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LeBow College of Business

19th Annual Corporate Governance Conference Agenda

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026 – GHALL 722, 7th Floor

8:30 – 9:00 AM		Breakfast and Welcome
SESSION I Chair: David Yermack [NYU]		
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Paper: “Fragmentation of Shareholder Power” Presenting Author: Nadya Malenko [Boston College] Discussant: David Musto [University of Pennsylvania]	
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Paper: “The Traffic Light Effect in ESG Ratings” Presenting Author: Francesco Tripoli [Harvard Business School] Discussant: Itay Goldstein [University of Pennsylvania]	
10:30 – 11:00 AM		Coffee Break
SESSION II Chair: Ke Yang [Lehigh University]		
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Paper: “Do Business Unit Leaders Matter for Mergers and Acquisitions?” Presenting Author: René Stulz [Ohio State University] Discussant: Jarrad Harford [University of Washington]	
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	EARLY IDEAS SESSION: Victor Lyonnet [University of Michigan] Irene Yi [University of Toronto] Felipe Cabezon [Virginia Tech] Mahsa Kaviani [University of Delaware]	
12:45 – 1:45 PM		Lunch Break
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Keynote Speech: Caroline Flammer (Columbia University)	
2:30 – 3:00 PM		Coffee Break
SESSION III Chair: David Denis [University of Pittsburgh]		
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Paper: “Controlled Firms, Preferences, and Carbon Emissions” Presenting Author: Karl Lins [University of Utah] Discussant: Art Durnev [University of Richmond]	
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Paper: “Monopolizing Minds: How M&As Stifle Innovation Through Labor Market Power” Presenting Author: Alex He [University of Maryland] Discussant: Torin McFarland [University of Mississippi]	
4:30 – 4:40 PM	WRDS Best Paper Award Selection and Annoucement	