May 16, Sat
7:30pm Dinner. Legal Seafood (Kendall Square), 5 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142. (617) 864-3400. Short walk or cab ride from Sonesta.

8:30am Continental Breakfast. Available at NBER, 2nd floor conference room.

9:00am Welcome and individual introductions.

9:10am Presentation: Claudia Goldin (Harvard University, NBER) “Gender and the Undergraduate Economics Major,” including a discussion of the Challenge grants from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the RCT.

Group Discussion I: The Problem. What does each school see as its challenges in increasing the enrollment of women in the economics major?

10:10am Break

10:20am Group Discussion II: Institutional Details. When do students declare their majors, what differences exist in school schedules, and what does each institution see as its objectives and potential barriers?

11:00am Break

11:10am Group Discussion III: Interventions.

Presentation: Amanda Bayer (Swarthmore College; Diversifying Economic Quality). Best practices in pedagogy for including women.

12:30pm Working lunch: Interventions: Continuing Discussion

1:30pm Group Discussion IV: Evaluating the Challenge as an RCT. Intervention design and information to evaluate performance.

2:30pm Break

2:45pm Group Discussion V: Financial logistics, communicating with others in the Challenge group, and further aspects of the RCT.

3:30pm Adjourn