

Dear Participants in the RC 19 Conference:

After doing some juggling in response to cancellations and changes necessitated by travel plans, we have posted what is hopefully the almost final version of the program on the website, and we are also attaching it to this message.

For those of you who are new to RC 19 conferences, let us explain the traditional format. Participants are supposed to read the papers ahead of time and be prepared to discuss them. The papers will be posted on a password protected section of the website. The author does not present the paper; rather, the discussant is also the presenter of the paper. The discussant is supposed to take 8-10 minutes to present the paper, and then about 5 minutes to comment on its strengths and weaknesses, for a total of 12-15 minutes. The author then gets 5 minutes to respond, and then the floor is open for general discussion. The names in parentheses after the paper title are the assigned presenter/discussants.

At this stage, please check your scheduled panel and your assignment(s) as presenter/discussant. Some colleagues were assigned to present two different papers; I believe I have checked with all of you. If I did not, I apologize. Please let us know of any incompatibilities of assignments with schedules or overlaps with panels you really want to be at. We shall try to accommodate as best we can.

Thank you, and we are looking forward to seeing you in Chapel Hill.

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