



## **Causal Inference Program Opening Workshop December 9-11, 2019**

### **SPEAKER TITLES/ABSTRACTS**

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“Simplicity Concepts for Causal Inference”

Consistency proofs for causal inference algorithms generally require some assumptions that make simple causal theories preferable to more complex causal theories. There are a number of different simplicity assumptions that have been proposed, including a variety of faithfulness assumptions (that all conditional independence relations that hold in the population are entailed by the true causal graph) of various strength, parametric assumptions, and sparsity assumptions. I will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the various simplicity assumptions, and whether there is some unifying concept underlying them.