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Information for Participants

Registration

Registration will begin at 7:30 AM. Please arrive early so as not to be in a line when the sessions begin at 8:30 AM. Registration can be done at any time during the conference, but it will be much easier in the morning before sessions begin, since more volunteers will be able to help.

Conference attendees including presenters must register for the conference in order to attend, regardless of the amount of time spent at the conference. Please go to http://www.sge-econ.org to register. Registration prior to arriving at the conference is greatly encouraged. Though walk-in registration will be possible, it may require a delay in waiting in line. Speakers who were invited by the SGE to give a plenary presentation or a presentation in the training seminar on the first day of the conference are automatically registered at no cost. In additional, all George Washington University (GWU) students and faculty may attend the conference at no cost (GWU students and faculty are asked to come to the registration desk on the first day of the conference).

Location

The Marvin Center of George Washington University on 21st and I St., NW, in Washington, DC. It is only three blocks from the Foggy Bottom metro stop. Please arrive early, especially if you are driving, because traffic may be problematic in downtown Washington in the morning, and parking may be difficult to find. (Private parking garages will likely be the only places with parking for the day.)

Schedule

The general schedule for the day is shown below. Because of limited seating, the Nonprofit Research Project Training Workshop sessions are only available to those who registered specifically for the training. However, non-registrants may attend if extra seating is available. Lunch in the Ballroom is provided for conference registrants and is included in the price of the registration.

Breakout Sessions. Some of the breakout sessions were proposed to the SGE as organized sessions; others were constructed by the SGE from papers that were submitted individually. For those sessions that were proposed to the SGE, organizers are responsible for establishing the presentation time limits and schedules for the session.

For those sessions that were put together by the SGE, the following is requested: (1) Paper presentations for sessions with four papers should be limited to 15-20 minutes and discussant talks for four-paper sessions should be limited to 5-8 minutes. (2) Based on the above time restrictions, ample time should be made available for questions from the audience. (3) SGE has been seeking volunteers among the session participants to chair the session in cases where a chair has not been assigned, and similarly to serve as discussants in cases in which presented papers have not yet been given a discussant. If no discussant is found, it is hoped that sufficient time would be allocated in the session in any case to solicit and obtain feedback from the audience and from other paper presenters about the paper that is absent a discussant.

All of the breakout rooms will have projectors, but SGE and the session organizers of the proposed, accepted sessions are expected to provide laptops for the presentations and ensure that people who have PowerPoint presentations are able to upload them to their laptops. The SGE is therefore asking all session organizers to confirm that they have secured laptops for their sessions.
## Summary of Conference Schedule

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### After 5:30
Happy Hour and Dinner Events (See Conference Program for More Details)
For sessions that were built by the SGE from individual papers submitted, the SGE is seeking volunteers willing to bring their own laptop and allow their laptop to be used for the session. Those willing to do this should contact us as soon as possible. Questions about the conference should be sent in one email message to both steve.payson@sge-econ.org and marvin.ward@dc.gov.

**Prizes for Best Papers Presented**

This year the Society for Government Economists (SGE) will present two prizes for the most outstanding papers delivered at its November 6th conference, one for the top paper by a government economist and another for the top paper by a nongovernment economist. Each of the award winners will receive a $500 prize. The basis for both awards will be the quality and policy relevance of the economic analysis in the final papers. All presenters who wish to apply for the award are invited to submit their completed papers to the SGE to qualify for the award. In order to accommodate revisions, the deadline for submitting the final paper to the SGE board is December 20, 2013. Both awards will be announced by March 1, 2014. The two award winners will be honored at the Fall 2014 SGE Conference. Send your proposed paper to Marvin Ward (marvin.ward@dc.gov).
Conference Program

7:30 AM  Registration Begins (Hallway in 3rd Floor, in Front of the Ballroom)

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM  Breakfast (Ballroom)

8:30 AM – 10:15 AM  Concurrent Sessions 1-6

Nonprofit Research Project Training Workshop I (registrants only) — Room 308
See the Workshop Agenda on Page 15.

Session #1  Monetary Policy and Its Effects (Room 301)

Quantitative Easing, Consolidation and Financial Economic Stability: An Historical Perspective
Steven Isberg; University of Baltimore

The Effects of Monetary Policy Announcements at the Zero Lower Bound
Natsuki Arai; Johns Hopkins University

Session #2  Labor Economics I (Room 311)

Firm Dynamics and Assortative Matching
Leland Crane; UMD College Park

The Price Elasticity of Higher Education for Military Spouses
Charles Baschnagel

Can Parents’ Right to Work Part-Time Hurt Childbearing-Aged Women? A Natural Experiment with Administrative Data
Daniel Fernandez-Kranz
Nuria-Rodrigues-Planas, IZA

Session #3  Political Issues (Room 402)

Voting with Behavioral Heterogeneity
Youzong Xu; Washington University in St. Louis

Revolutions
Brian Scholl; IZA

Will Global Warming Cure Obesity?
Stephen Popick; George Washington University
Anthony Yezer; George Washington University
Session #4  Income Inequality I (Room 404)

Trends in Intergenerational Economic Mobility Over Three Cohorts of Men
Scott Winship; Manhattan Institute

Philip Armour; Cornell University
Richard Burkhauser; Cornell University & University of Melbourne
Jeff Larrimore; Joint Committee on Taxation

Perspectives on Income Mobility, Inequality and Turnover at the Top
Gerald Auten; U.S. Treasury Department
Discussant: Robert Lerman

Session #5  IZA: Migration (Room 407)

Chair: Amelie F. Constant; IZA, Temple University, and George Washington University

A New (and Old Way) of Measuring the Effect of Poorly Educated Immigration on Poorly Educated Natives
Harriet Duleep; College of William and Mary and IZA

Determinants and Persistence of Immigrant Ranking Across Occupational Groups in the US
Agnieszka Postepska; Georgetown University
Francis Vella; Georgetown University and IZA

Immigration and Metropolitan Areas’ Economic Growth -- A Spatial Panel Approach
Xiaochu Hu; George Mason University

Discussants: Agnieszka Postepska; Georgetown University
Harriet Duleep; College of William and Mary and IZA

Session #6  Trade Conflicts (Room 413)

Why do Solvent Countries Default?
Warren Carnow; George Washington University

Retaliation: symmetric vs asymmetric
Aleksandr Vashchilko; American University of Iraq

Trade Preferences and Political Conflicts Associated with Trade Liberalization
Shoya Ishimaru; University of Tokyo
Soo hyun (Catherine) Oh; KIEP
Seung-Gyu Sim; University of Tokyo
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  Concurrent Sessions 7-13

Nonprofit Research Project Training Workshop II (registrants only)—Room 308
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Session #7  Studying Behavior (Room 301)

Regulating Consumer Financial Products: Evidence from Credit Cards
Souphala Chomsisengpheth; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Johannes Stroebel; Stern School of Business
Neale Mahoney; University of Chicago Booth School of Business
Sumit Agarwal; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

One Step at a Time: How to Achieve Voluntary Coordination through Gradualism?
Plamen Nikolov; Harvard University

The Effects of Fiscal Stimulus on Crime
Filippos Petroulakis; University of Maryland

Optimistic About the Future? The Importance of Uncertainty and Sentiment about the Future for Optimal Consumer Behavior
Justin Johnson Kakeu Kengne; Morehouse College

Session #8  Labor Economics II (Room 311)

The Impact of State and Local Taxes on Effective Marginal Tax Rates
Tracy Foertsch; US Treasury Department

The Employment and Earnings Effects of the Georgia Job Creation Tax Credit: A Regression Discontinuity Approach
Daniel Kuehn; American University

State Variation of Student Loan Debt and Performance
Wenhua Di; Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
Kelly Edmiston; Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

9. Challenges in Measurement and Forecasting (Room 402)

Biases in U.S. Government Forecasts
Neil Ericsson; Federal Reserve Board
Stedman Hood; Federal Reserve Board
Frederick Joutz; George Washington University
Tara Sinclair; George Washington University
H. O. Stekler; Department of Economics
The Social Cost of Carbon in Federal Rulemaking
Elizabeth Kopis, National Center for Environmental Economics, EPA
Discussant: Robert Nelson; University of Maryland

Session #10  Public Economics (Room 404)
Chair: Steven Payson, AIRLEAP
The United States Grant System
Howard Chernick; Hunter College
Economics of Federal Law Enforcement
Bryan Roberts; Econometrica, Inc.
Molly Valdes-Dapena; Institute for Defense Analyses
John Whitley; Institute for Defense Analyses
International Trade Policies
Charles Sawyer; Texas Christian University
Government Support for Public Transit Systems
Brian Sloboda; University of Phoenix

Session #11  IZA: Skills of the Young (Room 407)
Chair: Robert Lerman; American University and IZA
Expanding Apprenticeship: An Evidence-Based Policy to Increase Earnings
Robert Lerman; American University and IZA
One Size Does Not Fit All: Re-Thinking the Role of Abilities on College Attendance and Labor Market Outcomes
Maria Prada; University of Maryland
Sergio Urzua; University of Maryland and IZA
Bullying and Cyberbullying in Teenagers: The Role of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills
Miguel Sarzosa; University of Maryland
Sergio Urzua; University of Maryland and IZA
Discussants: Maria Prada; University of Maryland
Sergio Urzua; University of Maryland and IZA

Session #12  Energy and the Environment (Room 413)
Welfare Effects of Nonlinear Electricity Pricing
Jung S. You; Rice University
Nicholas Sanders; College of William & Mary
Ryan Sandler; Federal Trade Commission

Auctioning Federal Leases for Offshore Oil and Gas: New Options
Radford Schantz; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Environmental R&Ds and Synergistic Effects of Multiple Policy Instruments.
Valerica Vlad; Pennsylvania State University-Erie

Session #13  Economic Development (Room 414)

The Impact of Service Liberalization on Chinese Manufacturing Performance-A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis
Lin Jones; U.S. International Trade Commission
Marinos Tsigas; U.S. International Trade Commission

Foreign-Currency Debt and Government Spending Shocks
Cheng-Ying Yang; University of Wisconsin

The Global Partnership for Inclusive Growth
Yongfu Huang; United Nations University

12:30 – 1:30 PM
Conference Lunch Presentation with Robert J. Samuelson (Ballroom)

Did Economists Cause the Financial Crisis?

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM Concurrent Sessions 14-20

Nonprofit Research Project Training Workshop III (registrants only)—Room 308
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Session #14 Improvements in U.S. Statistics (Room 301)

Comparing New Final Demand Producer Price Indexes with other Government Price Indexes
Jonathan Weinhagen; Bureau of Labor Statistics

Productivity Growth in Construction
Leo Sveikauskas; Bureau of Labor Statistics

Online Model Selection Forecasting with Panel Data
Brian Scholl; IZA

Session #15 Labor in Recessions (Room 402)

Trends and Cycles in U.S. Labor Market
Amy Guisinger: The George Washington University
Tara Sinclair; George Washington University

How Well Did Social Security Mitigate the Effects of the Great Recession?
William Peterman; Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Kamila Sommer; Federal Reserve Board

Unemployment Persistence in the Recoveries from the Great Depression and the Great Recession
Gabriel Mathy; American University

Session #16 R&D and Science (Room 403)

Remaining as a Leader or Not? Technology Spillover and Technological Efficiency Answer
Hung Pin Lin; Shu-Te University

Organizational Capital, R&D Assets, and Offshore Outsourcing
Wendy Li; Bureau of Economic Analysis

Building an Empirical Basis for Science Policy
Rebecca Rosen; American Institutes for Research
Julia Lane; American Institutes for Research
Session #17  Credit Issues (Room 404)

Chair: Steven Payson; AIRLEAP

Government Ownership as Quality Certification? The Case of Rating Decisions for Hospital Municipal Bonds
Nathan Dong; Columbia University

Access to Credit in Indian Country
Valentina Dimitrova-Grajzl; Virginia Military Institute
Peter Grajzl; Washington and Lee University
A. Guse; Washington & Lee University
Richard Todd; Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Discussant: Andrew Felton, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Credit rating, Post-Earnings-Announcement-Drift, and Arbitrage from Transient Institutions
Guanming He; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Session #18  Secure Incomes (Room 407)

Niee Foning; University of Yaounde II

Power of Perceptions: Impacts of Perceived Conditionality in an Unconditional Cash Transfer Program
David Seidenfeld; American Institutes for Research

The Impact of a large Scale Poverty Program on Time Discounting
David Seidenfeld; American Institutes for Research

Session #19  Income Inequality II (Room 413)

Will Inequality Continue to Rise? Forecasting Income Inequality and Polarization in the United States
Marina Gindelsky; George Washington University

Trends in Income Inequality, Intertemporal Variability, and Mobility Risk in 30 Countries
Austin Nichols; Urban Institute

Insights from Statistical Physics into the Probability Distributions of Money and Income in the U.S. Economy
Victor Yakovenko; University of Maryland
Session #20  International Trade and Migration (Room 414)

Buyer-Seller Relationships in International Trade: Do Your Neighbors Matter?
Fariha Kamal; Center for Economic Studies
Asha Sundaram; University of Cape Town

The Effects of US Experience on the Earnings of Returned Migrants in Mexico
Shan Li; The George Washington University

The Role of Intellectual Property in Value-Added Trade in Global Value Chains
Nikolas Zolas; Bureau of the Census

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  Concurrent Sessions 21-26

Nonprofit Research Project Training Workshop IV (registrants only)—Room 308
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Session #21  Budgets and Fiscal Policy (Room 402)

Fiscal Policies in a Search Model with Heterogeneous Households
Zhiming Fu; University of California, Riverside

Multiyear Budgets and Fiscal Performance: Panel Data Evidence
Francesco Grigoli; IMF
Zachary Mills; World Bank
Marijn Verhoeven; The World Bank
Razvan Vlaicu; University of Maryland

The Innovation and Diffusion of State Tax Expenditure Budgets: Examining Determinants of Adoption with Event History Analysis
Lori Metcalf; District of Columbia, Office of the Chief Financial Officers

Session #22  Finance and Property Values (Room 403)

How Does Home Equity Affect Mobility?
Tom Mayock; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Fredrik Anderson; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

How Committed are Bank Corporate Line Commitments?
Irina Barakova; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Harini Parthasarathy; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

A Study on Performance of Subprime and Alt A Mortgages in the Subprime Crisis
Kee Cheung; Department of Housing and Urban Development
Sea Level Rise and Property Prices in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
Charles Griffiths; Environmental Protection Agency
Patrick Walsh; Environmental Protection Agency

Session #23 Challenges to Conventional Perspectives (Room 404)

Chair: Robert Nelson, University of Maryland

Bringing Religion into Economic Policy Analysis
Robert Nelson; University of Maryland

Why Does Theoretical Economic Literature Exist? An Economic and Sociological Critique
Steven Payson; AIRLEAP
Discussant: W. Charles Sawyer; Texas Christian University

Session #24 IZA: Quality of Education (Room 407)

Chair: Amelie Constant; IZA, Temple University, and George Washington University

What Kind of Teachers Are Schools Looking For? Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment
Peter Hinrichs; Georgetown University

School and Drugs: Closing the Gap, Evidence from a Randomized Trial in the US
Nuria Rodriguez-Planas; IZA, IAE-CSIC, and Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Snooze or Lose: High School Start Times and Academic Achievement
Jeffrey Groen; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Sabrina Pabilonia; Bureau of Labor Statistics and IZA
Discussants: Sabrina Pabilonia; Bureau of Labor Statistics and IZA
Peter Hinrichs; Georgetown University

Session #25 Presenting Data (Room 413)

Visualizing Economic Data for Non-Experts
Catherine Mulbrandon; VisualizingEconomics.com

Giving Better Presentations: A Primer for Policy Analysts
Jonathan Schwabish; Congressional Budget Office

Data Visualization in Practice
Adam Coyne; Mathematica Policy Research
Session #26    Retirement (Room 414)

Retirement Replacement Rates and Retirement Wealth Inequality Among Baby Boomer and Other Birth Cohorts
John Gist; George Washington University

Interactions between Social Insurance Programs: The Impact of Medicare on the Characteristics of Petitioners for Bankruptcy
Megan Fasules; American University
Mary Hansen; American University

Does Household Debt Influence the Labor Supply and Benefit Claiming Decisions of Older Americans?
Barbara Butrica; Urban Institute
Nadia Karamcheva; Urban Institute

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM; 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM

AIRLEAP Invitation to a Happy Hour and Dinner Gathering

All SGE Conference attendees are invited to attend the AIRLEAP Happy Hour and Dinner Gathering that will be held at the Mai Thai Restaurant (1200 19th St., NW) which is only eight blocks (about a 10 minute walk) from the Marvin Center (from point A to B as shown).

The happy hour will run from 6:00 to 7:15 PM, and dinner from 7:15 to around 8:30. People may feel free to attend either or both, and are expected to pay for their own dinner and drinks.

AIRLEAP® is the Association for Integrity and Responsible Leadership in Economics and Associated Professions—a 501(c)(3) charitable and educational nonprofit organization since 2007, whose Board of Directors is chaired by Deirdre McCloskey. For more information about AIRLEAP and the gathering see http://www.airleap.org and http://www.airleap.org/meetings.htm.
8:45 am - 9:00 am: Objectives of the Workshop (Quentin Wodon)

9:00 am - 10:15 am: Lecture I - Introduction to Cost Benefit Analysis (Warren Prunella)

10:15 am - 10:30 am: Coffee Break

10:30 am - 11:30 am: Lecture II - Introduction to Impact Evaluation (Laura Rawlings)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Panel I – Evaluation of Youth Programs
Session chair: Lindsey Buss
(1) Evaluation of Urban Alliance Programs (Daniel Tsin and Brett Theodos)
(2) Evaluation of Latin America Youth Center Programs (Tony Fujis and Brett Theodos)
(3) Evaluation and Cost-Benefit Analysis for Youth Programs: A Teaching Case Study (Mattias Lundberg)

12:30 am - 1:30 pm: Buffet Lunch and Keynote Speaker
Keynote: Did Economists Cause the Financial Crisis? (Robert Samuelson)

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm: Panel II – Tax Data Analysis
Session chair: Farhad Niami
Impact of the Recession:
(1) Impact of the Recession in DC: An Analysis Based on Tax Returns (Rhucha Samudra)
(2) Trends in DC Charitable Tax Deductions for Nonprofits (Betty Alleyne)
Neighborhood Analysis:
(3) Using Tax Data to Analyze Transitioning Neighborhoods in DC (Daniel Muhammad)
(4) Local Development through Tax Increment Financing: DC USA (Deborah Freis)

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm: Coffee Break

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm: Panel III – Cost-Benefit Analysis
Session chair: Marvin Ward
(1) Functional Family Therapy Programs to Reduce Juvenile Recidivism (John Roman)
(2) Capital BikeShare: Cost Benefit Analysis of a PPP (Kristine Johnston)
(3) Nonprofit Thrift Stores Funding Food Pantries: A Win-Win Strategy? (Quentin Wodon)

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm: Conclusion, Evaluation Forms, and Next Steps