
Event Agenda

2026 American Causal Inference Conference organized by the Society for Causal Inference

Monday, May 11, 2026

- 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Beyond the Average Treatment Effect: Estimating the causal effects of binary, categorical, continuous, and multivariate exposures in R**
Location: Salon E
Speakers: Nicholas Williams, Kara Rudolph
- 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Causal Inference in Networks: Applications to Public Health**
Location: Salon F
Speakers: Ashley Buchanan, Natallia Katenka
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM** **Causal Machine Learning for Discovering Heterogeneous Treatment Effects**
Location: Salon E
Speakers: Falco J. Bargagli-Stoffi, Melody Huang, Ana Kenney, Tiffany Tang
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM** **Stress-Testing Assumptions: Bayesian Methods for Sensitivity Analysis in Causal Inference**
Location: Salon F
Speaker: Arman Oganisian
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM** **Tom Ten Have Poster Competition**
Location: Salon A-D

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM** **Breakfast**
Location: Salon A-D
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** **Machine Learning and Causal Inference**
Location: Salon E
Speakers: Lars van der Laan, Grace Ringlein, Mengchu Zheng, Ivana Malenica, Jikai Jin, Mingxun Wang
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** **Difference in Differences, Synthetic Control, Methods for Panel and Longitudinal Data**
Location: Salon F
Speakers: Eli Ben-Michael, Lorenzo Testa, Michael Jetsupphasuk, Giulio Grossi, Ian Lundberg
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** **Generalizability/Transportability**
Location: Salon G-J
Speakers: Kosuke Imai, Wenqi Shi, Harrison Li, Evan Rosenman, Roshni Sahoo, Xinyi Zhang
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **Break**
Location: Salon A-D
- 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM** **Plenary Session 1**
Location: Salon E-F
Speakers: Cassandra Stubbs, Maria Cuellar, Elizabeth Ogburn, Nandita Mitra
- 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM** **Mentoring Roundtables**
Location: Skylight Ballroom
Speakers: Rohit Bhattacharya, Mireille Schnitzer, Aurelien Bibaut, Daniel Scharfstein, Shu Yang
- 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM** **Causal Inference and Generative AI: Lessons from Academia and Industry**
Location: Salon G-J
Speakers: Avi Feller, David Arbour, Lo-Hua Yuan, Martin Tingley, Ramesh Johari, Iavor Bojinov
- 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM** **Break**
Location: Salon A-D

- 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM** **Surrogates: The Known, the Unknown, and the Unknowable**
Location: Salon E
Speakers: Layla Parast, Denis Agniel, Fatema Shafie Khorassani, Larry Han
- 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM** **Controversies about Counterfactual Utilities**
Location: Salon G-J
Speakers: Kosuke Imai, Jonas Mikhaeil, Benedikt Koch, Amanda Kowalski, Sander Beckers, Scott Mueller
- 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM** **An Overview of Automatic non-parametric (Riesz) learning for causal effects estimation**
Location: Salon F
Speakers: Richard Liu, Caleb Miles, Lars van der Laan, Oliver Hines
- 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM** **Break**
Location: Salon A-D
- 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM** **Sensitivity Analysis and Partial Identification in Modern Causal Inference**
Location: Salon E
Speakers: Guilherme Duarte, Juejue Wang, Abhinandan Dalal, Alexander Levis, Ting-Hsuan Chang, Dean Knox
- 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM** **Innovations in Experimental Design: Adaptation, Rerandomization, and Optimization**
Location: Salon G-J
Speakers: Nicholas Seewald, Maggie Wang, Alessio Frosini, Yu-Shiou Lin, Adam Bouyamourn, Wenxin Zhang
- 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM** **Advances in Causal Inference with Networks**
Location: Salon F
Speakers: Nima Hejazi, Heejong Bong, JungHo Lee, Christopher Harshaw, Yihui He, Yufeng Wu
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM** **Poster Session 1 & Reception**
Location: Salon A-D
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Wednesday, May 13, 2026

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM** **Breakfast**
Location: Salon A-D
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** **Sensitivity Analysis of SUTVA**
Location: Salon E
Speakers: Brian Knaeble, Carlos Cinelli, Booil Jo, Shuangning Li, Donna Spiegelman, Sam Pimentel, Hanti Lin
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** **The Generation and Use of Synthetic Data in Causal Inference**
Location: Salon F
Speakers: Linying Yang, Nir Keret, Daniel Manela, Qi Zhang
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** **CATE Estimation in Complex Longitudinal Data**
Location: Salon G-J
Speakers: Ashley Naimi, Edward Kennedy, Daniel Scharfstein, Vasilis Syrgkanis, Yuxuan Chen
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **Break**
Location: Salon A-D
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM** **Advances in design-based causal inference**
Location: Salon E
Speakers: Alexander Levis, Zijun Gao, Fangyi Chen, Jeffrey Zhang, Zion Lee, Liang Zhong
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM** **Modern Approaches to Covariate Balance in Complex Observational Study Designs**
Location: Salon F
Speakers: Lauren Liao, Yige Li, Andy Shen, Yunshu Zhang, Anthony Frazier, Diptanil Santra
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM** **New Perspectives on Heterogeneous Effects**
Location: Salon G-J
Speakers: Alejandro Schuler, Yonghan Jung, Hui Lan, Phillippe Boileau, Jiaqi Wu

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>From Theory to Impact: A Panel Discussion on Causal Inference Challenges and Careers Beyond Academia</p> <p>Location: Salon G-J Speakers: Irina Degtiar, Harsh Parikh, Frank Yoon, Quinn Lanners, Gabriel Levin-Konigsberg, Rocky Aikens</p>
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>2026 ACIC Causal Inference Data Challenge: Results and Discussion</p> <p>Location: Salon E Speakers: Sameer Deshpande, Jennifer Hill, George Perrett</p>
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<p>Break</p> <p>Location: Salon A-D</p>
1:30 PM - 3:25 PM	<p>Plenary Session 2</p> <p>Location: Salon E-F Speakers: Whitney Newey, Guido Imbens, Pedro Sant'anna, Fabrizia Mealli</p>
3:25 PM - 3:55 PM	<p>Break</p> <p>Location: Salon A-D</p>
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<p>Novel Designs, Interventions, and Applications in Causal Inference</p> <p>Location: Salon E Speakers: Gary Hettinger, Xiang Meng, Melody Huang, Ritoban Kundu, Laura Forastiere, Yikun Zhang, Timothy Sudijono, Yongjun Lee, Tinghua Chen</p>
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<p>Causal Inference at the Frontier: From Identification to Optimal Decisions</p> <p>Location: Salon F Speakers: Andrew Spieker, Pracheta Amaranath, David Ritzwoller, Guanglei Hong, Mai Dong, Chang Liu, Jack Wolf, Elena Dal Torriane, Guilherme Duarte</p>
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<p>Robust and Efficient Causal Inference: Semiparametric and Machine Learning Approaches</p> <p>Location: Salon G-J Speakers: Rahul Ladhania, Raphael Kim, Sophie Woodward, Amar Venugopal, Asteria Chilambo, Kaiwen Hou, Kevin Christian Wibisono, Alejandro Schuler</p>
5:45 PM - 6:45 PM	<p>Poster Session 2 & Reception</p> <p>Location: Salon A-D</p>

Thursday, May 14, 2026

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Location: Salon A-D</p>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<p>Some Positive Developments on the Positivity Assumption</p> <p>Location: Salon E Speakers: Paul Zivich, Herbert Susmann, Harsh Parikh, Caleb Miles</p>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<p>Twenty years of Targeted Learning</p> <p>Location: Salon F Speakers: Nima Hejazi, Mark van der Laan, Alex Luedtke, Mireille Schnitzer, Sjoerd Beentjes, Ava Khamseh</p>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<p>Causal discovery: methodology driven by practice</p> <p>Location: Salon G-J Speakers: Y. Samuel Wang, Sisi Ma, Daniel Malinsky, Armeen Taeb</p>
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<p>Break</p> <p>Location: Salon A-D</p>
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<p>Plenary Session 3</p> <p>Location: Salon E-F Speakers: Ilya Shpitser, Kun Zhang, Emre Kiciman, Rohit Bhattacharya</p>