

Emerging Scholars Program

Time: Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 7:00 AM to 11:15 AM
Location: Reno Ballroom
Setup: Round tables with 8 chairs each, Assigned Seating

Meal: Buffet-style breakfast at 7:00 AM

Time	Event Description	Host
7:00 AM	Arrival, Seating as assigned	
7:00 AM -- 7:20 AM	Breakfast	
7:20 AM -- 7:30 AM	Welcome	Meng Li Tharanga Rajapakshe
7:30 AM -- 8:30 AM	Research Panel	
8:35 AM -- 9:15 AM	Teaching Panel	Moderator: Anita Carson
9:15 AM -- 9:45 AM	Peer Networking & Coffee	
9:45 AM -- 9:55 AM	Emerging Scholars Award	
9:55 AM -- 10:30 AM	Industry/Data + Service Panel	Moderator: Nagesh Murthy
10:30 AM -- 11:30 AM	Networking with Senior Scholars	
11:30 AM	Conclusion	Meng Li Tharanga Rajapakshe

Panels and Panelists	Moderator
Research	
Tingliang Huang (https://haslam.utk.edu/people/profile/tingliang-huang/)	
Eric Johnson (https://business.vanderbilt.edu/bio/m-eric-johnson/)	
Suresh Muthulingam (https://directory.smeal.psu.edu/sxm84)	
Bala Shetty (https://mays.tamu.edu/directory/bala-shetty/)	Anita Carson
Teaching	
Craig Froehle (https://www.business.uc.edu/faculty-research/obais/faculty/craig-fr	
Wiljeana Jackson Glover (https://www.babson.edu/about/our-leaders-and-scholar	
Ujjal Mukherjee (https://giesbusiness.illinois.edu/profile/ujjal-mukherjee)	Anita Carson
Industry/Data + Service	
Pelin Pekgun (https://business.wfu.edu/directory/pelin-pekgun/)	
Jon Stauffer (https://mays.tamu.edu/directory/jon-stauffer/)	
Scott Webster (https://search.asu.edu/profile/2183846)	Nagesh Murthy