51st Southern Regional Science Association Meeting

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Conference Program 2012
Welcome to SRSA’s 51st Conference

We have an exciting program for our 2012 meeting in Charlotte. Featured in this year’s program is a Keynote Lecture by Dr. Timothy Bartik of the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Please note that there 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 participant index located on pages 21-24 shows when and in what session you are scheduled.

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

- Each paper presentation generally is allotted twenty minutes.
- 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. It is the responsibility of the chair to ensure a laptop will be available in the session.
- Presenters and discussants should remain for the entire session.
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### 51st SRSA Annual Meeting

#### Program Overview

**From** | **To** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday**
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8:00 | 8:15 | Session 1A | Session 2A | Session 5A
8:15 | 8:30 | Session 1B | Session 2B | Session 5B
8:30 | 8:45 | Session 1C | Session 2C | Session 5C
8:45 | 9:00 | Session 1D | Session 2D | Session 5D
9:00 | 9:15 | Session 2A | Session 3A | Session 6A
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9:30 | 9:45 | Session 2C | Session 3C | Session 6C
9:45 | 10:00 | Session 2D | Session 3D | Session 6D
10:00 | 10:15 | Session 2E | Session 3E | Session 6E
10:15 | 10:30 | Session 2F | Session 3F | Business Meeting: Salon E
10:30 | 10:45 | Session 4A | Session 4B | Awards Luncheon: Salon E
10:45 | 11:00 | Session 4B | Session 4C | Presidential Luncheon and Business Meeting: Salon E
11:00 | 11:15 | Session 4C | Session 4D | Session 6A
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11:30 | 11:45 | Session 4E | Session 4F | Session 6C
11:45 | 12:00 | Session 4F | Session 5A | Session 6D
12:00 | 12:15 | Session 5A | Session 5B | Session 6E
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2:45 | 3:00 | Session 1B | Session 1C |
3:00 | 3:15 | Session 1C | Session 1D |
3:15 | 3:30 | Session 1D | Refreshment Break |
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3:45 | 4:00 | Keynote Lecture: Timothy Bartik Salon E | Reception: Junior Ballroom |
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6:45 | 7:00 | SRSAs Executive Council Meeting (Invitation only): Elizabeth |
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8:45 | 9:00 | SRSAs Executive Council Meeting (Invitation only): Elizabeth |
**51st SRSA Annual Meeting: Program Schedule**

**Thursday, March 22nd**

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

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

**NE-1029 Communications Technology and Regional Development**

Chair: Peter Stenberg

*Do Broadband Adoption Rates Impact a Community’s Health?* Brian Whitacre  
*Discussant: Peter Stenberg*

*The Importance of Telecommunications Infrastructure and its Use by Second Homeowners in the Northeastern United States,* Todd Gabe  
*Discussant: Ivan Kandilov*

*The Effect of High-speed Internet on U.S. Farms: An Evaluation of the USDA Broadband Loan Program,* Robert Dinterman, *Ivan Kandilov, Mitch Renkow and Peter Stenberg*  
*Discussant: Brian Whitacre*

*Broadband Technology Adoption in Rural Households,* Peter Stenberg  
*Discussant: Todd Gabe*

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

**State and Local Economic Conditions**

Chair: George Hammond

*West Virginia Economic Outlook 2012,* George Hammond  
*Economic Forecast for North Carolina,* John Connaughton  
*Prognosis for a Fragile Recovery: The 2012 Economic Outlook for South Carolina,* Doug Woodward  
*North Carolina and its Regional Health,* James W. Kleckley  
*Oklahoma Economic Outlook,* Mouhcine Guettabi

**Session 1C: 3-5 pm, Location: Myers Park**

**Topics in Regional Analysis I**

Chair: Kirsten Wells

*Neighborhood Access to Bus Service in Four U.S. Cities: The Role of Public Bureaucracies and Local Government Structure,* Kirstin Wells, Jean-Claude Thill  
*Discussant: Jitendra Parajuli*

Discussant: J. Sebastian Leguizamon


Discussant: Kirsten Wells

Antidiscrimination Laws on the Basis of Sexual Orientation: The Experience of State Labor Markets, J. Sebastian Leguizamon

Discussant: Richard Cebula

**Session 1D: 3-5 pm, Location: Elizabeth Urban Economies**

Chair: Susane Leguizamon

Creative Chaos? – Globalization, Agglomeration, and the Metropolis, Sam Cole

Discussant: Amitrajeet Batabyal

The Creative Class, its Preferences, and Unbalanced Growth in an Urban Economy, Amitrajeet A. Batabyal

Discussant: Shahdad Naghshpour


Discussant: Susane Leguizamon

Political Competition and Land Use Regulation, Susane Leguizamon

Discussant: Sam Cole

**SRSA Executive Council Meeting (by invitation only)**

6:30-8:30 pm, Location: Elizabeth

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**Friday, March 23rd**

**Session 2A: 8-10 am, Location: Elizabeth NE 1029 Policy and Regions**

Chair: Warren Kriesel

Country Road Take me Home—Migration Patterns in the Appalachia America and Place-Based Policy, Mark Partridge, *Michael Betz

Discussant: Warren Kriesel


Discussant: Michael Betz

Improving an Extension Health Promotion Program, Warren Kriesel

Discussant: Philip Watson
Session 2B: 8-10 am, Location: Wendover
Casino Gaming and Regional Development I
Chair: Michael Lahr

The Impact of Stagnating Casino Revenues and Tax Receipts, Thomas E. Lambert, *Arun K. Srinivasan
Discussant: Kent Grote

Casino Revenue Sensitivity to the Proximity of Demand and Competition: A Case Study of Missouri, Todd Nesbit, *Doug Walker
Discussant: Ryan Gallagher

Gaming, States, and Tax Revenues: Tortoise and the Hare Revisited? Michael L. Lahr
Discussant: Brian Richard

Session 2C: 8-10 am, Location: Salon F
Spatial Econometrics I
Chair: Gianfranco Piras

Discussant: Gianfranco Piras

Minimum Wages and Teen Employment: A Spatial Panel Approach, Donald Lacombe
Discussant: Alfredo Romero

Equalized Human Capital and the Converging Economy: Is there an Emergent Chinese Path of Inner Inclusive Growth? *Wenxing Zhou, Sandy Dall’erba, Kaizhong Yang
Discussant: Donald Lacombe

On the Estimation of Random Effects Spatial Panel Data Models, Gianfranco Piras
Discussant: Wenxing Zhou

Session 2D: 8-10 am, Location: Dilworth
Firm Location
Chair: Sarah Low

Evidence from Spatial Location Patterns and Distribution of Firms in the Urban Area of Bogota (Colombia) 2010 Using Micro-Geographic Data, Lady Johanna Gaitan
Discussant: Sarah Low

Abate or Abscond: Polluters’ Response to Environmental Regulation, Scott Holladay
Discussant: Lady Johanna Gaitan

Access to Capital, Various Capital Sources, and New Venture Survival, Shaoming Cheng
Discussant: Scott Holladay

Externalities on Rural Plant Survival: Examining Localization, Urbanization, Diversity and Industrial Districts using Survey Data, Sarah Low
Discussant: Shaoming Cheng
Session 2E: 8-10 am, Location: Myers Park
Economic Effects of International Migration Flows
Chair: Brian Cushing

Social Networks and Trade of Services: Modelling Interregional Tourism Flows with Spatial and Network Autocorrelation Effects, *Tamara de la Mata, Carlos Llano
Discussant: James LeSage

Discussant: Nancy White

Illegal Immigration and Fiscal Competition, *Santiago Pinto, Subhayu Bandyopadhyay
Discussant: Peter Schaeffer

Session 2F: 8-10 am, Location: Eastover
Social Capital from an Interdisciplinary Perspective
Chair: Steven Deller

Using Public Policy to Build Bridging Social Capital in Diverse Urban Communities, David Swindell
Discussant: Steven Deller

Why the Built Environment Matters for Social Capital, Kevin Leyden
Discussant: John Halstead

Discussant: David Swindell

Cooperatives as a Form of Social Capital, Steven Deller
Discussant: Kevin Leyden

Refreshment Break: Friday 10:00-10:15 am

Session 3A: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Eastover
Place-Based Policy
Chair: M. Rose Olfert

An Analysis of “Best Practices” in the Administration of Business Incubators, Mark Middleton, Randall W. Jackson, *Peter V. Schaeffer
Discussant: M. Rose Olfert

A Regional Growth Miracle Analysis: A Case Study on China’s Chongqing Municipality, Wenxing Zhou
Discussant: Joy Bhadury

Cluster-Focused Regional Economic Development Efforts by a University, *Joy Bhadury and Samuel P. Troy
Discussant: Peter Schaeffer

Places for Place-Based Policy, M. Rose Olfert
Discussant: James M. Fannin
Session 3B: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Dilworth
Social Networks and Institutions
Chair: Abdul Munasib

Does Trade Creation of Social and Business Network Hold in Services? An Analysis for Accommodation and Restaurants in Spain, Tamara de la Mata
Discussant: Abdul Munasib

Are Home Foreclosures Contagious? A Reflection Problem, *Jerome Segura, Abdul Munasib
Discussant: Jeffry Jacob

Trust and Trade, *Abdul Munasib, Xing Chen, Devesh Roy
Discussant: Tamara de la Mata

Institutions, Geography and Trade: A Panel Data Study, Jeffry Jacob
Discussant: Jerome Segura

Session 3C: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Wendover
Casino Gaming and Regional Development II
Chair: Michael Wenz

Cannibalization within the Riverboat Gaming Industry: The Case of Illinois, Ryan Gallagher
Discussant: Doug Walker

A Policy-Based Analysis of the Impacts of Casino Gambling, Brian Richard
Discussant: Michael Hicks

The Implicit Price of Casino Gambling, Michael G. Wenz
Discussant: John Pender

Session 3D: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Salon F NE-1029 State and Local Government Finance
Chair: Mark Skidmore

Do Tax and Expenditure Limits Hinder the Condition of Public Infrastructure? The Case of the Nation’s System of Bridges, Steven Deller, Lindsay Amiel, *Judith I. Stallmann and Craig Maher

Long-term Economic Impacts of USDA Water Infrastructure Investments in Oklahoma, *Ivica Janeski, Brian Whitacre

Analysis of Detroit Property Tax Revenue Options, *Mark Skidmore, Gary Sands, Tim Hodge

Evaluating the Success of Local Fiscal Ballot Initiatives, *Cynthia L. Rogers, Gregory Burge

Discussants: Steven Deller and Mark Skidmore
Session 3E: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Myers Park
Determinants of Migration
Chair: Thomas Knapp

How Exclusionary Is Zoning? Evidence from NLSY and WRLURI, Mouhcine Guettabi
Discussant: Thomas Knapp

Knowledge Flows: The Dynamics of Female Brain Drain, Maryam Naghsh Nejad
Discussant: Christiadi

Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area: Gateway or Final Destination? Evidence from the Immigrants' Employment Patterns, Xiaochu Hu
Discussant: Madeline Gillette

The Impact of the “Great Recession” on US Interstate Migration, Christiadi, *Brian Cushing
Discussant: Chenxi Yu

Session 3F: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Elizabeth
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis Special Session
Chair: Zoe O. Ambargis

Personal Consumption Expenditures by State and Type of Product: Methods and Preliminary Estimates, Christian Awuku-Budu

The Evolution of Defined Benefit Pensions Since 1929, David G. Lenze

Discussant: Michael Lahr

Awards Luncheon
Friday 12:30-2 pm, Location: Salon E

Award of SRSA Fellow Plaque: Nancy E. White

SRSA Fellow’s Address by Nancy White: “A Tale of Two Shale Plays”
Chair: Craig Depken  
**Session 4A: 2:15-4:30 pm, Location: Wendover**

### Hedonic Studies

**Using Meta-Analysis to Discern Scale Effects in Property Value Diminution**, *Clifford A. Lipscomb, Abigail Mooney, John A. Kilpatrick*

*Discussant: Craig Depken*

**Transportation and Industrial Property Rents in the Chicago Metropolitan Area**, *David Clark, Maria Ibanez, Anthony Pennington-Cross*

*Discussant: Mouhcine Guettabi*

**Happiness and Air Pollution in Germany**, *Frank Goetzke, Tilmann Rave*

*Discussant: Jing Wang*

**Does Industrial Composition Affect the Quality-of-life in China?**, Jing Wang

*Discussant: Clifford Lipscomb*

**Aquatic Invasive Species and Non-random Lake Infestation**, Craig Depken

*Discussant: Frank Goetzke*

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**Session 4B: 2:15-4:30 pm, Location: Dilworth**

### Economic Impact Analysis

Chair: James M. Fannin

**The Regional Economic Impact Simulator** *(http://webgis.arizona.edu/reis): a WebGIS Tool for Regional Policy Analysis*, Sandy Dall’erba

*Discussant: Alvin Simms*

**Incorporating Capital Account Changes in COMPAS Models**, *Arun Adhikari, James M. Fannin*

*Discussant: Sandy Dall’erba*

**Developing a User-Friendly Economic Assessment Tool for Rural Areas: A Case Study of Newfoundland and Labrador**, *Alvin Simms, David Freshwater, Jamie Ward*

*Discussant: Arun Adhikari*

**The Importance of Detail in Location Quotients and Other Regional Tools**, William Schaffer

*Discussant: Randall Jackson*

**New Technologies and Extended Time Horizons in Impacts Assessments**, *Randall Jackson, Christa Jensen*

*Discussant: William Schaffer*

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**Session 4C: 2:15-4:30 pm, Location: Eastover**

### Spatial Econometrics II

Chair: Michael Farmer

**Spatial Dependence in Gasoline Prices across the United States**, Oleg Kucher

*Discussant: Hal Snarr*
Super-Spatial Diffusing Effect Analysis: A New Distance Measure Method and its Application, Wenxing Zhou
Discussant: Ryan James

Minimum Wage Hikes and their Deleterious Effect on Youth Employment, *Hal W. Sarr, Alfredo A. Romero
Discussant: Michael Farmer

The Impact of Space and Scale on Conditional Convergence Test Results in the United States, 1970-2004, *Ryan James, Harrison Campbell
Discussant: Oleg Kucher

Controlling for Distance Variables in Spatially Distributed Data, *Michael C. Farmer, Michael Shiroya, Justin Ross
Discussant: Wenxing Zhou

Session 4D: 2:15-4:30 pm, Location: Salon F
Urban Agglomeration
Chair: Paulo Guimaraes

Discussant: Paulo Guimaraes

Determinants of Occupational Co-Agglomeration in U.S. States and Regions, *Todd Gabe, Jaison Abel
Discussant: Neil Reid

Discussant: Todd Gabe

Job Matching Among College Graduates in U.S. Metropolitan Areas, *Jaison R. Abel, Richard Deitz
Discussant: Erik Johnson

Firm-Worker Matching in Industrial Clusters, Octavio Figueiredo, *Paulo Guimaraes, Douglas Woodward
Discussant: Jaison Abel

Session 4E: 2:15-4:30 pm, Location: Elizabeth
Economic Development Policy
Chair: Mark Burkey

Identifying Import Substitution Targets for a Metro Area, James Kurre
Discussant: Mark Burkey

A Multi-Region Model of Economic Growth with Human Capital and Negative Externalities in Innovation, Amitrajeet A. Batabyal
Discussant: John Lombard

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Clusters Here, There, and Everywhere: An Examination of the Continuing use of Industry Cluster Development Policies, John R. Lombard

Discussant: James Kurre

Default Options and Local Prohibition: Measuring the Impact on Alcohol Accessibility, Mark L. Burkey

Discussant: Irving Llamosas

Session 4F: 2:15-4:30 pm, Location: Myers Park
State and Local Fiscal Policy
Chair: Cynthia Rogers

Entrepreneurial Culture and Fiscal Policy Impacts on Measures of Entrepreneurship, *John T. Mann, Dave Shideler

Discussant: Ryan Gallagher

Local Government Consolidation: An Examination of Potential Savings Due to Economies of Scale and Efficiency Gains, *Dagney G. Faulk, Michael Hicks

Discussant: Judith Stallmann

Discretionary Income and Taxation across Spanish Regions: Evidence of a Rousseau Paradox on Fiscal Egalitarianism, Andrés Faíña, Jesús López-Rodríguez, *Laura Varela-Candamio

Discussant: Santiago Pinto

Estimating Local Redistribution through Property-Tax-Funded Public School Systems, Ryan Gallagher

Discussant: Dagney Faulk


Discussant: Cynthia Rogers

Refreshment Break: Friday 4:30-4:45 pm (near Salon E)

Keynote Lecture: 4:45-6:00 pm, Location: Salon E

Timothy J. Bartik, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research


Reception

Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
Location: Junior Ballroom (Myers, Park, Dilworth, Eastover, and Elizabeth rooms combined)
Saturday, March 24th

Session 5A: 8-10 am, Location: Wendover Casino Gaming and Regional Development III
Chair: Michael Hicks

The Impact of State Lotteries on State Bankruptcy Filings, *Kent R. Grote, Victor A. Matheson
Discussant: Michael Lahr

Effects of Community Assets and Access to Financial Capital on Development of Casinos in Native American Communities, *John L. Pender, Frances Cornelius
Discussant: Arun Srinivasan

Rural and Urban Differentials in Casino Impacts? Michael Hicks
Discussant: Michael Wenz

Session 5B: 8-10 am, Location: Eastover Education
Chair: Michael Snipes

Do Rural Texas Schools Pass the TAKS and Tax Tests? Rebekka Dudensing
Discussant: Lorin David Kusmin

Earnings Premiums for Educational Attainment by Metro Status, Gender, Ethnicity and Experience: Evidence from the American Community Survey, *Lorin David Kusmin, Alexander Marre
Discussant: Michael Snipes

Merit-Based College Tuition Assistance and the Probability of In-state Work, George W. Hammond
Discussant: Rebekka Dudensing

The Effects of Birth Order and Child Investment on Cognitive Ability, Michael Snipes
Discussant: George Hammond

Session 5C: 8-10 am, Location: Dilworth Regions and the Environment I
Chair: John Halstead

The Effects of Mountain Pine Beetle (D. ponderosae) Infestation on Colorado Park Visitation, Sean Patten, *John Halstead
Discussant: Christa Dean Jensen

Examining Interregional Hazardous Waste Flows in the United Kingdom, Christa Dean Jensen
Discussant: Tesfaye Woldesenbet

Environmental and Economic Tradeoffs from Cellulosic Ethanol: A Case Study in Oklahoma, *Tesfaye Woldesenbet, Dave Shideler
Discussant: Tohru Naito
Discussant: John Halstead

Session 5D: 8-10 am, Location: Elizabeth
Theoretical Modeling of Regions
Chair: Fen Hunt

Infrastructure, Agglomeration Effect, and Land Financing in a Multi-Region Economy, *Liu Yongping, Marit Støre Valen
Discussant: Keenan Dworak-Fisher

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Research in a Regional Approach to Science, *Fen Hunt, Suzanne Thornsbury
Discussant: Liu Yongping

Mixed Search over Commutable Space, Keenan Dworak-Fisher
Discussant: Nazia Arbab

An Agent Based Approach for Linking Land-use and Water Quality in Opequon Creek Watershed, *Nazia N. Arbab, Alan R. Collins, Michael P. Strager
Discussant: Fen Hunt

Session 5E: 8-10 am, Location: Salon F
Urban Growth and Development
Chair: Elizabeth Delmelle

Growth of Brazilian Cities between 2000 and 2010: An Analysis of Determinants, Diego Firmino Costa da Silva
Discussant: Elizabeth Delmelle

The Geography of Oversight, Sidney Turner
Discussant: Jean-Claude Thill

Densification in Charlotte? Evidence from Local Land Development and Housing Trends, *Jean-Claude Thill, Yuhong Zhou, Elizabeth Delmelle
Discussant: Diego Firmino Costa da Silva

Explaining Neighborhood Quality of Life Changes: Reciprocal Relationships, Urban Structure, and Spatial Spillovers, *Elizabeth C. Delmelle, Jean-Claude Thill
Discussant: Sidney Turner

Session 5F: 8-10 am, Location: Myers Park
Natural Resources and Regional Development
Chair: Georg Grassmueck

The Impact of Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling on Road Expenditures at the Municipal Level in Pennsylvania, Georg Grassmueck
Discussant: Amanda Weinstein

Discussant: Georg Grassmueck
Shale Gas Booms and Local Labor Market Restructuring, *Amanda L. Weinstein, Mark Partridge
Discussant: Anne Walker

Refreshment Break: Saturday 10-10:15 am

Session 6A: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Dilworth Regions and the Environment II
Chair: William Bowen


Impact of Climate Change on Agricultural Adaptation across US Counties: A Local Spatial Analysis, *Soudeh Mirghasemi, Sandy Dall’erba, Francina Domingue, Yolande Serra, Dongwoo Kang Discussant: Nyakundi Michieka

An Empirical Analysis of the Role of China’s Exports on CO2 Emissions, *Nyakundi Michieka, Jerald J Fletcher, Wesley Burnett Discussant: Soudeh Mirghasemi


Session 6B: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Eastover Contemporary Analysis of Migration Flows
Chair: Nancy E. White

Impact of Migration Shocks on Local Labor and Housing Markets: Evidence from a Natural Experiment, *Chenxi Yu, Geoffrey Hewings Discussant: Maryam Naghsh Nejad


Migration of the Elderly Population: Does It Matter Who They Are? *Christiad, Brian Cushing Discussant: Craig Kerr

Session 6C: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Wendover Rural Studies
Chair: Terry Rephann

Conceptual Framework and Typology of Rural Wealth Creation Contexts and Strategies, John L. Pender Discussant: Terry Rephann
Measuring Urban and Rural Linkages in Oklahoma: A Case Study on DCP Payments, *David Shideler, Eyosiyas Tegegne, Jody Campiche  
**Discussant:** Juan Tomas Sayago Gomez

Rurality Measurements and Rural Policy: An Application to Colombian Rural Areas, Juan Tomas Sayago Gomez  
**Discussant:** John Pender

Filling the Gaps: Dentist Disparities along the Urban Rural Continuum, *Terry Rephann, Tanya Wanchek  
**Discussant:** David Shideler

**Session 6D:** 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Myers Park  
The Changing Face of Charlotte: Panel Discussion  
Chair: Jean-Claude Thill

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**Session 6E:** 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Elizabeth Regional Topics Internationally  
Chair: Mark Roberts

Revisiting the Border Effect in Europe and Spain: New Results Using Region-to-Region International Flows, Nuria Gallego-Lopez  
**Discussant:** Víctor Hugo Torres-Preciado

Geographical Interregional Trade Frictions: An Approach Based on Municipal Data, *Jorge Diaz-Lanchas, Carlos Llano  
**Discussant:** Mark Roberts

Trademarks, Spatial Knowledge Diffusion and Regional Economic Growth: The Case of Mexico, *Víctor Hugo Torres-Preciado, Mayrén Polanco-Gaytán, Miguel Ángel Tinoco-Zermeño  
**Discussant:** Jorge Diaz-Lanchas

Evaluating China’s Road to Prosperity: A New Economic Geography Approach, Mark Roberts  
**Discussant:** Nuria Gallego-Lopez

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**Presidential Luncheon and SRSA Business Meeting**

**Saturday 12:30-2 pm, Location: Salon E**

Douglas Woodward, University of South Carolina  
SRSA President’s Address: “Industry Location, Clusters, and Economic Development Incentives in the U.S. South”
Session 7A: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Eastover
Topics in Regional Analysis II
Chair: Ledia Guci

An Exploratory Study on Pilot Projects: The Housing Program in U.S., Kwang-rae, Cho
Discussant: Laura Varela-Candamio

The Role of Large Companies and SME on Market Capitalization and Regional Development, Andrés Faina, Jesús López-Rodríguez, *Laura Varela-Candamio
Discussant: Ledia Guci

Discussant: Craig Kerr

Session 7B: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Dilworth
Social Policy
Chair: Janaranjana Herath

An Economic Analysis of Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program in West Virginia, Janaranjana Herath, *Saima Bashir, Tesfa Gebremedhin
Discussant: Fungisai Nota

An Empirical Analysis of the Relationship of Adult Obesity and Arthritis in West Virginia, *Janaranjana Herath, Tesfa Gebremedhin, Jerald Fletcher
Discussant: Saima Bashir

Discussant: Janaranjana Herath

Session 7C: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Myers Park
Topics in Regional Analysis III
Chair: Mulugeta Saare Kahsai

Do Local Government Units (LGUs) Interact Fiscally While Providing Public Health Services in the Philippines? Uma Kelekar
Discussant: Mulugeta Saare Kahsai

Application of a Model of Investment Project for Evaluation of Special Economic Zones: The Economic Efficiency Approach, Tatyana Novikova
Discussant: Jesus Lopez-Rodriguez

Education and Economic Geography in Japan, *Jesus Lopez-Rodriguez, Daisuke Nakamura
Discussant: Uma Kelekar
The Role of FDI and Institutional Quality in Capital Formation in SSA Countries, *Mulugeta Saare Kahsai, Tizita Wasihun, Chali Nondo, Peter Schaeffer
Discussant: Tatyana Novikova

Session 7D: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Elizabeth
Topics in Regional Analysis IV
Chair: Henrique Veras de Paiva Fonseca

Effect of Bus Sizes on Reliability in a Simulated Transit Operation, MD Kamrul Islam
Discussant: Henrique Veras de Paiva Fonseca

The Dynamic Effects of Fiscal Shocks in Latin American Countries, Henrique Veras de Paiva Fonseca
Discussant: Toktam Kanani

The Investigation of Effective Factors on Farmers Participation with Wheat Supervisors in Razavi Province Khorasan (fuzzy linear regression model), Toktam Kanani
Discussant: MD Kamrul Islam

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