

2015 Annual Conference**May 21, 2015, Washington, DC****The GWU, Marvin Center 800 21st Street, NW, 3rd Floor****Conference Summary**

Time	Activity
8:00	Registration and Complimentary Continental Breakfast Begin
9:00-9:15	Presidential Address – Dr. Amelie Constant
9:15-10:00	Plenary Speaker – Dr. Erica Groshen, Commissioner of Labor Statistics
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:15	Morning Sessions
12:15-12:30	Break
12:30-2:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Keynote Speaker – Dr. Klaus Zimmermann, Director of IZA
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:45	First Afternoon Sessions
3:45-4:00	Break
4:00-5:30	Second Afternoon Sessions

Session Matrix

	Morning (10:15 AM – 12:15 PM)	Afternoon 1 (2:15 PM – 3:45 PM)	Afternoon 2 (4:00 PM – 5:30 PM)
Room 301	Economic Impacts of Child Marriage	Ethics in the Education of Economists	Responses to Tax Policy
Room 302	Dynamics of Human Capital	Extending the Boundaries of Economic Thought	IZA World of Labor
Room 308	Methodological Innovations	Social and Economic Inequality	
Room 310	Analyses of Production and Services	Marriage Markets, Labor Markets, and Gender, Oh My!	Measuring the Impact of Health Policy
Continental Ballroom	Energy & Environment	Tax Policy and Analysis in the District of Columbia – Session 1	Tax Policy and Analysis in the District of Columbia – Session 2

Detailed Program Information

9:00 AM **Welcome Address by SGE President Dr. Amelie F. Constant**

9:15 AM **Plenary Lecture by Commissioner of Labor Statistics**

Dr. Erica L. Groshen “*What’s Up With the Labor Market?*”

10:15 AM **Breakout Sessions**

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM **Morning Sessions A**

A1. Economic Impacts of Child Marriage (Room 301)

Chair: Quentin Wodon, World Bank

Child Marriage Analysis Using Census Data

- Chata Male, World Bank

Child Marriage and Education

- Quentin Wodon, World Bank

Child Marriage and Fertility

- Nike Onagoruwa, World Bank

Foregone Earnings Due to Child Marriage

- Abouduhyme Savadogo, World Bank

Reproductive Health Savings and the Elimination of Child Marriage

- Meaghen Quinlan-Davidson, World Bank

A2. Dynamics of Human Capital (Room 302)

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

Natural Disasters, Academic Performance and Reconstruction: Evidence from Chile's 2010 Earthquake & Tsunami

- Ricardo Espinoza, University of Maryland

Offshoring, Low-skilled Immigration, and Labor Market Polarization

- Andrei Zlate, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

- Frederico S. Mandelman, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Origins of Persistent Differences in Human Capital Accumulation

- Ralf Meisenzahl, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- Jeremiah Dittmar, London School of Economics

Preferential Hiring and the US Earnings of Skilled Foreign Temporary Workers

- B. Lindsay Lowell, Georgetown University
- Hal Salzman, Rutgers University

Reversing Brain Drain: Evidence from Malaysia's Returning Expert Programme

- Mathis Wagner, Boston College
- Ximena Del Carpio, Caglar Ozden, Mauro Testaverde (World Bank)

Discussant:

- *Amelie Constant, GWU, Temple University and IZA*

A3. Methodological Innovations (Room 308)

Chair: *Wendy Li, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis*

Bias and Inefficiency in the Fed's International Greenbook Forecasts

- Neil R. Ericsson, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- Emilio J. Fiallos, Rutgers University
- J.E. Seymour, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Divisia Monetary Aggregates and US GDP Nowcasting

- Biyan Tang, University of Kansas

Economic Inequality from Statistical Physics Point of View

- Victor Yakovenko, University of Maryland

A4. Analyses of Production and Services (Room 310)

Chair: *Leo Sveikauskas, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Investment in Measured Capital and Income from Unmeasured Capital

- Mark Lasky, Congressional Budget Office

Methods of Temporal Disaggregation for Estimating Output of the Insurance Industry

- Sarah J. Pack, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- Ricci L. Reber, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Productivity Growth in Construction

- Leo Sveikauskas, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Samuel Rowe, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- James Mildenberger, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Jennifer Price, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Arthur Young, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

A5. Energy & Environment (Continental Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

Chair: *Steven Payson, AIRLEAP*

Green Innovation and Green Manufacturing: Links between Environmental Policies, Innovation, and Production

- Claire Brunel, Georgetown University

Modeling and Forecasting the Number and Severity of Railroad Oil Tank Car Spills

- Anthony Homan, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Todd Steiner, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Mark Johnson, U.S. Department of Transportation

Residential Energy Burden and Household Energy Expenditures by Race and Hispanic Origin: A Comparative Analysis of Intensities

- Tina Norris, Kent State University

The Impact of Pollution Prevention on Toxic Environmental Releases from U.S. Manufacturing Facilities

- Matthew Ranson, Abt Associates
- Brendan Cox, Abt Associates
- Cheryl Keenan, Abt Associates
- Daniel Teitelbaum, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

12:30 PM Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 PM Plenary Keynote Lecture by IZA Director

Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann “*Quo Vadis Government Economists?*”

2:15 PM Breakout Sessions

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM Afternoon Sessions B

B1. Ethics in the Education of Economists (Room 301)

Chair: Steven Payson, AIRLEAP

On Deaf Ears: The Pretense, Delusion, and Futility of Believing that Motivated Scholarship Will Cure Unscientific Theoretical Economics

- Steven Payson, AIRLEAP

On the Moral Ethics of Teaching Economics

- Amitai Etzioni, George Washington University

The Need for Professional Ethics Training in Economics Education

- Brian Sloboda, University of Phoenix

B2. Extending the Boundaries of Economic Thought (Room 302)

Chair: Wendy Li, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Everyone Believes in Redemption: Nudges and Overoptimism in Costly Task Completion

- Robert Letzler, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- Joshua Tasoff, Claremont Graduate University

Open Technology Practices and the Start of the Airplane Industry

- Peter B. Meyer, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Rethinking the Definition of Economics

- Shabnam Mousavi, Johns Hopkins University

White Hat or Black? An Economic Analysis of Computer Hacking

- Caitlin Brown, Georgetown University

B3. Social and Economic Inequality (Room 308)

Chair: Amelie Constant, GWU, Temple University and IZA

Ethnic Capital and Intergenerational Transmission of Education: Application to GSS Data Using Estimation Based on Conditional Second Moments

- Agnieszka Postepska, Georgetown University

Racial Discrimination in Local Public Services

- Corrado Giuliatti, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)
- Mirco Tonin, University of Southampton
- Michael Vlassopoulos, University of Southampton

Women's Asset Ownership and Food Security in Ghana

- Phanwin Yokying, American University

The Inequality Dynamics and Welfare Implications of Reducing Financial Intermediation Cost

- Zhe Fu, George Washington University

B4. Marriage Markets, Labor Markets, and Gender, Oh My! (Room 310)

A DC Women in the Economics Profession (DCWEP) Session

Chair: *Misty L. Heggeness, National Institutes of Health and DC Women in the Economics Profession*

Measuring Diversity of the NIH-Funded Workforce Within a Relevant Labor Market Context

- Misty L. Heggeness, National Institutes of Health and DCWEP

Measuring Marriage Rates over Time: Implications for Empirical Analyses

- Joelle Abramowitz, US Census Bureau and DCWEP

The Determinants of Mexican Migrants' Duration in the United States: Family Composition, Psychic Costs, and Human Capital

- Shan Li, George Washington University

Historical Changes in Young Adult Living Arrangements: Exploring Gender Differences, 1967-2013

- Laryssa Mykyta, DC Women in the Economics Profession

Discussants:

- *Joelle Abramowitz, US Census Bureau and DCWEP*
- *Misty L. Heggeness, National Institutes of Health and DCWEP*

B5. Tax Policy and Analysis in the District of Columbia - Session 1 (Continental Ballroom)

Chair: *Quentin Wodon, World Bank*

A Look at Head of Household Filers in Washington, DC

- Betty Alleyne, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis

Annual Tax Rates and Tax Burdens Study

- Lori Metcalf, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis

Effect of the District of Columbia's Refundable Tax Credits on Poverty and Income Distribution

- Rhucha Samudra, American University
- Daniel Muhammad, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis

Tax Burden Comparisons in the United States

- Quentin Wodon, World Bank

Discussants:

- Farhad Niami, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis
- Quentin Wodon, World Bank
- Daniel Muhammad, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis
- Lori Metcalf, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis

4:00 PM Breakout Sessions

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Afternoon Sessions C

C1. Responses to Tax Policy (Room 301)

Chair: Marvin Ward Jr., Congressional Budget Office

Do Tax Credits Increase Contributions to Nonprofits? Evidence from Iowa and Arizona

- Daniel Teles, Tulane University

How Sensitive Are Taxpayers to Marginal Tax Rates? Evidence from Income Bunching in the United States

- Andrew Whitten, Joint Committee on Taxation
- Jacob Mortenson, Joint Committee on Taxation

Taxation, Credit Frictions and the Cyclical Behavior of the Labor Wedge

- Salem Abo-Zaid, Texas Tech University

C2. IZA World of Labor (Room 302)

Chair: Klaus F. Zimmermann, IZA and Bonn University

Do Minimum Wages Induce Immigration?

- Corrado Giulietti, IZA

Designing Unemployment Benefits in Developing Countries

- David Robalino, World Bank

Is the Return to Education the Same for Everybody?

- Douglas Webber, Temple University

Late-Life Work and Well-Being

- Carol Graham, Brookings

Discussants:

- Corrado Giulietti, IZA

C3. Measuring the Impact of Health Policy (Room 308)

Chair: *Steven Payson, AIRLEAP*

Countervailing Effects: What the FDA Would Have to Know to Evaluate Tobacco Regulations

- James Prieger, Pepperdine University
- Mark Kleiman, University of California at Los Angeles
- Jonathan Kulick, Pepperdine University

Do Insurers Influence Medical Utilization? Evidence from Risk Adjustment in Medicare Advantage

- Brett Lissenden, University of Virginia

Earning the Grade or Just Window Dressing? The Effects of Information Disclosure on Restaurant Hygiene Quality

- Jialiang Zhu, George Washington University

Health Effects of Transportation Policy: Quito's Pico y Placa Program

- Yiseon Yoo, George Washington University

C4. Tax Policy and Analysis in the District of Columbia - Session 2 (Continental Ballroom)

Chair: *Farhad Niami, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis*

Capital Gains Taxes: Changes Over Time in the District of Columbia

- Naina Wodon, University of Wisconsin

DC Tax Revenue Fund through Time: Composition of the District of Columbia General Tax Fund: 1985-2014

- Charlotte Otabor, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis

Outlays for Social Programs in the District of Columbia: EITC and SNAP

- Divya Wodon, University of Wisconsin

The Effect of the EITC in the District of Columbia on Poverty and Income Dynamics

- Daniel Muhammad, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis

Discussants:

- *Charlotte Otabor, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis*
- *Quentin Wodon, World Bank*
- *Daniel Muhammad, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis*
- *Farhad Niami, D.C. Office of Revenue Analysis*