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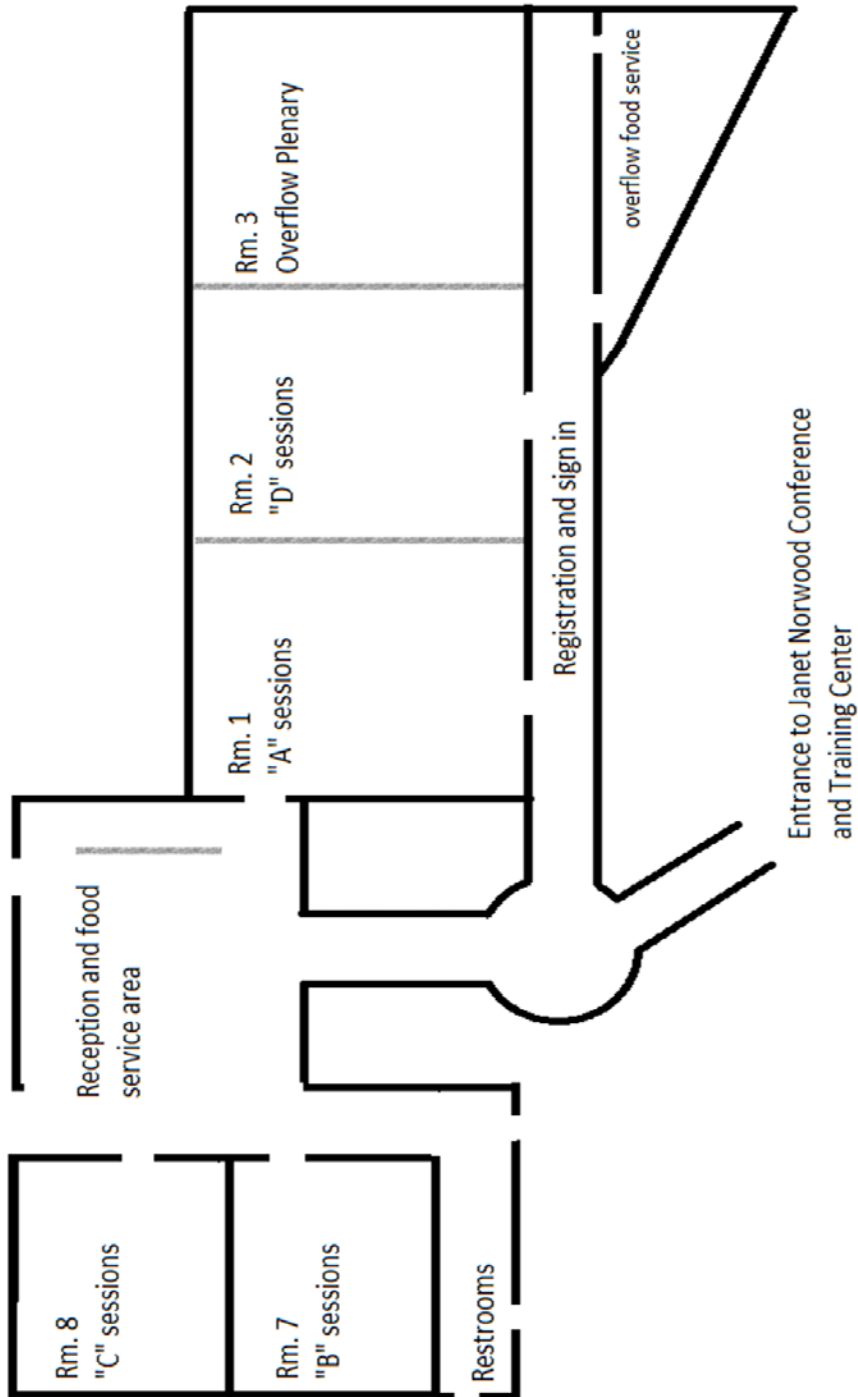
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Please check in at the conference to receive your conference nametag. Online registration closed May 10, 2016. Conference-day registration will require security screening; conference-day registration will cost \$85 attendees, \$145 presenters. Checks and credit cards accepted.

Schedule	Lobby	Room 1	Room 2	Room 7	Room 8
8:00am-8:30am	Check-in & continental breakfast				
8:30am-9:00am	Check-in	Opening remarks			
9:10am-10:30am	Check-in	Session 1A		Session 1B	Session 1C
10:40am-12noon	Check-in	Session 2A	Session 2D	Session 2B	Session 2C
12noon-12:40pm	Lunch				
12:45pm-1:45pm		Keynote speaker - Dr. John Abowd			
1:55pm-3:15pm		Session 3A	Session 3D	Session 3B	Session 3C
3:25pm-4:45pm		Session 4A		Session 4B	Session 4C

Happy Hour and Dinner Gathering After the SGE Conference

UPDATED LOCATION:

Thunder Grill, a Tex-Mex restaurant inside the main lobby of Union Station

Co-sponsored by SGE and AIRLEAP

(RSVP for dinner at https://www.memberplanet.com/events/airleap_membership/sge-airleap-hhd)

Members and friends of the Society of Government Economists (SGE) and the Association for Integrity and Responsible Leadership in Economics and Associated Professions (AIRLEAP) are invited to [Thunder Grill](#) in Union Station immediately after the Society of Government Economists Annual Conference.

8:30am-9:00am Opening Remarks, Rooms 1&2

Welcome

Conference Organizer, Susan E. Fleck, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Presidential Address

Amelie F. Constant, IZA

9:10am-10:30am Session 1

Session 1.A. Exogenous Shocks and their Impact on Households and Workers

Chair: Austin Nichols, Abt Associates

Discussant: Bonni von Blarcom, SGE

Disaster Relief Spending: Multiplier effects on households and communities

Xiaoqing Zhou
University of Michigan

The Impact of NAFTA on U.S. Labor Markets

Justino De La Cruz
with David Riker
U.S. International Trade Commission

Migration Response to Oil Price Volatility: A Dynamic Simulation of Migration from South and Southeast Asia to the Gulf States

Caitlyn Carrico, Center for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University
With S. Amer Ahmed, World Bank and Angel Aguiar, Center for Global Trade Analysis

Session 1.B. Measuring Employment and Unemployment – a BLS Perspective

Chair: Rick Clayton, Bureau of Labor Statistics, retired

Current Employment Statistics – The Jobs Data

Kara Sullivan and Jay Stuart
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Current Population Survey – The Unemployment Rate

Megan Dunn
Bureau of Labor Statistics

A Review of Non-profit sector in the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages – Local, State, and National Data

Erik Friesenhahn
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Session 1.C. Money Talks: Debt, Credit Ratings, and International Trade

Chair: Susan Fleck, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discussant: Sonia Plaza, World Bank

Dynamics of Government Debt and Deficit: A Threshold VAR Approach

Haydory Akbar Ahmed

Kansas State University

Puerto Rico's Economic and Fiscal Crisis and How It Could be Addressed

Rachel Greszler

Heritage Foundation

It's Not Just the Design that Counts, but How You Use It: Examining the Impact of Reserve Usage on State Credit Ratings

Jonathan Moody and Alan van der Hilst

The Pew Charitable Trusts

The Emergence of Renminbi (RMB) as an International Invoicing Currency and International Trade

Yuan Yuan

Temple University

Co-author: Cheng-Ying Yang, Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica

10:40am-12noon Session 2

Session 2.A. AIRLEAP Session on New Approaches to Economic Measurement and Analysis and Their Implications

Organizer and Chair: Steven Payson

The Effects of Adjacent Property Rights on Value: Evidence from Timber Auctions

Colin Doran and Thomas Stratmann

George Mason University

Housing and Monetary Policy in the Business Cycle: What Do Housing Rents Have To Say?

Joao Duarte

University of Illinois

Daniel Dias

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

An Analysis of the Employment Effects of Offshore Oil and Gas Regulations

Steven Payson

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, US Dept. of the Interior

Session 2.B. New Horizons and Persistent Differences: Innovation, wages, and potential for growth

Chair: Jules Lichtenstein, SGE

Discussant: Diane Lim, Vice President, Economic Research, Committee for Economic Development

Innovation and Economic Growth: Case of India

Sushma Shukla

Virginia International University

Measuring Cross-Border Data Flows: Unmet Data Needs

Jessica Nicholson

Economics and Statistics Administration, Office of the Chief Economist

Co-author: Giulia McHenry, NTIA

What Can Occupational Requirements Data Tell Us About Part-time versus Full-time Work?

Kristen Monaco, Nicole Dangermond, and Kristin Smyth,

US Bureau of Labor Statistics

How Persistent are Establishment Wage Differentials?

Jay Stewart

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Co-author: Matthew Dey

Session 2.C. Monetary Policy, Military Presence, and Income Effects

Chair: Elizabeth Bass, Congressional Budget Office

Discussant: Erin Troland, Department of Treasury

Do US Military Deployments Enhance Foreign Economic Institutions

David J. Ratliff, Major, USAF

Defense Financial Management and Comptroller School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

The Impacts of Sector Growth and Monetary Policy on Income Inequality in Developing Countries

Sima Siami-Namini

Texas Tech University

Co-author: Dareen Hudson, Texas Tech University

Inequality in America: The Role of National Income, Household Income, and Transfers

Bradley Hardy

American University*

Co-authors: Marina Gindelsky, BEA, Dennis Fixler, BEA, David Johnson, University of Michigan

Income Distribution – is there a Middle Class?

Victor Yakovenko

Physics Dept., University of Maryland

Session 2.D. Challenges of Measurement - Hedonics, Seasonality, Forecasting

Chair: Wendy Li, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Discussant: Ralph Bradley, Bureau of Labor Statistics

An Overview over the Bloomberg Economic Survey

Constantin Burgi

George Washington University

The Treatment of Weakly Seasonal Goods and Services in Compiling the CPI

Shelley A. Winston-Reid

Hood College

Capital Accounting for Rapidly Obsolescing One-Hoss Shay Individuals in Geometric Cohorts

Brian Sliker

US Bureau of Economic Analysis

The New Vehicles Price Index: A Proposal for Incorporating Transaction Data from JD Power

Brendan Williams

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Co-author: Erick Sager, Bureau of Labor Statistics

12noon-12:40pm Lunch

Boxed lunch is provided in Lobby/Reception Area.

12:45pm-1:45pm Keynote speaker, Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Introduction:

William Wiatrowski

Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Keynote Address:

The Fate of Empirical Economics When All Data Are Private

Dr. John Abowd

Census Bureau and Cornell University

1:55pm-3:15pm Session 3

Session 3.A. Effects of Immigration on Labor Markets

Chair: Amelie Constant, IZA

Discussant: Robert Lerman, Urban Institute

Ability Drain: Size, Impact on Home and Host Countries, and Comparison with Brain Drain under Alternative Immigration Policies

Maurice Schiff

Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

The Role of Immigration in U.S. Labor Markets and the Economy

Diane Lim

Committee for Economic Development of The Conference Board

Co-author: Brian Schaitkin, The Conference Board

Estimating the temporary workforce of H-1B specialty workers in the United States

Xiaochu Hu

University of the District of Columbia

Co-author: B. Lindsay Lowell, Georgetown University

Left Behind but Doing Good? Civic Engagement in Two Post-Socialist Countries

Klaus F. Zimmermann

Harvard University and UNU-MERIT

Co-authors: Milena Nikolova, IZA, and Monica Roman, Bucharest University

Session 3.B. Measuring Economic Well-being and Poverty in the United States: The Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM)

Chair: Kathleen Short, U.S. Census Bureau, retired

Discussant: Patricia Ruggles, NORC

SPM Thresholds: Imputing Subsidies to the Consumer Expenditure Survey for Poverty Measurement

Thesia Garner, Marisa Gudrais, and Kathleen Short

Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau

Measuring Work-related Expenses for the Supplemental Poverty Measure

Ashley Edwards

US Census Bureau

Incomes of the Population 65+: A New Look with Linked Survey-Administrative Data

Josh Mitchell and Adam Bee

US Census Bureau

Session 3.C. DCWEP Session: The Economics of Health Jobs, Costs, and Quality

Organizer: DC Women in the Economics Profession

Chair: Misty Heggeness, US Census Bureau

Discussant: Sean Lyons, Congressional Budget Office

Predicting Women's Representation in the NIH-Funded Scientific Workforce

Ying Zeng

University of Maryland, Economics Department

The Impact of NIH Funded Postdoctoral Training on Future Career Outcomes

Maria Isabel Larenas

National Institutes of Health

The Effect of Eliminating a Large Payroll Subsidy on Nursing Home Staffing Levels and Care Quality

Thomas Hegland

University of Maryland

Creating Competition and Reducing Costs in Health Insurance – Proposal for an Overlay Payment System

Robert Culp

Dalton State College

Session 3.D. The Economics of Schooling, Achievement, and Success

Chair: Tiffany Chou, Department of Treasury

Discussant: Jeff Strohl, Center on Education and the Workforce, Georgetown University

LATE for the meeting: Gender, peer advising, and college success

Seth Gershenson

American University and IZA

Jimmy Ellis, American University

The Effects of Student Loan Interest Rates on College Enrollment

Ricci L. Reber

St. Mary's College of Maryland

School Choice Programs and Location Choice of Private Schools

Crystal Zhan

University of South Carolina

When the Honeymoon is Over: The Effect of Family Structure on Child Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Achievements

Ning Fu

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

3:25pm-4:45pm Session 4

Session 4.A. Migration from Social Upheaval - linkages, causes, results

Chair: Sonia Plaza, World Bank

Discussant: Amelie Constant, IZA

The European Refugee Crisis: Policy Challenges and Perspectives

Klaus F. Zimmermann

Harvard University and UNU-MERIT

Return Labor Migrants to Armenia and Human Rights Violations

B. Lindsay Lowell

ISIM, Georgetown University

Averting Crisis with Development: ways to mitigate the unaccompanied minor Central American migration crisis

Julia Yansura

Inter-American Dialogue

Co-author: Manuel Orozco, Inter-American Dialogue

Session 4.B. Cops, Communities, and Crime

Chair: Heidi Golding, Congressional Budget Office

Discussant: Alexander McQuoid, Naval Academy

State Political Climate and Police Militarization

Olugbenga Ajilore

University of Toledo

New Data on the Prevalence of Illicit Trade in Cigarettes

James E. Prieger

Pepperdine University

Co-authors: Jonathan Kulick, Pepperdine University; Neill Norman, Cornerstone Research;

Alberto Aziani, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Targeted Enforcement Against Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products: How Best to Suppress Violence?

Jonathan Kulick

Senior Project Director, Pepperdine University

Co-authors: Mark A.R. Kleiman, New York University; James E. Prieger, Pepperdine University

Session 4.C. AIRLEAP Session on Ethics, Integrity, and Responsible Leadership in the Practice of Economics

Organizer: The Association for Integrity and Responsible Leadership in Economics and Associated Professions

Chair: Steven Payson

Incorporating Ethics in the Development of Cost-Benefit Analysis

Brian Sloboda

University of Phoenix

Did the Reversal of the Glass-Steagall Act Lead to the Subprime Mortgage Collapse and the Great Recession?

LeRoynda Brooks

US Coast Guard

To What Extent Do Incentives in Academic Economics Advance Useful Knowledge?

Steven Payson

Association for Integrity and Responsible Leadership in Economics and Associated Professions

DEADLINE CALL FOR PAPERS SGE at ASSA, Chicago, Jan 6-8, 2017 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION is May 15th

The Society of Government Economists is organizing 7 sessions at the 2017 ASSA meeting in Chicago, IL, January 6-8, 2017. Sessions provide economists to opportunity to present their research. Individual papers and complete sessions are permitted. For each submission, at least one author of the paper must hold SGE membership before submission. Paid attendees at the SGE Annual Conference have been granted SGE membership through January 2017.

We look forward to your submission to SGE at ASSA.

Go to www.sge-econ.org to submit your abstract.