

# American Economic Association

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## Standards of Presence for the AEA/AFA Joint Meeting

1. Maintain the confidentiality of all individuals participating in this meeting/event
2. Adopt a beginner's mind by listening as if hearing a thought for the first time – be curious
3. Focus on the positive and practice acceptance of what is being said as true
4. Connect without judgment
5. Take responsibility for your actions and perspectives by speaking in 'I' statements
6. Listen without interruption and acknowledge what is being said to you
7. Provide only authentic feedback and give it in a positive manner – practice respect
8. Speak clearly and slowly
9. Practice self care (Express yourself fully and allow yourself to acknowledge that you are understood)
10. Remain fully present – let what is transpiring and being said stand on its own without being linked to the past.