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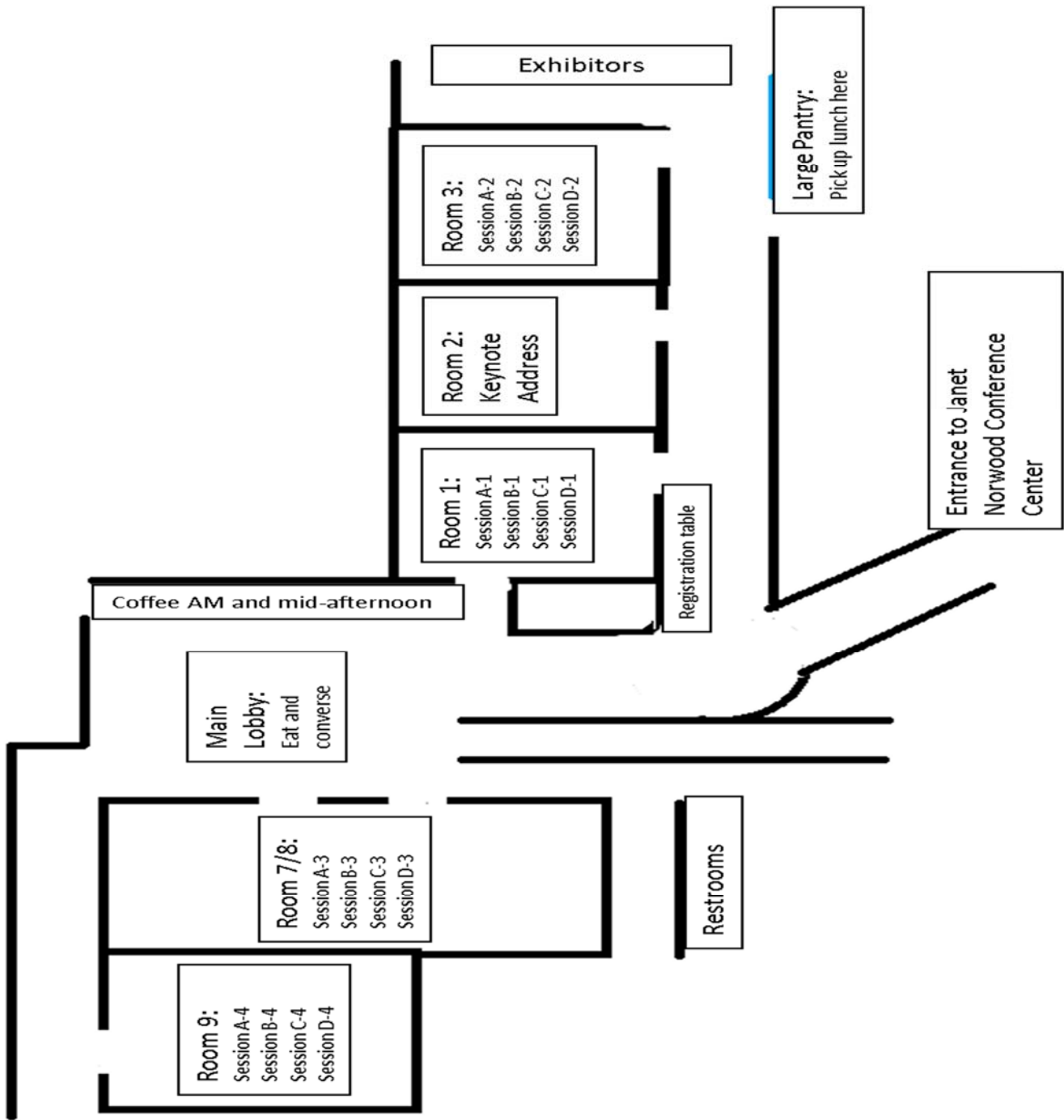
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Conference and Conference Center Information



The Society of Government Economists welcomes **Dr. Bruce D. Meyer** as the Keynote Speaker of the annual conference. Dr. Meyer is a national leader in research and policy on work, welfare, and well-being, and the metrics used to measure policy impact. Dr. Meyer served on the [U.S. Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking](#) to develop a strategy to increase use of and access to data that informs policy decisions. Dr. Meyer is the McCormick Foundation Professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.

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9:00am-10:30am	Session A – 4-person panel	A-1		A-2	A-3	A-4
10:40am-11:50am	Session B – 3-person panel	B-1		B-2	B-3	B-4
11:50am-12:30pm	Lunch, served in Large Pantry					
12:30pm-1:30pm	Keynote speaker – Dr. Bruce D. Meyer	Keynote				
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8:00am Onward Registration

8:30am-8:50am Presidential Address and SGE Election Results

9:00am-10:30am Session A: 4-person panel

Session A-1: Career Pathways Innovations in the U.S. (Room 1)

Chair: Austin Nichols, Abt Associates

Discussant: Robert Lerman, Urban Institute

Considerations in Assessing the Impacts of Career Pathways Interventions

Judith A. Alamprese, Abt Associates

PACE Evaluation of Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement

Karen Gardiner, Abt Associates

Coauthors: Howard Rolston, Elizabeth Copson, Abt Associates

Do Community Colleges Respond to Labor Market Trends?

Michel Grosz, Abt Associates

Short-Term Impact Results from the First Round of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG 1.0)

Daniel Litwok, Abt Associates

Coauthors: Laura R. Peck, Alan Werner, Eleanor Harvill, Shawn Moulton, Alyssa Rulf Fountain, and Gretchen Locke

Session A-2: Migration, Location, and Community Outcomes (Room 3)

Chair: Linda Loubert, Morgan State University

Discussant: James Hedrick, Federal Housing Finance Agency

The health of intra-European migrants: Selection, adaptation or distress?

Amelie F. Constant, Princeton University

Coauthor: Nadja Milewski, University of Rostock

The Effect of Social Connectedness on Crime: Evidence from the Great Migration

Bryan Stuart, The George Washington University

The Long-run and Gender-equalizing Impacts of School Access: Evidence from the First Indochina War

Ha Nguyen, World Bank

Coauthor: Hai-Anh Dang, World Bank

Session A-3: Productivity and Economic Growth: Measurement, Impacts, and Sources Of Growth (Room 7/8)

Chair: Sun Ling Wang, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

How Should We Correct Medical Prices for Quality Improvements? The Case of Nursing Homes

Leo Sveikauskas, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discussant: Sabrina Pabilonia, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Macroeconomic Modelling for Policy Analysis

Bingxin Yu, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

Discussant: Marinos Tsigas, U.S. International Trade Commission

World Agricultural Growth and Its Sources

Nicholas Rada, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Discussant: Jon Samuels, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

Agricultural Productivity in the U.S.: Measurement and Sources of Growth

Sun Ling Wang, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Coauthors: Richard Nehring and Roberto Mosheim, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Discussant: Jon Samuels, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

Session A-4: Mini-Sessions (Room 9)

A-4a, 9-9:45am: The Impact of Location on Outcomes - Trade and Growth

Chair: Robert Martin, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discussant: Colin Hottman, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Export Spillover and Destination Choice

Chang Hong, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Coauthor: Haoyu Wu, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Rural Arts, Design, and Innovation: Findings from the Rural Establishment Innovation Survey

Bonnie Nichols, Office of Research & Analysis, National Endowment for the Arts

Coauthor: Timothy Wojan, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

A-4b, 9:45-10:30am: Tax Topics

Chair: Elaine Maag, Urban Institute

Discussant: Molly Saunders-Scott, Congressional Budget Office

The Spending Response to Delayed Tax Refund Disbursements for Lower-Income U.S. Households

Katherine Richard, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Coauthors: David Cashin, Aditya Aladangady, Shifrah Aron-Dine, Wendy Dunn, Laura Feiveson, Paul Lengeremann, and Claudia Sahm (Federal Reserve Board of Governors)

Nothing is Certain Except Death and Taxes: The Lack of Policy Uncertainty from Expiring "Temporary" Taxes

Andrew Chang, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

10:40am-11:50am Session B: 3-person panel

Session B-1: Supplemental Poverty Measure: Ongoing Research and Future Directions (Room 1)

Chair: Trudi Renwick, U.S. Census Bureau

Discussant: Shelly Ver Ploeg, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Moving to the Median and Expanding the Estimation Sample: The Case for Changing the Expenditures Underlying SPM Thresholds

Liana Fox, U.S. Census Bureau

Coauthor: Thesia I. Garner, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Controlling for Prices before Estimating SPM Thresholds and the Impact on SPM Poverty Statistics

Thesia I. Garner, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Coauthor: Juan Munoz, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Calculating a Supplemental Poverty Measure in the Survey of Income and Program Participation: Methods, Findings, and Comparisons to the Current Population Survey

Lewis H. Warren, U.S. Census Bureau

Coauthors: Liana Fox and Ashley Edwards, U.S. Census Bureau

Session B-2: Forecasting at The Fed (Room 3)

Chair: Neil R. Ericsson, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Presenters will discuss each other's papers

What's the Story? A New Perspective on the Value of Economic Forecasts

Nitish R. Sinha, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Coauthors: Steven A. Sharpe and Christopher A. Hollrah, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

The Wisdom of Committees

Neil R. Ericsson, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Coauthors: David F. Hendry, University of Oxford, S. Yanki Kalfa, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Jaime Marquez, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

Forecasting FOMC Economic Projections

Jaime Marquez, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

Coauthor: S. Yanki Kalfa, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

Session B-3: New Approaches to Measurement – Work, Wages, and Poverty (Room 7/8)

Chair/Discussant: James Spletzer, U.S. Census Bureau

A Multidimensional Poverty Measure using the American Community Survey

Brian Glassman, U.S. Census Bureau

The Distributional Effects of Minimum Wages: Evidence from Linked Survey and Administrative Data

Kevin Rinz, U.S. Census Bureau

Coauthor: John Voorheis, U.S. Census Bureau

The 2018 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) System

Theresa Cosca, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Session B-4: AIRLEAP Session on Economics Education and the Economics Profession (Room 9)

Chair: Steven Payson, AIRLEAP
Presenters will discuss each other's papers

The Economics Profession Reaches Out

Mina Kim, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Coauthor: Jon Haveman, National Economic Education Delegation

Is the Behavior of Economics Professors Leading to Their Success or Failure?

Steven Payson, AIRLEAP

Corporate Influence Over Economic Research in Academia

Deborah Wright, Southeastern Community College, IA

11:50am-12:30pm Lunch

Boxed lunch is served in Large Pantry, Tables will be set up in Lobby/Reception Area

12:30pm-1:30pm KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Bruce D. Meyer

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1:40pm-2:50pm Session C: 3-person panel

Session C-1: Impact Of Change On Work and Well-Being (Room 1)

Chair: Elizabeth Bass, Congressional Budget Office

Discussant: Austin Nichols, Abt Associates

The Impact of SNAP and Work Requirements on Labor Supply

Brian Stacy, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Coauthors: Erik Scherpf and Young Jo, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Parental Mortality: Its Prevalence and Effects over the Life Cycle

David Weaver, Congressional Budget Office
Coauthor: Justin Lee, Congressional Budget Office

New Duals? Testing for a Welcome Mat Effect from the Affordable Care Act among Medicare Beneficiaries

Noelia Duchovny, Congressional Budget Office
Coauthors: Tamara Hayford and Daria Pelech, Congressional Budget Office

Session C-2: Inflation and Price Measurement (Room 3)

Chair: David Friedman, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discussant: Brian Adams, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Purchasing power: using wage statistics with regional price parities to create a standard for comparing wages across U.S. areas

Benjamin Cover, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discrepancies Between Survey-Based Inflation and the CPI

Constantin Burgi, The George Washington University

Correcting the Drift of Superlative Index Numbers by Minimally Adjusting the Data

Brian Sliker, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

Session C-3: Regional Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (EE) and Innovation (Room 7/8)

Chair: Brian W. Sloboda, U.S. Department of Labor and University of Phoenix

Is the Grass Green for Entrepreneurs in an Emerging Economy? A Study of Entrepreneurship in India

Subhashis Nandy, University of Phoenix

Coauthor: Fiona Sussan, University of Phoenix

Discussant: Brian W. Sloboda, U.S. Department of Labor and University of Phoenix

An Etc Approach to Examine EE Building in the MENA Region

Lou Daily, University of Phoenix

Coauthors: Dena Bateh, Fiona Sussan, University of Phoenix

Discussant: Steven Payson, AIRLEAP

Regional Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (EE) Development in Context: A Case of Romania

Cristina Marine, University of Phoenix

Coauthor: Fiona Sussan, University of Phoenix

Discussant: Xiaochu Hu, University of the District of Columbia

3:00pm-4:30pm Session D: 4-person panel

Session D-1: Consumer Spending Topics (Room 1)

Chair: Farhad Niami, DC Office of Revenue Analysis

Discussant: Claudia Sahm, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

How E-Commerce Improves the Brick and Mortar Shopping Experience: Explaining the Post-2002 Slowdown

Rachel Soloveichik, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

A Study of the District of Columbia's Rental Market from 2000 to 2015: The Role of Millennials

Yi Geng, DC Office of Revenue Analysis

Coauthors: Daniel Muhammad and Fahad Fahimullah, DC Office of Revenue Analysis

Federal Tax Reform and the District of Columbia
Norton Francis, DC Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Opioids and other addictive drugs in the U.S. Economy: How large a problem?
Mandy Roberts, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

Session D-2: Globalization and Intellectual Property (Room 3)

Chair/Discussant: Brent Moulton, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

Strategic Movement of Intellectual Property within Multinational Enterprises
Raymond Mataloni, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce
Coauthors: Derrick Jenniges, Sarah Stutzman, and Yiran Xin, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Globalization and Inequality in Innovation: A Perspective from U.S. R&D Tax Credit Policy
Maksim Belenkiy, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
Coauthors: Wendy Li, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and Susan Xu, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

Capturing International R&D Trade and Financing Flows: What do available sources reveal about the structure of knowledge-based global production?
Francisco Moris, National Science Foundation
Coauthors: Fernando Galindo-Rueda and Daniel Ker, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and John Jankowski, National Science Foundation

Multinational Profit Shifting and Measures throughout the Economic Accounts
Jennifer Bruner, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce
Coauthors: Dylan Rassier, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Kim J. Ruhl, Pennsylvania State University

Session D-3: AIRLEAP Session on Employment Issues, Changing Markets, and Market Failures (Room 7/8)

Chair: Benjamin Simon, U.S. Department of the Interior
Presenters will discuss each other's papers

Who are Farmers' Markets Benefiting and How? Evidence from a New Survey of Washingtonians
Xiaochu Hu, University of the District of Columbia
Coauthors: Kamran Zendejdel and Lorraine Clarke, University of the District of Columbia

The Downsizing of Economics Professors: How It Will Happen and Why It Will Succeed
Steven Payson, AIRLEAP

Do Regulations Have Impacts on Employment? The Case of Offshore Oil and Gas Industry Regulations
Brian W. Sloboda, University of Phoenix

Free Market Failures: Making a Case for Government Intervention
Deborah Wright, Southeastern Community College, IA

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2019 ASSA/SGE Sessions in Atlanta - January 4-6, 2019
Call for Papers - Deadline May 17, 2018

The Society of Government Economists' mission is to support the professional development of government economists, and those who are interested in public policy economics, by providing them with research, publication, and professional communication opportunities. SGE will sponsor seven sessions during the 2019 ASSA meeting. These sessions will provide economists the opportunity to present their research, discuss it with their peers, and receive feedback as well as to meet other economists and learn about the latest topics in economics. **This call for papers and sessions is open to all individuals; applicants need not be government economists.**

Sessions will be designed to provide valuable contributions to existing knowledge and understanding, and to improve how economics is practiced. Contributions to SGE sessions are expected to measure, explain and/or analyze the nature and causes of economic phenomena, and, in turn, enhance public decision making.

All participants are required to register and pay for the conference. **In addition, for each submission, at least one author on each paper must have an active SGE membership by the submission deadline.** The submission will not be processed if this requirement is not met. If you are not yet a member, please go to the SGE website to pay the annual membership fee of \$30.

Submissions can be made for complete sessions and individuals papers. For individual papers that are accepted, the Society will organize sessions and invite discussants and chairs to those sessions. To propose an individual paper, include: (1) a brief sentence describing the paper, (2) the title of the paper and the names and contact information (including email addresses) and affiliations for each of the authors, (3) a brief abstract (of no more than 300 words) describing the paper, and (4) 2 JEL codes. Do NOT send a draft of the paper. To propose an entire session, include: (1) The title, organizer, and chair of the session, (2) all of the above-mentioned information required of individual-paper proposals for each of the papers in the session (for 4 papers), and (3) the names and contact information for all discussants and which papers they will discuss.

The due date to submit your complete session or individual paper abstract is **May 17th, 2018 (Thursday)**. Please follow instructions on the SGE website - <http://www.sge-econ.org/> - to submit your session or individual paper abstract.

Please direct all questions or concerns to Wendy Li, wendycyli@gmail.com.

Best Regards,
Wendy Li, ASSA organizer
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