Government economists are called upon to make difficult choices in today’s challenging times. On November 15, among a list of distinguished plenary speakers, hear Rebecca Blank on how economists may help shape agency decision-making, Keith Hall on what our measures tell us about the current labor market, Douglas Elmendorf on fiscal policy choice, and John Siegfried on better living through economics. On November 16, attend one or more of 20 parallel sessions on topics ranging from poverty and regulatory policy to housing and education policy.

Plenary speakers include:

**Rebecca Blank**
Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce

**David Colander**
Professor, Middlebury College

**George DeMartino**
Professor, University of Denver

**Douglas Elmendorf**
Director, Congressional Budget Office

**Keith Hall**
Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Dr. Nancy Lutz**
Program Director for Economics, National Science Foundation

**Susan Offutt**
Chief Economist, Government Accountability Office

**John Siegfried**
AEA and Professor, Vanderbilt University

**Stacey Tevlin**
Chief, Macroeconomic Analysis, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

**Quentin Wodon**
Adviser, Human Development Network, World Bank

**Parallel session topics include:** Applied Economics and Econometrics; Cost of Living and Poverty Measurement; Employment and Job Loss; Health Economics; Measuring Intangibles as Capital in Federal Statistics; Applied Topics in Economic Measurement; Education, Labor, and Retirement; Housing and the Financial Crisis; Price Indexes for Medical Care Spending; Transportation Economics; Economic Analysis of Immigration and Remittances; Federal Regulatory Analysis; Macro-prudential Oversight: How Best to Identify and Contain Systemic Risk?; The Impact of Regulatory and Policy Uncertainty on Corporate Planning; Time Use; Assessing Budgetary and Regulatory Decision Making; Econometrics; International Economics; and Women, Children, Fertility, and Added Worker Effects.