserve Bank of New York) <i>"Presentation Title TBD"</i>
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Xudong An (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia) <i>"Presentation Title TBD"</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Michael LaCour-Little (California State University – Fullerton) <i>"The Future of the GSEs: Insights from Inside Fannie Mae"</i>
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Andy Davidson (Andrew Davidson and Company, Inc.) <i>"Conflicting Agendas for the GSEs: Reduce and Restrain vs. Recap and Release"</i>
3:00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>
6:00 pm	Informal gathering in Hilton Lobby Bar area for drinks. Dinner on own.

Weimer School Academic Agenda – May Session
Friday, May 15th – Saturday, May 16th, 2025 (*Continued*)

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SESSION 2: BIODIVERSITY

Session Chair: Eva Steiner

9:00 – 10:30 am **Benefits and Cost of Biodiversity Conservation Policies**

Eyal Frank (University of Chicago)

“Quantifying the Conservation Value of Land Investments Using Local Ballots and Bird Data”

Matt Gustafson (Pennsylvania State University)

“The Biodiversity Protection Discount”

10:30 – 12:00 pm **Pricing of Biodiversity Risk in Financial Asset Markets**

Xuran Zeng (New York University)

“Biodiversity Risk”

Haoyu Gao (Renmin University)

“Pricing the Priceless: The Financial Cost of Biodiversity Conservation”

12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch and Keynote Address by **Matt Kahn** (USC)

1:30 – 3:00 pm **Policy Considerations**

David Weil (Brown University)

“Are Big Cities Important for Economic Growth?”

Eduardo Souza-Rodrigues (University of Toronto)

“The Forest Awakens: Amazon Regeneration and Policy Spillovers”

3:00 pm *Adjournment*
