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Hotel Information

Union League Club of Chicago
65 W Jackson Blvd
Chicago, IL 60603

Room rate: $249 + 20% service fee

Reservations

Reservations can be made until the cut-off date of April 28, 2026

Block Group Name: **RERI 2026**
Email: clubservices@ulcc.org
Phone: 1.800.443.0578 or 312-427-7800
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Dress code at the Union League Club

Business casual attire

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Registration Fees
Fees include admission to RERI sessions, continental breakfast and refreshment breaks, luncheon and evening reception and dinner.

$500 Industry early registration
$600 Industry late registration *(After April 28, 2026)*
$150 Academic early registration
$200 Academic late registration *(After April 28, 2026)*

How to Register
Complete this registration form and send it with payment to:

RERI, 100 Pearl Street, 13th Floor, Hartford, CT 06103 or email to Sue Marshall at reri@reri.org

Pre-Registration Policy – In order to be included on the advanced registration list you must register by April 28, 2026.

Name _____

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Account number _____ Exp date _____ Security code _____

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Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received after April 28, 2026 will be subject to a $50.00 cancellation fee. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after May 1, 2026. Participant substitutions may be made at any time at no additional charge. All requests for refunds must be received in writing.

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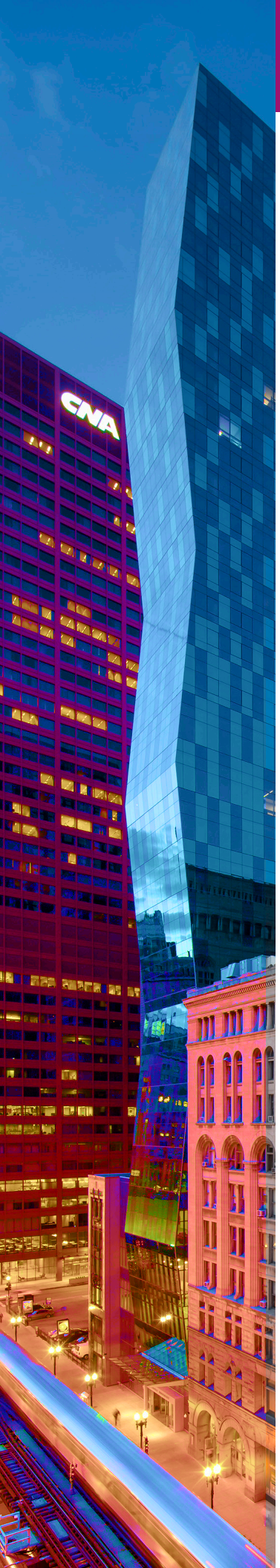

RERI Funded Research to Be Presented

RERI's unique forum brings together leaders from academia, industry, and the broader professional community to exchange ideas and elevate the quality of real estate decision-making. At this year's conference we will showcase several strands of RERI's impact – from the recent past, the present and the future.

Past: A brief review of RERI's contributions to research on critical issues that also asks the audience to consider, "What new topics should be addressed?"

Present: Discussion of industry-relevant research presented by academic teams, alongside industry mentors and practitioner response panels.

Future: Participants will be asked to engage with RERI leadership to help chart RERI's future.

Come join us at our new venue, Roosevelt University*. We are planning exciting new formats to make sure that all attendees engage with each other and with presenters.

1. **Disrupted Spaces: How Automation and Artificial Intelligence Reshape Corporate Real Estate Demand**
   Authors: Chongyu Wang, Jingfang Wang, Tingyu Zhou

2. **Loan Distress and Modifications in CMBS 2.0 and 3.0: Analyzing Post-2008 Market Performance**
   Authors: Stephen Buschbom, Dr. Tony Ciochetti, Dr. Rachel Szymanski, Dr. Elaine Worzala

3. **The Rise of Private Debt Real Estate Funds: A Performance and Risk Analysis**
   Authors: Ryan Chacon, David Ling, Sugata Ray

4. **Delay and Pray: Examining Loan Restructurings Across Bank Size Tiers**
   Authors: David A. Huberdeau-Reid, Rebel A. Cole

5. **Financially Constrained Cities and Commercial Real Estate Returns**
   Authors: Mariya Letdin, Chongyu Wang, Sean Wilkoff

6. **Bits and Mortar: The Microspatial Economics of Data Centers**
   Authors: Rui Du, Xiaojin Sun, Siqi Zheng

7. **Securitized and Direct Real Estate in a Portfolio under Different Market Conditions**
   Authors: Martin Hoesli, Jackline Kraiouchkina, Richard Malle

8. **Remote Work and Consumer Cities**
   Authors: Franklin Qian, Yichen Su

*Our new venue includes access to the historic Auditorium Building, designed by Adler and Sullivan and featured in many architectural tours and several Chicago movies including The Untouchables. Our conference will take place in the modern Wabash Building. Here is an excerpt from the Chicago Tribune's review of the Wabash building when it first opened:

The 32-story tower, which flaunts a zig-zagging silhouette and an equally arresting skin of blue and green glass, represents Chicago's latest innovation in skyscraper design. It is a vertical campus, stacking everything from a student union to lecture halls to dorm suites within a single, all-encompassing structure. Located at 425 S. Wabash Ave. and known simply as the Wabash Building, the tower is the nation's second tallest academic building after the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. More important, it marks the first time that the dramatic expansion of colleges and universities in Chicago's Loop has made a major mark on the city's vaunted skyline. Happily, that impact is worth celebrating. *Blair Kamin 2012*

2026 RERI Conference Agenda

DAY ONE

9:45am-10 am — **Welcome/President's Remarks**

10 am-10:45 am — **Disrupted Spaces: How Automation and Artificial Intelligence Reshape Corporate Real Estate Demand**
Authors: Chongyu Wang, Jinfang Wang, Tingyu Zhang

10:45 am-11:30 am — **Bits and Mortar: The Microspatial Economics of Data Centers**
Authors: Rui Du, Xiaojin Sun, Siqi Zheng

11:30 am-12:15 pm — **PANEL:** Real Estate, Energy, Infrastructure, and AI (data centers)
Panelists: Jim Clayton, Mark Fitzgerald, Matt Larriva

12:15 pm-1:30 pm — **LUNCH**

1:30 pm-2:15 pm — **Loan Distress and Modifications in CMBS 2.0 and 3.0: Analyzing Post-2008 Market Performance**
Authors: Stephen Buschbom, Tony Ciochetti, Rachel Szymanski, Elaine Worzala

2:15 pm-2:35 pm — **Delay and Pray: Examining Loan Restructurings Across Bank Size Tiers**
Authors: David Huberdeau-Reid, Rebel Cole

2:35 pm-3:05 pm — **FOCUSED PAPER PANEL**
Panelists: David Glancy, Steve Buschbom, Rebel Cole, Jacob Sagi

15 minute **BREAK**

3:20 pm-4:05 pm — **The Rise of Private Debt Real Estate Funds: A Performance and Risk Analysis**
Authors: Ryan Chacon, David Ling, Sugata Ray

4:05 pm-4:50 pm — **Securitized and Direct Real Estate in a Portfolio under Different Market Conditions**
Authors: Martin Hoesli, Jackline Kraiouchkina, Richard Malle

6:00 pm-9:00 pm — **DINNER – Union League Club**

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DAY TWO

9:15 am-9:30 am — **Day One Recap by RERI President**

9:30 am-10:15 am — **PANEL:** Trends in Institutional Capital Flows
Panelists: Jim Costello, Lauro Ferroni, Jim Valente

10:15 am-10:35 pm — **Remote Work and Consumer Cities**
Authors: Franklin Qian, Yichen Su

10:35 am-11:05 am — **FOCUSED PAPER PANEL**
Panelists: Avis Devine, Jacques Gordon, Brian Klinksiek, Mary Ludgin, Franklin Qian

10 minute **BREAK**

11:15 am-12 pm — **Financially Constrained Cities and Commercial Real Estate Returns**
Authors: Mariya Letdin, Chongyu Wang, Sean Wilkoff

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