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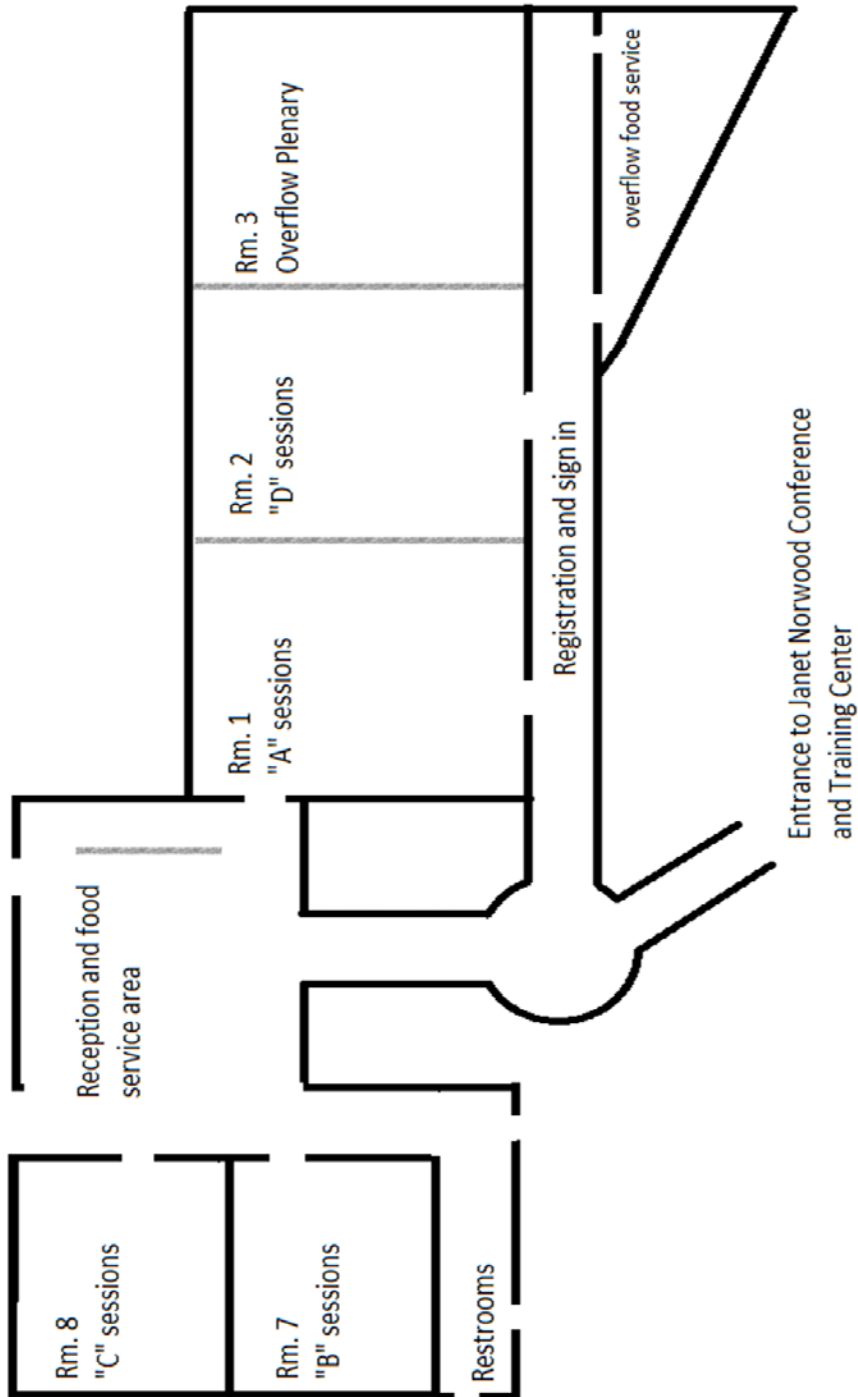
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Janet Norwood Conference and Training  
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## Conference and Conference Center Information

**Janet Norwood Conference Center, Ground Floor**  
**US Bureau of Labor Statistics**  
**2 Massachusetts Ave, NE**  
**Washington, DC**  
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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](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 15<sup>th</sup>**

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](http://www.sge-econ.org) to submit your abstract.