

# 2023 W. A. Mackintosh Lecture



## Dora Costa

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### *The Economy, the Ghost in Your Gene and the Escape from Premature Mortality*

Dora Costa is the Kenneth Sokoloff Professor of Economic History at the University of California, Los Angeles and the head of the National Bureau of Economic Research Cohort Studies Working Group. Her current research focuses on how ancestral health shocks cascade across the generations to affect descendant health using new datasets constructed from historical records. Her past research has used the US Civil War records to examine when men are willing to sacrifice for the common good and to investigate the early indicators of later retirement outcomes. Costa received her PhD in Economics in 1993 from the University of Chicago and prior to joining UCLA was a professor of economics at MIT.

**Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

**Time: 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

**Location: Kinesiology Health Studies, Room 101**

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