SGE’s annual conference is a unique forum for applied research on economic policy. The conference is attended by government economists as well as those working in the private and non-profit sectors, academia, and other organizations. Students are welcome and graduate students pursuing PhDs may submit papers. Apart from individual papers, we welcome session proposals with 3-5 papers per session and discussants. There is no fee for submitting a paper or session proposal, but submissions require SGE membership ($25). Anyone with an interest in economics may join the SGE. Papers and sessions will be selected based on a double-blind review process. Proposals require a 500-word (maximum) abstract and 300-word (maximum) justification statement. Please visit our website at www.sge-econ.org.

The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2012, but we encourage earlier submissions.

Distinguished Speakers

As in previous SGE conferences, distinguished presentations will be given by leading experts. Confirmed keynote speakers include Alice Rivlin, Natwar M. Gandhi, Janice Eberly, Stephen Fuller, and Noam Scheiber. Alice Rivlin recently served as a member of the President’s Debt Commission. She was founding director of CBO, served as OMB director, and was Federal Reserve Vice Chair. Natwar M. Gandhi is the Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia. He is credited for turning around the DC government’s financial status from being deep in debt to having a substantial surplus and AAA rating for its income tax secured revenue bonds. Janice Eberly serves as the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy and is responsible for analyzing and reporting on current and prospective economic developments in the U.S. and world economies and assisting in the determination of appropriate economic policies. Stephen Fuller is Professor of Public Policy and Regional Development at George Mason University and Director of its Center for Regional Analysis. Noam Scheiber is a Senior Editor at The New Republic, where he writes about politics and economic policy. He has also written for The New York Times, The Washington Post, New York magazine, and Slate. He has appeared on CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, and NPR.

- The registration fee for two days is $135. It includes a two-year membership to the SGE (or extension of membership for members). Registration for students is free upon $25 membership with the SGE.

- A one-day training seminar on “Integrity, Ethics, and Responsible Leadership in Economics” is provided on the first day of the conference as an alternative to attending the keynote presentations on that day. The combined fee for participation in this seminar and the breakout sessions during the second day of the conference is $175.

- The conference will feature a symposium on building a strong and inclusive economy for the Washington Metro Area. Other proposals for multiple sessions on common themes will be considered. For example, a newly formed Network for Indian Country Economics will host sessions on topics associated with tribal governments and Native Americans.