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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.
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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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

New Evidence on Determinants of Cigarette Consumption Using State-level Panel Data, 2001-2007, Richard Cebula
Discussant: J. Sebastian Leguizamon

Broadband Internet and New Business Formation: A U.S. Perspective, *Jitendra Parajuli and Kingsley Haynes
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

Connecting Corruption to Ethnic Polarization and Religious Fractionalization, *Shahdad Naghshpour, *Ed Nissan
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**

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

Estimating the Impacts of a Reduction in the Foreign-Born Labor Supply on a State Economy: A Nested CGE Analysis of the Idaho Economy, Philip Watson
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 Revisted? Michael L. Lahr
Discussant: Brian Richard

**Session 2C: 8-10 am, Location: Salon F
Spatial Econometrics I**

Chair: Gianfranco Piras

Debt Overhang in the Eurozone: A Spatial Econometrics Approach, *Alfredo A. Romero, Mark Burkey
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

The Role of Remittances in Currency Appreciation in 25 Latin American Countries, *Shahdad Naghshpour,
*Madeline Gillette
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

Social Capital and Environmental Quality: A Mesoskill Empirical Analysis Examining the Effects of Social Capital on Biodiversity, Patricia M. Jarema, *John M. 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

Estimating the Local Economic Impact of U.S. University Activity Using a Bill of Goods Approach, *Zoe O.

Ambargis, Thomas McComb, Carol A. Robbins, Stanislaw Rzeznik

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

**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

**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. Snarr, 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

Building Social Capital in an Industrial Cluster, *Neil Reid, Michael C. Carroll

Discussant: Paulo Guimaraes

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

Discussant: Neil Reid

Which Places Diversify Industry? Evidence from Co-specialization, *Erik B. Johnson, Stephen B. Billings

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

The Impact of Private, Public and Human Capital on the US State Economies: Theory, Extensions and Evidence, Sandy Dall'erba, *Irving Llamosas

Discussant: Amitrajeet A. Batabyal

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

Why do Localities Provide Economic Development Incentives? Geographic Competition, Political Constituencies, and Government Capacity, *Michael Betz, Mark Partridge
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

Title: "The Future of State and Local Economic Development Policy: What Research Is Needed?"

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 Woldeesenbet

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

Treat the Earth: Natural Environment, Fertility, and Government in an Overlapping Generations Economy, *Tohru Naito, Koji Kitaura, Tatsuya Omori
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

Coal Counties, Sample Selection, and the Resource Curse, *Anne Walker, Stratford Douglas
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

*Renewable Energy and Economic Growth in US States: A
Panel Dynamic Approach, *Irene Meggy Xiarchos,
Mulugeta Saare Kahsai, Tizita Wasihun, Chali Nondo*
Discussant: 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 Michiek

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

*The Effect of Renewable Portfolio Standards on Green
Industry: An Empirical Evaluation, *William M. Bowen,
Sunjoo Park*
Discussant: Irene Meggy Xiarchos

**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

*Interpreting Spatial Econometric Origin-Destination Flow
Models, *James P. LeSage, Christine Thomas-Agnan*
Discussant: David E. Clark

*Migration of the Elderly Population: Does It Matter Who
They Are? *Christiadi, 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
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Measuring Urban and Rural Linkages in Oklahoma: A Case Study on DCP Payments, *David Shideler, Eyosiyas Tegegne, Jody Campiche

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Discussant: David Shideler

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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

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Evaluating China's Road to Prosperity: A New Economic Geography Approach, Mark Roberts

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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 Faiña, Jesús López-Rodríguez, *Laura Varela-Candamio
Discussant: Ledia Guci

Spatial Analysis of Land-Use Conversion: An Application of a Large Sample Estimator for Discrete-Choice Models with Spatial Lag Dependence, *Ledia Guci, Alfonso Flores-Lagunes, Carmen Carrion-Flores
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
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Economics of HIV/AIDS in Prisons: A Review of Cost and Re-integration Methods to Improve Health and Reduce Recidivism, *Fungisai Nota, Howell Strauss, Ann Ferguson
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
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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*
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Chair: Henrique Veras de Paiva Fonseca

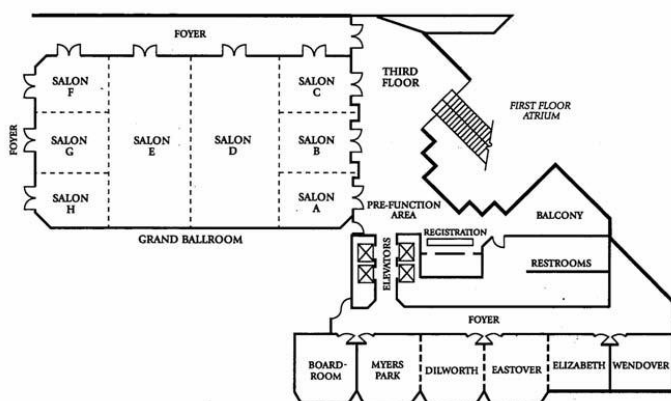
Effect of Bus Sizes on Reliability in a Simulated Transit Operation, MD Kamrul Islam
Discussant: Henrique Veras de Paiva Fonseca

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
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