Eighth Annual Searle Center Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy
Friday, September 18, 2015—Saturday, September 19, 2015
Northwestern University School of Law
Wieboldt Hall #147
340 E. Superior St. Chicago, IL

Friday September 18

7:45-8:15  Registration and Continental Breakfast (WB 150)
8:15-8:30  Welcome and Introduction (WB 147)
           Matthew L. Spitzer, Director, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth and Howard and Elizabeth Chapman Professor, Northwestern University School of Law
           William P. Rogerson, Department of Economics, Northwestern University

8:30-9:30  Merging Innovation into Antitrust Agency Enforcement of the Clayton Act (with Hillary Greene)
           Richard J. Gilbert, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley
           Discussant: Fiona Scott Morton, Yale School of Management

9:30-10:00  Break (WB 150)
10:00-11:00  Patent Privateering, Litigation, and R&D Incentives (with Emil Temnyalov)
             Jorge Lemus, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics
             Discussant: Timothy Simcoe, Boston University Questrom School of Business

11:00-11:30  Break (WB 150)
11:30-12:30  Mergers Facilitate Tacit Collusion: Empirical Evidence from the U.S. Brewing Industry (with Matthew Weinberg)
             Nathan Miller, Georgetown University, McDonough School of Business
             Discussant: Liran Einav, Department of Economics, Stanford University

12:30-2:00  Lunch (WB 540)
           Keynote Panel on “Updates from the Anti-Trust Agencies”
           Nancy Rose, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Justice
           Francine Lafontaine, Director, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission

2:00-3:00  On the Relevance of Market Power
           Louis Kaplow, Harvard Law School
           Discussant: Timothy F. Bresnahan, Department of Economics, Stanford University

3:00- 3:30  Break (WB 150)
3:30-4:30  Anti-Competitive Effects of Common Ownership (with Jose Azar and Isabel Tecu)
Martin Schmalz, University of Michigan, Ross School of Business
Discussant: Jonathan B. Berk, Stanford Graduate School of Business

4:30- 5:00  Break (WB 150)

5:00-6:30  Panel on Recent Proposed Transactions in the Telecom Industry

Session #1: The Proposed Comcast-TWC Transaction
Moderator: Aviv Nevo, Department of Economics, Northwestern University

   Dennis W. Carlton, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business
   Mark Israel, Compass Lexecon
   William Rogerson, Department of Economics, Northwestern University
   Carl Shapiro, Walter A. Haas School of Business and Department of Economics,
   University of California, Berkeley

Session #2: The AT&T-DirecTV Transaction
Moderator: William Rogerson, Department of Economics, Northwestern University

   John Asker, University of California, Los Angeles
   Michael Katz, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley
   Aviv Nevo, Department of Economics, Northwestern University

6:30-7:30  Reception (WB 440)

7:30- 9:00  Dinner (WB 540)
Keynote Address: Lessons from Mobile Mergers
Massimo Motta, Chief Competition Economist, European Commission, DG Competition

Saturday September 19

8:00-8:30  Continental Breakfast (WB 150)

8:30-9:30  Insulated Platform Competition
E. Glen Weyl, Microsoft Research, New England
Discussant: Joseph Farrell, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley

9:30-10:00  Break (WB 150)

10:00-11:00  Strategic Incentives When Supplying to Rivals (with Serge X. Moresi)
Marius Schwartz, Department of Economics, Georgetown University
Discussant: Justin P. Johnson, Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management,
Cornell University

11:00-11:30  Break (WB 150)

11:30-12:30  Multiproduct-Firm Oligopoly: An Aggregative Games Approach
Volker Nocke, University of Mannheim, Department of Economics
Discussant: John Asker, University of California, Los Angeles

12:30  Adjourn (Box Lunches Available) (WB 150)