

Washington DC IO Day 2026

Friday May 1, 2026

Location: Conference Center, 1400th 16 Street NW, Washington DC

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Conference Registration: <https://forms.gle/QHWznM5vtyFYvTKe6>

9:15 Coffee and Light Breakfast

9:45 David Benson (Fed), “Quantifying the Distortions of Labor Market Power: US Coal Mines”

Discussant: Miriam Larson-Koester (FTC)

Short Break

10:45 Carolina Tojal dos Santos (IADB), “Expansion of Piped Water and Sewer Networks”
(with Bruna Guidetti)

Discussant: Sebastian Galiani (UMD)

Break

11:45 Jonathan Elliott (JHU), “Critical Minerals, Geopolitics and the Green Transition” (with
Tomas Dominguez-Iino and Allan Hsiao)

Discussant: Sharat Ganapati (Georgetown)

Lunch and Posters

1:40 Chenyu Yang (UMD), “Competition, Procurement and Learning-By-Doing in the Space
Launch Industry” (with Ruibing Su and Andrew Sweeting)

Discussant: John Mayo (Georgetown)

Short Break

2:40 pm Matt Leisten (FTC), “Open(?) AI”

Discussant: Erkut Ozbay (UMD)

Break

3:40 Tom Koch (FTC), “How Much Do Firms Drive Healthcare Utilization” (with Daniel Deibler, Dan Hosken and Marshall Thomas)

Discussant: Andrew Sfekas (Cornerstone Research)

4:30 Close