



**2022 Annual Conference – October 14, 2022
Hamline University**

Sundin Music Hall

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

9:00-9:15am: Welcome/introductions
Dr. Lynn MacDonald, St. Cloud State University

9:15-9:55am: Dr. Deborah Rho, University of St. Thomas

“The Impact of Limiting Applicant Information on Rental Housing
Discrimination.”

10:00 -10:50am: Dr. Anusha Nath, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

“Pre-labor Market Determinants of Gender Wage Gaps.”

10:50-11:00am: Coffee break

11:00-12:15pm: Walter W. Heller Lecture
Dr. Misty Heggeness, University of Kansas

“When Hope is Not Lost: Tackling Gender Inequalities in a 21st
Century Economy”

Kay Friedrichs Room

12:15pm: Luncheon and MEA Business Meeting

1:15-2pm: Student Poster Presentations

Biographies of our speakers



Deborah Rho

Deborah Rho is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of St. Thomas. She is an applied microeconomist who specializes in labor economics and economics of immigration. Her recent research uses field experiments to investigate discrimination in the labor market and in the rental housing market. She holds a B.S. in Mathematics/Economics from the University of Southern California and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Duke University.



Anusha Nath

Anusha Nath joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis as a Research Economist in 2016. She has taught at Boston University, Delhi University, and the University of Minnesota. Anusha's current research focuses on education and human capital development, labor market dynamics, and development economics. Anusha holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in economics from Delhi University and a Ph.D. in economics from Boston University.



Misty Heggeness

Misty L. Heggeness is an associate professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration and an associate research scientist in the Institute for Policy and Social Research at the University of Kansas. She has over a decade of experience leading high-profile federal research informing government decision-making. Her research focuses on poverty & inequality, gender economics, and the high-skilled workforce and has appeared in outlets like *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, *The Economist*, and *Science*.