



**2023 Annual Conference – October 27, 2023  
Hamline University**

**Sundin Music Hall**

8:30-9:00am: Registration/Coffee

9:00-9:15am: Welcome/introductions  
Dr. Anmol Bhandari, University of Minnesota

9:15-10:15am: Leonid Hurwicz Lecture  
  
Dr. Raquel Fernandez, New York University  
“Culture and the Family: Some recent contributions”

10:15-10:30am: Coffee break

10:30-11:20am: Dr. Caroline Krafft, St. Catherine University  
  
“Public Pre-Primary and Maternal Employment in Algeria: Evidence from a Natural Experiment.”

11:25 -12:15pm: Dr. Sarah Flood, University of Minnesota  
  
“The More Things Change: Enduring Work Inequities in Turbulent Times.”

## Kay Friedrichs Room

12:15pm: Luncheon and MEA Business Meeting  
1:15-2pm: Student Poster Presentations

### Biographies of our speakers

#### **Raquel Fernandez**



Raquel Fernández holds a Silver Professorship in the Department of Economics at NYU. She is a member of the NBER, the CEPR, IZA, BREAD, and of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group. She has previously been a tenured professor at the London School of Economics, Boston University, and Oslo University. She has served as the Director of the Public Policy Program of the CEPR, as Vice President of the American Economic Association, and as President of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). She founded and is the director of WELAC (Women Economists in LAC) which is a standing subcommittee of LACEA that monitors and advances the status of women in the economics profession. She is co-director of the NBER's Inequality and the Macroeconomy group and member of the advisory and scientific committees of various institutions including the International Economics Association, the Barcelona School of Economics, UNU-WIDER, and RIDGE. She is a fellow of the Econometric Society, the recipient of numerous National Science Foundation grants, of a Spencer Fellowship from the National Academy of Education, and has been a National Fellow at the Hoover Institute and a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation.

Fernández has very broad research interests that span sovereign debt, culture and economics, development and gender issues, macroeconomics and inequality, and political economy. She has published extensively in the leading journals.



**Sarah Flood**

Sarah Flood is a Research Scientist at IPUMS and Director of the Life Course Center at the University of Minnesota. She has nearly two decades of experience building U.S. population data infrastructure and making large-scale census and survey data more easily accessible to the research community. Her research interests are at the intersection of gender, work and family, aging and the life course, and time use. She is currently engaging in research on the time use of retirement-age Americans, time allocation patterns of men and women with different work and family configurations, and momentary assessments of subjective well being.



**Caroline Krafft**

Caroline Krafft is an associate professor of economics at St. Catherine University. She received her master's degree in public policy from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs and her PhD from the Department of Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. Her research examines issues in development economics, primarily labor, education, health, and inequality in the Middle East and North Africa. Current projects include work on labor market discrimination, gender and labor markets, living and minimum wages, the future of work, and education quality and inequality.