Eleventh Annual Searle Center Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy

Friday, September 21, 2018—Saturday, September 22, 2018

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
Wieboldt Hall #147
340 E. Superior St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Friday, September 21st

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 Pritzker School of Law
William P. Rogerson, Department of Economics, Northwestern University

8:30-9:30 Killer Acquisitions (with Colleen Cunningham and Song Ma)
Florian Ederer, Yale School of Management
Discussant: Craig Garthwaite, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

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

10:00-11:00 An Aggregative Games Approach to Merger Analysis in Multiproduct-Firm Oligopoly (with Nicolas Schutz)
Volker Nocke, UCLA Department of Economics
Discussant: Carl Shapiro, Walter A. Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley

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

11:30-12:30 Coordinated Effects (with Leslie Marx)
Simon Loertscher, University of Melbourne, Department of Economics
Discussant: Yossi Spiegel, Coller School of Management, Tel Aviv University

12:30-2:00 Lunch (Law School Atrium)

Keynote Address: “Models are to Economics as Economics is to Antitrust”
Luke Froeb, Vanderbilt University, Owen Graduate School of Management (Former Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Economic Analysis, Antitrust Division)
2:00-3:00  
*Common Ownership and Competition in the Ready to Eat Cereal Industry* (with Matthew Backus and Christopher Conlon)  
**Michael Sinkinson**, Yale School of Management  
Discussant: **Nathan Miller**, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business

3:00-3:30  
**Break** (WB 150)

3:30-4:30  
*The Competitive Effects of Common Ownership: Economic Foundations and Empirical Evidence*  
(with Pauline Kennedy, Daniel O’Brien, and Keith Waehrer)  
**Minjae Song**, Bates White Economic Consulting  
Discussant: **Nancy L. Rose**, MIT Department of Economics

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

5:00-6:30  
**Panel: Competition Policy and Innovation**  
Moderator: **Rich Gilbert**, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics  
**Giulio Federico**, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission  
**Howard Shelanski**, Georgetown Law  
**Michael Vita**, U.S. Federal Trade Commission  
**Michael Whinston**, MIT Sloan School of Management and Department of Economics

6:30-7:30  
**Cocktail Reception** (Wieboldt Hall #440)

7:30  
**Dinner** (Wieboldt Hall #540)

Keynote Address: *Are "Users" More Deserving Than "Suppliers"? Bargaining, Two-Sided Platforms, and Harm to Competition*  
**Michael Katz**, Walter A. Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley

**Saturday, September 22nd**

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

8:30-9:30  
*Antitrust Remedies for Labor Market Power* (with Eric A. Posner and Glen Weyl)  
**Suresh Naidu**, Department of Economics and School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University  
Discussant: **Orley Ashenfelter**, Princeton University

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

10:00-11:00  
*Repositioning and Market Power After Airline Mergers* (with Sophia Li, Joe Mazur, Yongjoon Park, James Roberts and Jun Zhang)  
**Andrew Sweeting**, Department of Economics, University of Maryland  
Discussant: **Steve Berry**, Yale University, Department of Economics

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

11:30-12:30  
*Multiproduct Mergers and Quality Competition* (with Andrew Rhodes)  
**Justin Johnson**, Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell University  
Discussant: **Mike Riordan**, Columbia University, Department of Economics

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