

POMS College of Operational Excellence Mini-Conference 2026

Reno, NV, Thursday, May 7th, Room: TBD

Start	End	Program
9:30am	10:00am	Registration and coffee
10:00am	10:10am	Welcome and Introductions
10:10am	11:00am	Keynote: Subodha Kumar
11:00am	11:30am	Best Paper Award finalists pitches 1 and 2 Improving Inspection Resource Allocation to Control Organizational Misconduct; Finn Petersen, and Rachna Shah When Yes Is a No: Navigating the Façade of Conformity in Continuous Improvement; Vijaya Sunder M, and Kevin Linderman
11:40am	12:10am	Best Paper Award finalists pitches 3 and 4 Modeling the Influence of Unpaid Effort in Delivery Agents' Choices in Last-Mile Platforms; Lina Wang, Stanley Lim, and Elliot Rabinovich Subsidizing Social Welfare Programs: Contracted Slots or Vouchers? Wei Wei, Priyank Arora, and Senay Solak
12:10pm	12:30pm	Part I Concluding remarks and winner announcement
12:30pm	1:00pm	Transfer to Restaurant (Bus)
1:00pm	2:30pm	Lunch offered by the College at Restaurant near Automotive Museum
2:30pm	3:00pm	Walk to Automotive Museum
3:00pm	4:30pm	Guided tour Automotive Museum
4:30pm	5:00pm	Transfer back to the Hotel (Bus)
6:00pm	7:00pm	POMS Shared College Reception

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