# Conference Timetable

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Pinckney
Session 1A
State and Local Economic Development

Organizer
Richard J. Cebula, Armstrong Atlantic State University

Chair
Richard J. Cebula, Armstrong Atlantic State University
Papers

Interstate Differentials in the Impact of Legislative Referenda on Political Participation
Richard J. Cebula, Armstrong Atlantic State University

No Child Left Behind and Georgia Schools
Richard McGrath, Armstrong Atlantic State University
Karen Stollon, Armstrong Atlantic State University

Intrastate Voter Participation Rate Differentials in Virginia’s 2001 Gubernatorial Election
Michael Toma, Armstrong Atlantic State University
Holly Meads, Armstrong Atlantic State University

Discussants

Willie J. Belton, Georgia Tech
Luther Lawson, University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Gerald Scott, Florida Atlantic University

Thursday, March 29, 2007
4 – 5:45 pm

Laurens
Session 1B
Tourism

Chair
Calvin Blackwell, College of Charleston

Papers

Demand for Road Races: A Regional Analysis
George D. Santopietro, Radford University
Phil Holleran, Radford University

Effects of Government on Growth of Local Tourism Industry: An Econometric Analysis of Pennsylvania and West Virginia Businesses
Rebekka M. Dudensing, Clemson University
David W. Hughes, Clemson University
Martin Shields, Colorado State University

The Economic Impacts of The Exhibition Industry in Dubai: An Uncommon Approach
Achmad Widjaja, United Arab Emirates University

Discussants

Martin Shields, Colorado State University
Georgeann Artz, University of Missouri--Columbia
George Santopietro, Radford University
Friday, March 30, 2007
8:30 – 10:15 am

Laurens
Session 2A
Local economic growth and spatial systems

Chair
Ken Peterson, Furman University

Papers

*Human Capital and Productivity in a Spatial Economic System*
Martin Anderson
Urban Grasjo
Charlie Karlsson, Jonkoping International Business School, Sweden

*Collaborating to Respond and Win: Is Regional Upgrading Always Possible?*
Luciano Kay, Georgia Institute of Technology

*An Inquiry into State Competitive Advantage: Determining the Causes of the Shift Component in Shift-share Analysis*
Steven R. Miller, Michigan State University
Russell W. McKenzie, Michigan State University

Discussants

Hamid Beladi, University of Texas at San Antonio
Carlos Carpio, Clemson University
Yanchun Liu, George Mason University

Friday, March 30, 2007
8:30 – 10:15 am

Drayton
Session 2B
Strategies and Policies in Local Public Finance

Organizers
Eric Scorsone and Kace Chalmers

Co-chairs
Eric Scorsone and Kace Chalmers

Papers

Local Option Sales Taxes: Impact on School Districts and Communities
Georgeanne Artz, University of Missouri—Columbia
Judy Stallmann, University of Missouri—Columbia

*Do Growth Policies Really Matter? A Predictive Model of Economic Development*
Kace Chalmers, California State University—Sacramento

*Economies of Scale in Local Government Services—The Case of 911 Dispatch Centers*
Eric Scorson, Michigan State University

**Discussants**

Richard McGrath, Armstrong Atlantic State University  
J. F. O’Connor, Eastern Kentucky University  
Liesl Eathington, Iowa State University

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**Friday, March 30, 2007**

**8:30 – 10:15 am**

**Calhoun**  
**Session 2C**  
**Amenities and migration**

**Chair**  
Brian Cushing, West Virginia University

**Papers**

*The Differential Importance of Locational Attributes on Urban and Rural Migrants: Evidence from the NLSY*
Dwight Adamson, South Dakota State University  
David E. Clark, Marquette University  
Mark Partridge, Ohio State University

*Are Urban Amenities Normal Goods? A Hedonic Wage Model Application*
Frank Goetzke, University of Louisville

*Estimating the Demand for Environmental Quality: Evidence from Seattle*
John I. Carruthers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
David E. Clark, Marquette University  
Natasya Gray, Geomatrix Consultants, Inc.

**Discussants**

Brian Cushing, West Virginia University  
David McGranahan, Economic Research Service, USDA  
Frank Goetzke, University of Louisville

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**Pinckney**

**Session 2D**  
**International policy and globalization**
Chair
Lori Dickes, Clemson University

Papers

Testing for Market Integration in World Shrimp Markets
Ferdinand D. Vinuya, East Asia and Pacific Region, The World Bank Group

Endogeneity and Tax H(e)aven Policy: An Empirical Note
Luisa Blanco Raynal, University of Oklahoma
Cynthia L. Rogers, University of Oklahoma

Discussants

Mark Henry, Clemson University
Justin M. Ross, West Virginia University

Rutledge
Session 2E
Land reform policies

Chair
Peter Kresl, Bucknell University

The Reform of Communal Land in Namibia: A Policy Suggestion
Arno Reichenvater, University of Joensuu, Finland
Kenneth Matengu, University of Joensuu, Finland

An Examination of Motives Underlying the Adoption of Farmland Protection Policies in West Virginia
Odd J. Stalebrink, West Virginia University
Samuel E. Wilkinson, West Virginia University

Discussants

Shahdad Naghshpour, University of Southern Mississippi
H. Bruce Throckmorton, Tennessee Technological University

Friday, March 30, 2007
10:30 am – 12:15pm

Pinckney
Session 3A
Econometric approaches to migration

Chair
David E. Clark, Marquette University

Papers
Applying the Blinder-Oaxaca Decomposition to Spatially Dependent Migration Data
James P. LeSage, Texas State University—San Marcos
Dustin Kirby, Texas State University—San Marcos

Conditional Logit, IIA, and Alternatives for Estimating Models of Interstate Migration
Christiadi, University of the Pacific
Brian Cushing, West Virginia University

Modeling Small Business Growth, Migration Behavior, Local Public Services and Household Income in Appalachia: A Spatial Simultaneous Equations Approach
Gebremeskel H. Gebremariam, West Virginia University

Discussants

Robert R. Dunn, West Virginia University
David Clark, Marquette University
Garen Evans, Mississippi State University

Calhoun
Session 3B
New Economic Geography Approaches to Measuring Rural-Urban Interdependence

Organizer
Dan Rickman, Oklahoma State University

Chair
Dan Rickman, Oklahoma State University

Papers

Employment Growth in the American Urban Hierarchy: Long Live Distance
M. Rose Olfert, University of Saskatchewan

The Geographic Diversity of U.S. Nonmetropolitan Growth Dynamics: A Geographically Weighted Regression Approach
Mark D. Partridge, Ohio State University

The Roles of Household Versus Firm Amenities in Nonmetropolitan Distance-Based Growth Dynamics: A Hedonic Approach
Dan Rickman, Oklahoma State University

Discussants

John Kort, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University
David Barkley, Clemson University

Rutledge
Session 3C
Modeling innovations in regional science research
Chair
Sarah Low, University of Illinois

Papers

*Regional Science Meets Sabermetrics: Using Measures of Income Inequality to Examine Levels and Trends in the Competitive Balance of Major League Baseball: 1901-2006*
William Levernier, Georgia Southern University

*Places Rated: The Sensitivity of Ranks to Attribute Weights*
A. Emel Eff, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
E. Anthon Eff, Middle Tennessee State University

*Approaches to Urban Competitiveness*
Peter Karl Kresl, Bucknell University

Discussants

*J. Matthew Fannin*, Louisiana State University
*Rebekka M. Dudensing*, Clemson University
*Michael Walsh*, West Virginia University

Drayton
Session 3D
South Carolina economic development

Chair
David W. Hughes, Clemson University

Papers

*Economic Incentives for Continuing Beachfront Development in Charleston County, South Carolina*
Calvin Blackwell, College of Charleston
Susannah Sheldon

*Linking Sustainable Agriculture and Community Economic Development*
Kenneth L. Robinson, Clemson University
Carlos Carpio, Clemson University
Kathy Wilson, Clemson University
David W. Hughes, Clemson University

*Neighborhood Characteristics and Social Capital: Results from a Community Survey*
Ken Peterson, Furman University
David Redburn, Furman University

Discussants

*Cezar Mamaril*, University of Kentucky
*Odd Stalebrink*, West Virginia University
Robert Gibbs, ERS/USDA

Laurens
Session 3E
Agriculture and rural entrepreneurship

Chair
Sharon P. Kane, University of Georgia

Papers

Understanding Rural Entrepreneurs at the County Level: Data Challenges
Jason Henderson, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City—Omaha Branch

Exploring County Level Farm and Farm-Related Data in Georgia
Sharon P. Kane, University of Georgia

Discussants

Paul McNamara, University of Illinois
Jason Henderson, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City—Omaha Branch

Friday, March 30, 2007
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Calhoun
Session 4A
The Impact of Rurality and Space on the Rural Healthcare System

Organizer
J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

Chair
J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

Papers

Growth and Change in Rural America: Implications for Rural Health Policies and Programs
Paul McNamara, University of Illinois
Andrew Isserman, University of Illinois

Integrating Transaction Costs and Spatial Theory: An Application of Two Conceptual Frameworks to the Rural Health System
J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University
James N. Barnes, Louisiana State University

A Spatial Econometric Model of Local Healthcare Spending
Garen Evans, Mississippi State University
Discussants

**Judith Stallmann**, University of Missouri—Columbia  
**Eric Scorsone**, Michigan State University  
**Amy M. Wolaver**, Bucknell University

Pinckney  
Session 4B  
Technology, Innovation, and Regional Development Session

Chair  
**E. Anthon Eff**, Middle Tennessee State University

Papers

*Relating Employment Diversity for States to Creativity and Technology*  
Edward Nissan, University of Southern Mississippi  
George Carter, University of Southern Mississippi

*Invention, Innovation, and Regional Characteristics*  
Songpyo Kim, Cleveland State University

*Innovative Environments in the Nonmetro South: Implications for Nonmetropolitan Economic Development*  
David Barkley, Clemson University  
Doo-Hee Lee, Clemson University

*Examining Regional and Spatial Characteristics of Product and Process Innovations in the Canadian Food Processing Industry*  
Daniel Monchuk, University of Southern Mississippi  
Mark Partridge, Ohio State University  
Derek Brewin, University of Manitoba

Discussants

**Mark Partridge**, Ohio State University  
**Lei Ding**, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill  
**Robert Gibbs**, ERS/USDA  
**David Swenson**, Iowa State University

Laurens  
Session 4C  
Topics in Energy markets

Chair  
**Joseph J. St. Marie**, University of Southern Mississippi

*Identification of the Factors Associated with Participation in a Public Energy Loan Program in Tennessee*  
Ferdinand DiFurio, Tennessee Technological University  
Ferdinand Vinuya, The World Bank
Energy Use Differential Between Developed and Underdeveloped Countries
Sumesh Arora, University of Southern Mississippi
Shahdad Naghshpour, University of Southern Mississippi
Joseph J. St. Marie, University of Southern Mississippi

Application of Price-Elastic Supply Input-Output Model on Hurricane Katrina and Rita: Case of Disruption in U.S. Oil Industry
JiYoung Park, University of Southern California

Discussants
Joseph J. St. Marie, University of Southern Mississippi
JiYoung Park, University of Southern California
Stephen M. Smith, Pennsylvania State University

Drayton
Session 4D

Research issues and economic development strategies

Chair
Michael Toma, Armstrong Atlantic State University

Papers

Economic Development Strategies in the U.S.: A Typology and Illustrations
Wie Yusuf, University of Kentucky
Cezar Brian Mamaril, University of Kentucky

Urban-Rural Differences in Time Preferences for Economic Development: Results of a National Survey
Scott Loveridge, Michigan State University
Janet Bokemeier, Michigan State University

A Research Agenda for Business Incubators as an Economic Development Tool
Lori Dickes, Clemson University
David W. Hughes, Clemson University

Exploring Gap Analysis to Evaluate Participant Satisfaction with Economic Development Planning Programs
Peter V. Schaeffer, West Virginia University
Michael F. Walsh, West Virginia University

Discussants
David W. Hughes, Clemson University
M. Rose Olfert, University of Saskatchewan
George W. Hammond, West Virginia University
Roger Stough, George Mason University

Rutledge
Session 4E
State and local economic development

Chair
Raymond J. Rhodes, College of Charleston

Papers

*Can the Median Voter Affect Other Governments?*
Olugbenga Ajilore, University of Toledo

*Elected versus Appointed Property Tax Assessors*
Justin M. Ross, West Virginia University

*Interstate Spillovers of Private Capital and Public Spending*
Brian W. Sloboda, U.S. Department of Transportation
Vincent W. Yao, Fannie Mae

*The Resource Curse in the U.S. States*
Leslie Dunn, West Virginia University

Discussants

Georg Grassmueck, The Pennsylvania State University
Cynthia Rogers, University of Oklahoma
Martin Shields, Colorado State University
Raymond J. Rhodes, College of Charleston

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Middleton
Session 5A
Methods and Modeling Techniques: Game Theory Applications to Regional Science

Chair
Justin M. Ross, West Virginia University

Papers

*A Dynamic Bertrand Game Model of Trade, Threats, and Export Certification in Alien Species Management*
Amit Batabyal, Rochester Institute of Technology
Hamid Beladi, University of Texas at San Antonio

*Bank Branching Deregulation: A Spatial Competition Model*
Jorge Guillen, Portland State University
Santiago Pinto, West Virginia University

*Spatial Nonlinear Pricing with Nonconvex Transportation Costs*
Drayton
Session 5B
Local public policy and housing decisions

Chair
Inhyuck Ha, Western Carolina University

Papers

*Government Fragmentation and Urban Sprawl*
Georg Grassmueck, The Pennsylvania State University
Stephan J. Goetz, The Pennsylvania State University

*Do Households Follow the Tiebout Hypothesis? Intra-County Migration in Pennsylvania*
Georg Grassmueck, The Pennsylvania State University

*City Expansion, Squatter Settlements and Policy Implications in Addis Ababa: The Case of Kolfe Keranio Sub-City*
Minwuyelet Melesse, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Discussants

Kenneth Peterson, Furman University
Gebremeskel H. Gebremariam, West Virginia University
Joe Francis, Cornell University

Rutledge
Session 5C
Topics in International trade and finance

Chair
Shahdad Naghshpour, University of Southern Mississippi

Papers

*European Central Bank Inequality: Are Economic Indicators from Germany Driving Monetary Policy Decisions?*
Greg Banach, University of Southern Mississippi
Shahdad Naghshpour, University of Southern Mississippi
Joseph J. St. Marie, University of Southern Mississippi

*Financial Sector Reforms and Private Sector Investment in Africa: A Dynamic Panel Data Approach*
Roseline Nyamisa Misati, University of Benin, Nigeria

Benchmarking of Global Seaport Efficiency and Sources of Efficiency Change
Sanghyun Cheon, University of California—Berkeley

Discussants

Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University
Meaza Z. Demissie, University of Southern Mississippi
Hodjat Ghadimi, West Virginia University

Pinckney
Session 5D
Local economic development policy

Chair
Scott Loveridge, Michigan State University

Papers

Intentional Communities in Tennessee: 2007
H. Bruce Throckmorton, Tennessee Technological University

Estimating the Economic Impact of Local Arts and Sciences: The Charlotte Arts and Science Council Example
John E. Connaughton, University of North Carolina—Charlotte
Ronald Madsen, University of North Carolina—Charlotte
Rob Roy McGregor, University of North Carolina—Charlotte

Redevelopment of Brownfields in Georgia: Three Case Studies
Warren Kriesel, University of Georgia—Athens

Discussants

Warren Kriesel, University of Georgia—Athens
Zoe Ambargis, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
John E. Connaughton, University of North Carolina—Charlotte

Laurens
Session 5E
Topics in household migration

Chair
Thomas A. Knapp, Pennsylvania State University

Papers

Interstate Migration and Spending on Public Higher Education
Robert R. Dunn, West Virginia University
The Effects of Migrating Retirees on Economic Growth in Rural Communities
Dayton M. Lambert, University of Tennessee
C.D. Clark, University of Tennessee
M. D. Wilcox, University of Tennessee
W. M. Park, University of Tennessee

The Returns to Return Migration
Thomas A. Knapp, Pennsylvania State University—Wilkes-Barre
Nancy E. White, Bucknell University
Amy M. Wolaver, Bucknell University

Discussants
Alex Marre, Oregon State University
Kenneth Robinson, Clemson University
Dan Rickman, Oklahoma State University

Saturday, March 31, 2007
10:30 am – 12:15 pm

Pinckney
Session 6A
Symposium: South Carolina is Serious about Clusters: An Overview of the SC Industry Cluster Initiative

Organizer
David Barkley, Clemson University

Chair
Frank Hefner, College of Charleston

Panelists
South Carolina Clusters According to Porter
Doug Woodward, University of South Carolina

The South Carolina Approach to Cluster Development
George Fletcher, Director, South Carolina Council on Competitiveness

Local Initiatives to Promote Clusters: The Charleston Region Approach
Mary Graham, Senior Vice President, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce

Lessons Learned from Cluster Initiatives Around the World
Mark Henry, Clemson University

Open Discussion
Middleton
Session 6B
Recent Regional Accounts Research at BEA

Chair
John Kort, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Papers

Trends in Productivity of the Southeast Region
John Sporing, Jr., U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Estimating County and State Price Levels Using the Consumer Price Index
Bettina H. Aten, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

A Note on the History of the BEA Regions
John Kort, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Discussants

Luciano Kay, Georgia Institute of Technology
Brian Sloboda, U.S. Department of Transportation
Andrew Isserman, University of Illinois

Drayton
Session 6C
Methods and modeling

Chair
Mark Burkey, North Carolina A & T State University

Papers

The Stochastic Arrival of Alien Species and the Number of and the Damage from Biological Invasions
Amit Batabyal, Rochester Institute of Technology
Peter Nijkamp, Free University, The Netherlands

Two Aspects of Waste Management from the Viewpoints of a Waste Generator and a Recipient
Amit Batabyal, Rochester Institute of Technology
Peter Nijkamp, Free University, The Netherlands

Optimal Sector Growth of a Small Open City
Perry Burnett, Colorado State University

Discussants

James P. LeSage, Texas State University—San Marcos
Mark Burkey, North Carolina A&T State University
Santiago Pinto, West Virginia University

Laurens
Session 6D
Local Economic growth

Chair
George Carter, University of Southern Mississippi

Papers

Local Decentralization and Economic Growth: Evidence from U.S. Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Regions
George W. Hammond, West Virginia University
Mehmet Tosun, West Virginia University

Economic growth in the Upper South and Lower Midwest States 1969-2000: Sectoral and Spatial Aspects of Convergence and Divergence
J. F. O'Connor, Eastern Kentucky University

Have Empowerment Zones Incentives Promoted Economic Growth in the Mississippi Delta?
Glendscene H. Williams, Delta State University
Billy C. Moore, Delta State University

Discussants

George Carter, University of Southern Mississippi
Kace Chalmers, California State University—Sacramento
Scott Loveridge, Michigan State University

Middleton
Session 7A
Income inequality and poverty

Chair
Cynthia Rogers, University of Oklahoma

Papers

Education's Effect on Poverty: The Role of Labor Market Characteristics
Bruce Weber, Oregon State University
Alex Marre, Oregon State University
Monica Fisher, Oregon State University
Robert Gibbs, ERS/USDA
John Cromartie, ERS/USDA

Persistent Poverty: Winners versus Losers
Inhyuck Ha, Western Carolina University

Urban Poverty in California: Is it a Matter of Regional Context or Individual Ability?
JiYoung Park, University of Southern California
HyeJin Shin, Seoul National University
Discussants

Thomas A. Knapp, Pennsylvania State University
William Levernier, Georgia Southern University
Cynthia Rogers, University of Oklahoma

Pinckney
Session 7B
International Economic Growth and Development

Chair
Judith Stallmann, University of Missouri

Papers

Regional Manufacturing Employment in China: Extended Shift-Share Analysis
Yanchun Liu, George Mason University
Junyang Yuan, George Mason University

The Integration of Periodic Markets in Mayan Guatemala: A Gravity Approach
E. Anthon Eff, Middle Tennessee State University
Christa D. Jensen, West Virginia University

The Role of Telecommunications Infrastructure in Regional Economic Growth in China
Lei Ding, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
Kingsley E. Haynes, George Mason University

Discussants

Steven R. Miller, Michigan State University
Sharon P. Kane, University of Georgia
Olugbenga Ajilore, University of Toledo

Drayton
Session 7C
Regional Economic Growth

Chair
Bettina Aten, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Papers

Regional Implications of the 2001 Recession
John E. Connaughton, University of North Carolina—Charlotte
Ronald Madsen, University of North Carolina—Charlotte

The Empirical Dynamics of State Income Taxes and Economic Activity
Don Schunk, Coastal Carolina University

Entrepreneurship of Seniors? An Investigation on Elderly Entrepreneurship in the Knowledge Economy
Ting Zhang, George Mason University
Laurie Schintler, George Mason University
David Wong, George Mason University

Modeling Endogenous Regional Growth: Empirical Results from Australian and U.S. Analyses and Implications for Future Research
Roger R. Stough, George Mason University
Robert Stimson, University of Queensland, Australia

Discussants
Mark Henry, Clemson University
George W. Hammond, West Virginia University
Ronald Madsen, University of North Carolina—Charlotte
Glendscene Williams, Delta State University

Laurens
Session 7D
Energy and regional development

Chair
John Sporing, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Papers

Dude, Where's My Corn? Constraints on the Location and Impact of Ethanol Production in the Corn Belt
Liesl Eathington, Iowa State University
Dave Swenson, Iowa State University

Ethanol Plants, Public Policy, and Rural Regional Development
Sarah A. Low, University of Illinois
Andrew M. Isserman, University of Illinois

Hodjat Ghadimi, Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University

Evaluating Regional Economic Resilience on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the Wake of a Hurricane
Daniel Monchuk, University of Southern Mississippi

Discussants
Ferdinand DiFurio, Tennessee Technological University
Leslie Dunn, West Virginia University
Daniel Monchuk, University of Southern Mississippi
Songpyo Kim, Cleveland State University

Rutledge
Session 7E
Economic growth: The Interplay of Institutions and Geography
Chair
W. Vincent Yao, Fannie Mae

Papers

*Ethnic Fractionalization, Natural Resources, Debt and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa*
Markus A. Turkopuls, University of Southern Mississippi
Meaza Z. Demissie, University of Southern Mississippi

*Public Works Puzzles in South Africa*
M. E. Biyase, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
N. Bromberger, University of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa

*Religion and Criminal Justice Spending*
Scott Blough, University of Southern Mississippi
Shahdad Naghshpour, University of Southern Mississippi
Joseph J. St. Marie, University of Southern Mississippi

Discussants

Roseline Nyamisa Misati, University of Benin, Nigeria
Markus Turkopuls, University of Southern Mississippi
Nancy White, Bucknell University

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