

Conference Timetable

Thursday, March 29, 2007

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration	Mezzanine level
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Session 1A : State and Local Economic Development	Pinckney
	Session 1B : Tourism	Laurens
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	SRSA Executive Council Meeting	Calhoun

Friday, March 30, 2007

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration	Mezzanine level
8:30 am - 10:15 am	Session 2A : Local Economic Growth and Spatial Systems	Laurens
	Session 2B : Strategies and Policies in Local Public Finance	Drayton
	Session 2C : Amenities and Migration	Calhoun
	Session 2D : International Policy and Globalization Session	Pinckney
	Session 2E : Land Reform Policies	Rutledge
10:15am - 10:30 am	Refreshment break	
10:30am - 12:15 pm	Session 3A : Econometric Applications to Migration	Pinckney
	Session 3B : New Economic Geography Approaches to Measuring Rural-Urban Interdependence	Calhoun
	Session 3C : Modeling Innovations in Regional Science Research	Rutledge
	Session 3D : South Carolina Economic Development	Drayton
	Session 3E : Agriculture and Rural Entrepreneurship	Laurens
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Awards Luncheon	Gold Ballroom
2:15 pm - 5:00 pm (break 3:30 - 3:45)	Session 4A : The Impact of Rurality and Space on the Rural Healthcare System	Calhoun
	Session 4B : Technology, Innovation, and Regional Development	Pinckney
	Session 4C : Topics in Energy Markets	Laurens
	Session 4D : Research Issues and Economic Development Strategies	Drayton
	Session 4E : State and Local Economic Development	Rutledge
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Reception	Gold Ballroom

Saturday, March 31, 2007

8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Registration	Mezzanine level
8:30 am - 10:15 am	Session 5A : Methods and Modeling Techniques: Game Theory Applications to Regional Science	Middleton
	Session 5B : Local Public Policy and Housing Decisions	Drayton
	Session 5C : Topics in International Trade and Finance	Rutledge
	Session 5D : Local Economic Development Policy	Pinckney
	Session 5E : Topics in household migration	Laurens
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Refreshment break	
10:30 am - 12:15pm	Session 6A : Symposium: South Carolina is Serious about Clusters: An Overview of the SC Industry Cluster Initiative	Pinckney
	Session 6B : Recent Regional Accounts Research at BEA	Middleton
	Session 6C : Methods and Modeling	Drayton
	Session 6D : Local Economic Growth	Laurens
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Presidential Address & Business Meeting	Gold Ballroom
2:15 pm - 5:00 pm (break 3:30 pm- 3:45 pm)	Session 7A : Income Inequality and Poverty	Middleton
	Session 7B : International Economic Growth and Development	Pinckney
	Session 7C : Regional Economic Growth	Drayton
	Session 7D : Energy and Regional Development	Laurens
	Session 7E : Economic growth: The Interplay of Institutions and Geography	Rutledge

Session Descriptions

Thursday, March 29, 2007 4 – 5:45 pm

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
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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 Scorsone, Michigan State University

Discussants

[Richard McGrath](#), Armstrong Atlantic State University

[J. F. O'Connor](#), Eastern Kentucky University

[Liesl Eathington](#), Iowa State University

Friday, March 30, 2007

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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

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

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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

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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

Saturday, March 31, 2007

8:30 – 10:15 am

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

Mark L. Burkey, North Carolina A & T State University
Alexandra Kurepa, North Carolina A & T State University

Discussants

[Perry Burnett](#), Colorado State University
[Amit Batabyal](#), Rochester Institute of Technology
[Santiago Pinto](#), West Virginia University

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

Global Impact of Energy Use in Oil Economies of the Middle East : A Modeling Framework for Analyzing Technology-Energy-Environment-Economy Chain

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

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