

# **Economics Of Intellectual Property, Science & Innovation Conference**

**April 3, 2026**

8:30 - 17:00

**Location:** I-Hotel, Knowledge Room (North Entrance of the I-Hotel)  
(1900 S 1st St, Champaign, IL 61820)

## **Schedule:**

8:30 – 9:15: Breakfast and Registration

9:20 – 9:30: Opening Remarks

## **PART I: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PATENTS**

09:30 – 10:15 **Patent Signaling**

Presented by: Deepak Hedge (New York University)

10:15 – 10:30 Discussion by Theo Durandard (UIUC)

10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee Break 1*

10:45 – 11:30 **Who Gets a Patent? The Role of Examiners and Applicants**

Presented by: Jorge Lemus (UIUC)

11:30 – 11:45 Discussion by Tommaso Alba (KU Leuven)

11:45 – 13:15 *Lunch*

13:15 – 14:00 **Valuing Secondary Pharmaceutical Patents**

Presented by: Tim Simcoe (Boston University)

14:00 – 14:15 Discussion by John L. Turner (University of Georgia)

14:15 - 14:30 *Coffee Break 2*

## **PART II: SCIENCE AND INNOVATION**

14:30 – 15:15 **The Return(s) of Superstar Scientists**

Presented by: Michela Giorcelli (UCLA)

15:15 – 15:30 Discussion by Jingnan Liu (UIUC)

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee Break 3*

15:45 – 16:30 **Does the Organizational Structure of Science Funding Matter? Evidence from the NIH**

Presented by Bhaven Sampat (Johns Hopkins)

16:30 – 16:45 Discussion by Seung-Hyun Hong (UIUC)

16:45 – 17:00 *Concluding Remarks*