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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


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, Universita 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
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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

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