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

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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
  • Aboudrahymh Savadogo, World Bank

Reproductive Health Savings and the Elimination of Child Marriage
  • Meaghan 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
• 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 Giulietti, 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
   • 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