



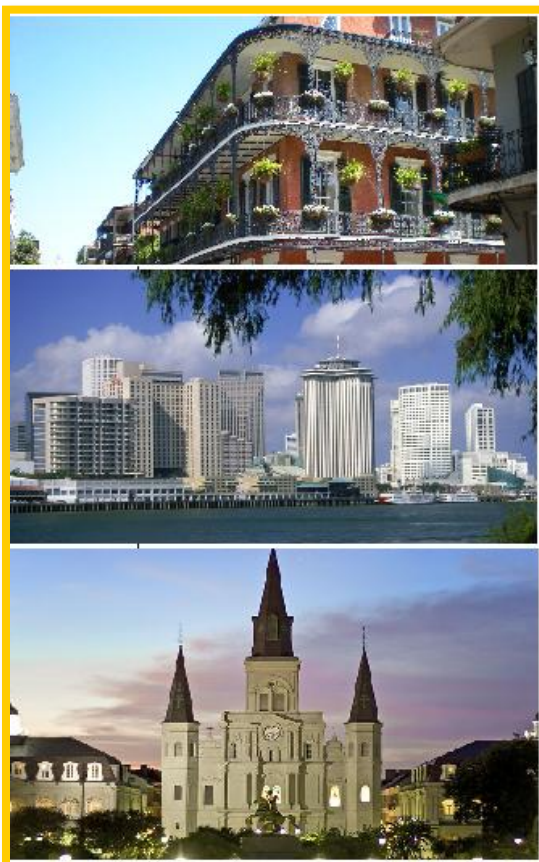
**SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCIENCE  
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# **50<sup>th</sup> Southern Regional Science Association Meeting**

**March 23-27, 2011  
New Orleans, LA**

**Royal Sonesta Hotel  
Bourbon Street, French Quarter**



**Conference Program 2011**

*Golden Anniversary*

## Welcome to SRSA's Golden Anniversary

We have an exciting program for our 2011 meeting in New Orleans. This year we convene to celebrate our half-century of annual meetings.

Please note that there may have been some changes since you last viewed the preliminary program posted on our website. Verify the timing, as well as the locations, of your papers and sessions. The author index located on pages 17-19 shows when and where you are scheduled.

The following provides a guide to the etiquette for all sessions:

- Each paper presentation is allotted twenty minutes, with an additional ten minutes of discussion.
- Discussants should prepare five minutes of remarks, allowing five minutes for questions and comments from other attendees.
- Session chairs and presenters should arrive ten minutes early for audio/visual preparation.
- We encourage each participant to bring a laptop computer to the session.
- Chairs: the order of the session is to be preserved to facilitate attendees who may be attempting to hear papers in concurrent sessions.
- Presenters and discussants should remain for the entire session.

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# 50<sup>TH</sup> SRSA ANNUAL MEETING: PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**NE-1029 Business Meeting: 8:30-12 pm, Location: Boardroom**

**Session 1A: 3-5 pm, Location: Gris Gris**

**NE-1029 Rural Development**

Chair: Peter Stenberg

*The Bio-Energy Activities of Spatially Dispersed Economic Actors*, Peter Stenberg

*Discussant: Alison Davis*

*What Affects Rural Wealth Creation? An Empirical Analysis of Changes in Income and Wealth in Oregon's Timber-Dependent Communities*, Bruce Weber, Yong Chen\*

*Discussant: Mitch Renkow*

*Spatial Heterogeneity, Rural Property Crime and Social Capital*, Steven Deller\*, Mellissa Deller

*Discussant: Allison Davis*

*Plugging Leakages in Rural Areas*, Alison Davis

*Discussant: Mitch Renkow*

**Session 1B: 3-5 pm, Location: Choctaw**

**Smart Growth**

Chair: Michael Lahr

*Walkability, Neighborhood Design, and Social Capital: Implications for Resilience and Quality of Life*, John Halstead\*, Shannon Rogers

*Discussant: Heather Stephens*

*The Impact of Hudson-Bergen Light Rail on Residential Property Appreciation*, Kyeongsu Kim, Michael Lahr\*

*Discussant: Lori Ann Dickes*

*Understanding the Role of Natural Amenities in Supporting Growth in the Great Lakes Region*,

Heather Stephens\*, Mark Partridge

*Discussant: Michael Lahr*

*The Impact of Declining Lake Levels on Property Values: a South Carolina Hedonic Model*, Lori Ann Dickes

*Discussant: John Halstead*

**Session 1C: 3-5 pm, Location: Teche**

**Sustainable Regional Development I**

Chair: Eric Bowen

*Welcome to the Sustainable Coastal Counties: Social And Economic Resiliency to Climate Change-Induced Natural Disaster in Florida*, Hyun Kim\*, Kyle Woosnam, Yeol Choi

*Discussant: Peter Schaeffer*

*Diverging Environmental Effects of Decentralized Population and Employment*, Eric Bowen

*Discussant: Rajendra Poudel*

*The Influence of Environmental Regulation on Population and Employment Change: Evidence from the Mid-Atlantic Region*, Oleg Kucher, Peter Schaeffer\*, Jerald Fletcher

*Discussant: Eric Bowen*

*Reducing Poverty through Sustainable Rural Tourism: An Empirical Research*, Rajendra Poudel

*Discussant: Hyun Kim*

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**SRSA Executive Council Meeting (by invitation only)  
6:30-8:30 pm, Location: Bienville Gallery**

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**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

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**Beignet Breakfast: Friday 7:30-10:15 am**

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**Session 2A: 8-10am, Location: Gris Gris  
NE-1029 Broadband and Development**

Chair: Dan Rainey

*Do Higher Broadband Adoption Rates Mean Lower Tax Collections from Local Retail Sales? Implications of E-Commerce in Rural Areas of the U.S.*, Brian Whitacre

*Discussant: Dan Otto*

*The Impact of Broadband on U.S. Agriculture: an Evaluation of the USDA Broadband Loan Program*, Mitch Renkow\*, A. Kandilov, I. Kandilov, X. Liu

*Discussant: Brian Whitacre*

*The Potential Impact of Broadband in Rural America: the Case of the Louisiana Delta*, James Barnes

*Discussant: Dan Otto*

*Broadband, Retirees, Rural Development, and Social Security: Any Connections?* Doug Morris\*, Lydon Goodridge, Alberto Manalo

*Discussant: Brian Whitacre*

**Session 2B: 8-10 am, Location: Bienville Gallery  
Growth, Employment and Business Cycle Dynamics**

Chair: John Connaughton

*Estimating and Predicting State Employment Volatility*, George Hammond

*Discussant: John Connaughton*



*Local Economic Impact of the 2008/2009 Recession*, John Connaughton, Ronald Madsen  
*Discussant*: George Hammond

*A Dynamic Shift Share Analysis of Economic Growth in West Virginia*, Janaranjana Herath\*, Tesfa Gebremedhin, Blessing Maumbe  
*Discussant*: Jing Wang

*A Dynamic Spatial Shift-Share Analysis of Employment Change in China*, Jing Wang  
*Discussant*, Janaranjana Herath

**Session 2C: 8-10 am, Location: Teche  
Methods of Applied Regional Analysis**

Chair: Matthew Fannin

*Holy MOE! Don't Marginalize the Error Estimates in American Community Survey Data*, Liesl Eathington  
*Discussant*: John Lombard

*The Sub-State District/Regional Council as a Geospatial Unit of Analytical Geography for the United States*, Thomas Christoffel  
*Discussant*: Matthew Fannin

*Comparing Functional Regions Using Two Alternative Data Sources: US Census Bureau LED Commuting Data Versus IMPLAN Trade Data*, Raghavendra Kongari, Arun Adhikari, Matthew Fannin\*  
*Discussant*: Thomas Christoffel

*Defining and Measuring Modeling and Simulation Activity in the Southeast*, John Lombard  
*Discussant*: Liesl Eathington

**Session 2D: 8-10 am, Location: Belle Grove  
Spatial Econometrics and Modeling**

Chair: James LeSage

*The Biggest Myth in Spatial Econometrics*, James LeSage  
*Discussant*: Paulo Guimaraes

*Accounting for Neighboring Effects in Measures of Spatial Concentration*, Paulo Guimaraes  
*Discussant*: Giuseppe Arbia

*Some Results on the MAUP in Spatial Interaction Gravity Models*, Giuseppe Arbia  
*Discussant*: Gianfranco Piras

*On The Parameter Space in Higher Order Spatial Econometric Models*, Gianfranco Piras\*, Donald Lacombe, Paul Elhorst  
*Discussant*: James LeSage

**Session 2E: 8-10 am, Location: Oak Alley  
Public Finance and Policy**

Chair: Eric Scorsone

*Spatial Dependence in Tobacco Excise Taxation: the Impact of Special Interest Groups*, Adam Hoffer  
Discussant: Santiago Pinto

*The Economic and Fiscal Implications of Shrinking City Policies*, Eric Scorsone  
Discussant: Adam Hoffer

*Goods Allocation by Queuing and the Occurrence of Violence: a Probabilistic Analysis*, Amitrajeet Batabyal  
Discussant: Eric Scorsone

*Domestic Firms, Multinational Firms, and the Corporate Profit Tax System*, Santiago Pinto  
Discussant: Amitrajeet Batabyal

**Session 3A: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Gris Gris  
Labor Market Earnings and Migration**  
Chair: Peter Schaeffer

*The Migratory Response to Racial Wage Disparity*, Craig Kerr\*, Randall Walsh  
Discussant: Dwight Adamson

*The Economic Benefit of Migration: a Case Study of Hispanic Outmigrants from the Southern California Region*, Jiyoun Park\*, Seongdo Yun, Simon Choi  
Discussant: Pat O'Brien

*Low Skilled Household Migration and Incomplete Wage Compensation*, Nancy White\*, Thomas Knapp, David Clark, William Herrin  
Discussant: Robert Dunn

**Session 3B: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Bienville  
Gallery  
Poverty and Appalachian Development**  
Chair: Nyakundi Michieka

*Poverty and Place across the United States: Do County Governments Matter to the Distribution of Economic Disparities*, P. Wilner Jeanty, Linda Lobao, Mark Partridge, David Kraybill  
Discussant: Nyakundi Michieka

*Bayesian Approach to Model Selection: a Spatial Econometric Analysis of SNAP Participation Rates In Appalachia*, David Lacombe, Nyakundi Michieka\*, Tesfa Gebremedhin  
Discussant: Saima Bashir

*A Spatial Analysis of Poverty and Income Inequality in the Appalachian Region*, Sudiksha Joshi, Tesfa Gebremedhin, Saima Bashir\*  
Discussant: Chali Nondo

*Spatial Analysis of the Interactions between Economic Growth and Environmental Regulations: Evidence from the Appalachia Region*, Chali Nondo\*, Peter Schaeffer, Jerald J. Fletcher  
*Discussant*: P. Wilner Jeanty

**Session 3C: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Teche Innovation, Technology, and Economic Performance**  
Chair: William Latham

*Creativity and Mobility: Evidence from Patenting Data*, William Latham\*, Dmitry Volodin, Christian Le Bas  
*Discussant*: Dan Rickman

*Innovative Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth in Lagging regions*, Heather Stephens\*, Alessandra Faggian, Mark Partridge  
*Discussant*: Ranjana Srevatsan

*Geographic Determinants of High-Tech Employment Growth in U.S. Counties*, Belal Fallah, Mark Partridge, Dan Rickman\*  
*Discussant*: William Latham

*The Role of University Industry Collaboration in Regional Economic Development*, Ranjan Srevatsan  
*Discussant*: Heather Stephens

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### **Awards Luncheon**

**Friday 12:30-2 pm: Bienville Room & Parlor**

Award of SRSA Fellow Plaque: Brian Cushing

SRSA Fellow's Address by Brian Cushing,  
"Advancement of Knowledge: a Journey through Space and Time"

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**Session 4A: 2:15-4:30 pm, Location: Gris Gris Resilience in the Gulf Region**  
Chair: Shaoming Cheng

*The Short- and Long-Term Negative Economic and Fiscal Impacts of the Gulf of Mexico Drilling Moratoria*, Bernard Weinstein  
*Discussant*: Rebekka Dudensing

*Preliminary Macroeconomic and Fiscal Impacts of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Alabama*, Samuel Addy, Ahmad Ijaz\*, Kilungu Nzaku  
*Discussant*: Bernard Weinstein

*Rural Resilience: Drivers of Housing Recovery Following Hurricane Katrina*, Shaoming Cheng\*, Emel Ganapati, Sukumar Ganapati  
*Discussant*: Matt Fannin

*Municipal versus County Government Financial Health following a Natural Disaster: Does Size Matter? Evidence from Louisiana following the 2005 Hurricane Season*, Matthew Fannin\*, Jeanne St. Romain, Laura Falgoust, Joshua Detre  
*Discussant: Shaoming Cheng*

*Post-Ike Economic Resilience along the Texas Coast*, Rebekka Dudensing, Ruoxi Lu\*  
*Discussant: Ahmad Ijaz*

**Session 4B: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Bienville Gallery  
Real Estate and Housing**  
Chair: Joseph Von Nessen

*Power Laws and Bubbles in Real Estate Prices*, Calvin Blackwell  
*Discussant: Clifford Lipscomb*

*Proposed Biomass Facility Impacts on Prospective Property Values*, Clifford Lipscomb  
*Discussant: Calvin Blackwell*

*The Influence of Growth Restrictions on Housing Prices in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.*, Joseph Von Nessen\*, Doug Woodward, Paulo Guimaraes  
*Discussant: Michael Shiroya*

*A Finite Mixture Approach for Household Residential Choices*, Michael Shiroya\*, Michael Farmer, Eric Belaso  
*Discussant: Joey Von Nessen*

**Session 4C: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Teche  
Sustainable Regional Development II**  
Chair: Davina Bird

*Energy Development: Exploring Energy Rich Regions Within The Current Global Energy System*, Hojdat Ghadimi, Davina Bird\*  
*Discussant: ChangKeun Park*

*Measuring Inter-County Spillover Economic Effects of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission in Southern California Region*, ChangKeun Park\*, JiYoung Park, Simon Choi  
*Discussant: Davina Bird*

*Who Generates Hazardous Wastes in the United States? Attribution of Consumer and Producer Responsibility*, Christa Jensen  
*Discussant: Mark Burkey*

*Explaining Attitudes on the Ogallala: The Importance of Space-Time*, Mark Burkey  
*Discussant: Christa Jensen*

**Session 4D: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Belle Grove  
Entrepreneurship and Technology Development**  
Chair: Paul Coomes

*A Schumpeterian Model of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Economic Growth*, Amitrajeet Batabyal  
Discussant: Maria Figueroa

*The Rate Of Proprietorship among Metropolitan Areas: The Impact of Institutions, Local Economic Environment and Capital Resources*, Paul Coomes\*, Stephan Gohmann, Jose Fernandez  
Discussant: Amitrajeet Batabyal

*A Simultaneous Analysis of the Link between New Firm Formation and Economic Development in the Northeast Region of the United States*, Saima Bashir\*, Tesfa Gebremedhin  
Discussant: Paul Coomes

*Necessity and Opportunity Entrepreneurship in America: a Study on Gender, Rurality, and Unemployment*, Maria Figueroa  
Discussant: Saima Bashir

**Session 4E: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Oak Alley**  
**Input-Output and Impact Analysis**  
Chair: William Schaffer

*Comparing Input-Output Tables of Different Economies: a New Application for Decomposition Techniques?* Michael Lahr\*, Ling Yang  
Discussant: David Swenson

*The Regional Economic Development Potential and Constraints to Local Foods Development in the Midwest*, David Swenson  
Discussant: Michael Lahr

*Comparing the Input Coefficients and Total Effects of Biofuels Production Using Survey and Non-survey Data*, James Rossi  
Discussant: William Schaffer

*An Interregional Economic-Base Model of Canada, 2004*, William Schaffer\*, John Jozsa  
Discussant: James Rossi

**Session 4F: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Madewood NE-1029 State and Local Public Finance**  
Chair: Mark Skidmore

*Margins of Local Governmental Leadership: the Case of Local Option Sales Taxes*, Cynthia Rogers\*, Gregory Burge  
Discussant: Judith Stallmann

*The Impact of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on City Credit Ratings*, Steven Deller, Judith Stallmann\*, Lindsay Amiel, Craig Maher  
Discussant: Mark Skidmore

*The Political Economy of State Ethanol Subsidy Adoption*, Mark Skidmore\*, James Alm, Chad Cotti

*Discussant:* Judith Stallmann

*Determinants of Debt Levels by Rural Cities in Iowa*, Dan Otto, Mike Hudak

*Discussant:* Mark Skidmore

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**Coffee Break: Friday 4:15-4:30 pm**

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**Session 5A: 4:30-6:15 pm, Location: Gris Gris  
Understanding Migration for Declining Regions**

Chair: Nancy White

*Macro Determinants of Labor Migration in CEE  
Transitional Economies*, Denise Francois

*Discussant:* Masood Gheasi

*The Common Threads of States with Net Out-Migration,  
Shahdad Naghshpour*, Denise Francois

*Discussant:* Thomas Knapp

*Who Moves to Inefficient Government Units? The Other  
Side of Voting With Your Feet*, George Grassmueck

*Discussant:* Maryam Naghsh Nejad

**Session 5B: 4:30-6:15 pm, Location: Bienville Gallery  
New Developments in Federal Data: Bureau of  
Economic Analysis**

Chair: Carol Robbins

*Regional Price Parities 2005-2009*, Bettina Aten, Troy Martin\*

*Discussant:* Carol Robbins

*Converting States Published Statistics from SIC to NAICS  
Basis: Methods and Preliminary Estimates*,

Christian Awuku-Budu

*Discussant:* Troy Martin

*Uses and Misuses of RIMS II for Economic Impact Analysis:  
Suggestions for Practitioners*, Zoe Ambargis\*, Rebecca Bess

*Discussant:* William Latham

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**Reception**

**Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Location: Bienville Gallery and Courtyard**

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**Saturday, March 26**

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**Session 6A: 8-10 am, Location: Gris Gris  
Topics: U.S. State and Local Economic Development**

Chair: Brian Whitacre

*Rural Broadband Availability and Adoption during the  
2000s: a Case Study from Oklahoma*, Brian Whitacre

*Discussant:* Alan Barefield

*An Evaluation of a Public Water System Education And Technical Assistance Program In Mississippi*, Jason R. Barrett, Alan Barefield\*  
Discussant: P. Wilner Jeanty

*Effects of Local Government Land Use Policies on Crop Diversity: a Two-Stage Multinomial Logit Approach*, P. Wilner Jeanty, Mark Partridge, Casey Hoy, Linda Lobao, David Kraybill  
Discussant: Brian Whitacre

**Session 6B: 8-10 am, Location: Bienville Gallery  
International Migration**

Chair: Robert Dunn

*Why is there a High Female Brain Drain in Developing Countries?* Maryam Naghsh Nejad  
Discussant: Leslie Dunn

*Economic Impact of NAFTA on the Mexican Population and Subsequent Migratory Incentives*, Pat O'Brien  
Discussant: Craig Kerr

*Migrants and International Economic Linkages: a Meta-Overview*, Masood Gheasi, Peter Nijkamp \*, Piet Rietveld  
Discussant: Peter Schaeffer

**Session 6C: 8-10 am, Location: Teche  
Health and Regional Development**

Chair: David Hughes

*Living 'Large' in the Wide Open Space: the Link between Remoteness and Obesity*, Mouhcine Guettabi\*, Abdul Munasib  
Discussant: Cristian Nedelea

*Food Access in the Palmetto State: Identifying Potential Food Desert/Food Imbalance Areas in South Carolina*, Caroline Swiger, Kathryn Boys, Julia Sharp, David Hughes\*  
Discussant: Mouhcine Guettabi

*Can Twenty Minutes on the Treadmill Save You From Bankruptcy? The Impact of Obesity on Consumer Bankruptcy*, Mouhcine Guettabi\*, Abdul Munasib  
Discussant: David Hughes

*Efficiency Differences between Critical Access Hospitals and Prospectively Paid Rural Hospitals: Two-Stage Approach vs. Stochastic Frontier Analysis*, Cristian Nedelea\*, Matthew Fannin  
Discussant: Mouhcine Guettabi

**Session 6E: 8-10 am, Location: Oak Alley  
Human Capital and Labor Markets**

Chair: Kilungu Nzaku

*Human Capital Drift up the Urban Hierarchy*, Margaret Olfert

*Discussant:* Maribel Mojica

*Examining the Impact of Human Capital on Employment and Income in Mississippi*, Maribel Mojica

*Discussant:* Kilungu Nzaku

*Job Satisfaction and Underemployment in Alabama*, Samuel Addy, Kilungu Nzaku\*, Ahmad Ijaz

*Discussant:* Amanda Weinstein

*Working Women and Metropolitan Productivity*, Amanda Weinstein

*Discussant:* Margaret Olfert

**Session 6F: 8-10 am, Location: Madewood  
Globalization and Regional Development**

Chair: Shahdad Naghshpour

*Globalization Before and After the 2008 Recession: Did Recession Change Globalization Ranking*, Shahdad Naghshpour

*Discussant:* Christian Awuku-Budi

*Regional Differential Impacts of International Trade: Evidence from the United States*, Christian Awuku-Budi

*Discussant:* Alejandro Davila

*Trade Liberalization, Structure of Final Demand and Economic Performance Jalisco State. Mexico: 2003-2010*, Alejandro Davila\*, Miriam Valdes Ibarra\*

*Discussant:* Christian Awuku-Budi

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**Coffee Break: Saturday 10-10:15 am**

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**Session 7A: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Gris Gris  
Causes and Consequences of Migration**

Chair: Brian Cushing

*Domestic Migration and Residential Electricity Consumption*, Caitlin Brown\*, Robert Dunn

*Discussant:* Nancy White

*Factors Influencing the Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Migration Decision*, Dwight Adamson\*

*Discussant:* Shahdad Naghshpour

*Domestic Migration Response to Nuclear Disaster*, Leslie Dunn\*, Robert Dunn\*

*Discussant:* Jiyoung Park

**Session 7B: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Bienville  
Gallery**

**Incentives, Regulation and Regional Development**

Chair: Doug Woodward

*Migration of the Auto Industry in the South*, Doug Woodward

*Discussant:* Frank Hefner



*Paralyzed State Technology Investments and the Impact on State Small Business Growth*, Lori Ann Dickes

*Discussant*: Carlianne Patrick

*Glamorous Incentives: the Cost and Benefits of Attracting Hollywood to South Carolina*, Frank Hefner

*Discussant*: Doug Woodward

*The Economic Development Incentives Game: an Imperfect Information, Heterogeneous Communities Approach*, Carlianne Patrick

*Discussant*: Lori Ann Dickes

**Session 7C: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Teche Regional Development in Developing Countries**

Chair: Chali Nondo

*Institutional Quality and FDI in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Mulugeta Kahsai

*Discussant*: Adam Peillilo

*Telecommunications Investment and Economic Growth*, Chali Nondo\*, Mulugeta Kahsai

*Discussant*: Adam Peillilo

*Conflict and Development: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of the Congo*, Adam Peillilo

*Discussant*: Chali Nondo

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**Presidential Luncheon and SRSA Business Meeting**

**Friday 12:30-2 pm: Bienville Room & Parlor**

Randall Jackson, West Virginia University

SRSA President's Address: "Knowns, Unknowns, and Impacts"

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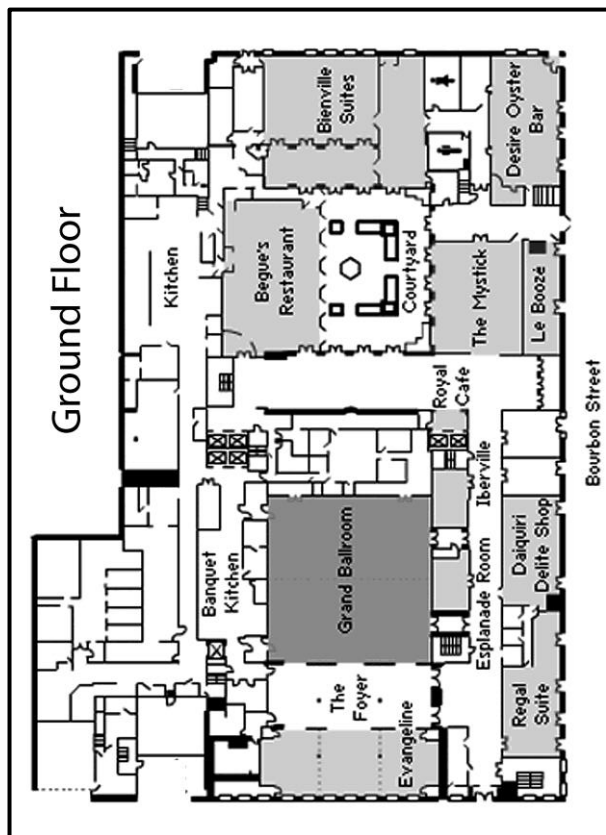
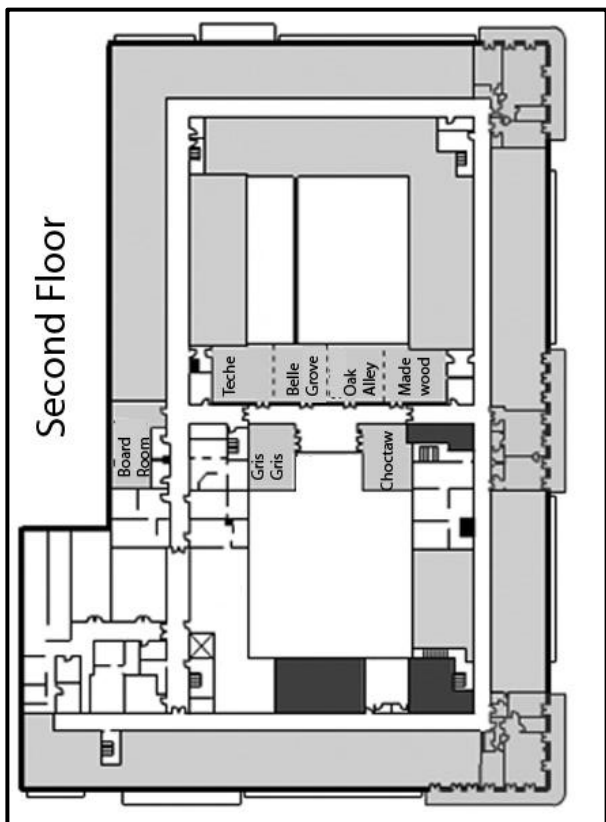
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