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48th SRSA Annual Meeting: Program Overview

Thursday, April 2

2:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.
Registration: Conference Center D

2:15 P.M.—4:00 P.M.
Session 1A: Labor
Conference Center C
Session 1B: Regional Development I
Conference Center F

4:15 P.M.—6:00 P.M.
Session 2A: Regional Development II
Conference Center C
Session 2B: Student Paper Competition
Conference Center F

7:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.
SRSA Executive Council Meeting (by invitation): Diaz House

Friday, April 3

8:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M.
Registration: Conference Center D

8:30 A.M.—10:15 A.M.
Session 3A: Hurricane Katrina
Cavalier
Session 3B: Spatial Analysis I
Conference Center C
Session 3C: Entrepreneurship I
Conference Center B
Session 3D: Environment I
Conference Center F
Session 3E: New Results on the Determinants of Migration
Conference Center G

10:15 A.M.—10:30 A.M.
Coffee Break: Conference Center D

10:30 A.M.—12:15 P.M.
Session 4A: Migration Outcomes
Cavalier
Session 4B: Entrepreneurship II
Conference Center C
Session 4C: Rural Issues
Conference Center B
Session 4D: Economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters I  
Conference Center F  
Session 4E: The Housing Crisis  
Conference Center G  

12:30 P.M.—2:00 P.M.  
Awards Luncheon: Upper Courtyard  
Award of SRSA Fellow Plaque to John R. Kort, ERS  
SRSA Fellow’s Address by John R. Kort, SRSA Fellow:  
*Regional Economic Policy Thus Far in the Obama Era: Viewpoint of an Acting Administrator*  

2:00 P.M.—3:45 P.M.  
Session 5A: Regional Issues  
Cavalier  
Session 5B: Modeling  
Conference Center C  
Session 5C: Economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters II  
Conference Center B  
Session 5D: Regional Analysis I  
Conference Center F  
Session 5E: Regional Econometric Modeling  
Conference Center G  

3:45 P.M.—4:00 P.M.  
Coffee Break: Conference Center D  

4:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.  
Session 6A: Public Policy I  
Cavalier  
Session 6B: Regional Housing Market Analysis I  
Conference Center C  
Session 6C: Public Goods  
Conference Center B  
Session 6D: Economic Development Incentives  
Conference Center F  
Session 6E: Migration and Population Distribution  
Conference Center G  

6:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M.  
Reception: Upper Courtyard  

**Saturday, April 4**  

8:00 A.M.—10:30 P.M.  
Registration: Conference Center D  

8:30 A.M.—10:15 A.M.  
Session 7A: Public Policy II  
Cavalier  
Session 7B: Regional Housing Market II  
Conference Center C  
Session 7C: Energy
Conference Center B
Session 7D: Transportation
Conference Center F
Session 7E: Urban Issues
Conference Center G

10:15 A.M.—10:30 A.M.
Coffee Break: Conference Center C

10:30 A.M.—12:15 P.M.
Session 8A: Regional Analysis II
Cavalier
Session 8B: Regional Housing Market Analysis III
Conference Center C
Session 8C: Spatial Analysis II
Conference Center B
Session 8D: Public Finance
Conference Center F
Session 8E: Regional Analysis III
Conference Center G

12:30 P.M.—1:45 P.M.
Presidential Luncheon and SRSA Business Meeting:
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Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University, SRSA
President’s Address: Imperfection as the Norm

2:00 P.M.
48th SRSA Annual Meeting Ends
SRSA Program

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

2:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.

Registration:
Location TBA

2:15 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Session 1A: Labor
Conference Center C
Chair: Henry Renski, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Decomposing Inter-Industry Wage Differentials: The Effect of Social Capital on Efficiency Wages
Jeffrey Chen and Pierre Vilain, Halcrow Inc.
Discussant: Juan Leguizamon, West Virginia University

The Effect of Merit-Based Aid on the West Virginia Workforce: Promising?
Juan Leguizamon, West Virginia University
Discussant: Henry Renski, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Tracking Labor Flows Using Matched Employer-Employee Data
Henry Renski, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Discussant: Jeffrey Chen, Halcrow Inc.

Session 1B: Regional Development I:
Conference Center F
Chair: Leslie Dunn, Washington & Jefferson College

The Impact of Political Dependence on Small Island Economies
Leslie Dunn, Washington & Jefferson College
Discussant: Rafael, Garduño-Rivera, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Effects of Trade on Regional Distribution in Mexico
Rafael Garduño-Rivera, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Discussant: Jesus A. Trevino, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León

Spatial Analysis of Industrial Growth in Mexico, 1993-2006
Jesus A. Trevino, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León
Discussant: Mark L. Burkey, NCA&T State University
Generalized Voronoi Diagrams and Commuting Patterns: Finding the Best Fit
Mark L. Burkey, NCA&T State University
Joyendu Bhadury, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and H.A. Eiselt, University of New Brunswick
Discussant: Leslie Dunn, Washington & Jefferson College

4:15 P.M.—6:00 P.M.

Session 2A: Regional Development II:
Conference Center C
Chair: Uma Kekekar, George Mason University

Influence of Culture on Women Entrepreneurship in India
Uma Kekekar, George Mason University
Discussant: Saleh Ahmed, University of Rome

The Road from Marginalization To Empowerment: An Empirical Analysis on the Impacts of Small Enterprise Development Among Extremely Poor Women in Southwestern Bangladesh
Saleh Ahmed, University of Rome
Discussant: Fungisai Nota, Wartburg College

Dealing with the Highest Inflation in Africa: The Case of Stagflation in Zimbabwe
Fungisai Nota, Wartburg College
Discussant: Uma Kekekar, George Mason University

Session 2B: Student Paper Competition:
Conference Center F
Chair: Cynthia L. Rogers, University of Oklahoma

Effect of international technology diffusion on the demand of skilled labor in low and medium technology (LMT) sectors.
Juan Julio Gutierrez, George Mason University and Roger Stough, George Mason University
Discussant: Cynthia L. Rogers, University of Oklahoma

Rural-Urban Migration and the Intergenerational Transmission of Wealth
Ayesha Enver, Ohio State University and Mark Partridge, Ohio State University
Discussant: James LeSage, Texas State University-San Marcos

The Housing Transition in Mexico
Paavo Monkkonen, University of California, Berkeley
Discussant: John Connaughton, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Arc_Mat: A Matlab-based Spatial Data Analysis Toolbox
Xingjian Liu, Texas State University-San Marcos and
James LeSage, Texas State University-San Marcos
Discussant: Mark L. Burkey, NCA&T State University

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

Registration:
Conference Center D

8:30 A.M.—10:15 A.M.

Session 3A: Hurricane Katrina
Cavalier
Chair: James P. LeSage, Texas State University-San Marcos

An Assessment of Regional Economic Development Strategies for Greater New Orleans
Mukesh Kumar, Jackson State University
Discussant: James P. LeSage, Texas State University-San Marcos

Business Return in New Orleans in the Aftermath of Katrina
James P. LeSage, Texas State University-San Marcos and
Kelly Pace, Louisiana State University
Discussant: Dave Swenson, Iowa State University

The Effect of Hurricane Katrina on Intertemporal Spatial Agglomeration of Location Quotients in Northern Gulf States
Garen Evans, Mississippi State University
Discussant: James Henderson, Mississippi State University

Session 3B: Spatial Analysis I
Conference Center C
Chair: Paulo Guimaraes, University of South Carolina

Spatial Clustering of U.S. Immigrants
Paulo Guimaraes, Joilson Dias, and Douglas Woodward, University of South Carolina
Discussant: M. Rose Olfert, University of Saskatchewan

Spatial Growth Dynamics in Wages and Housing Costs: The Role of Distances from Urban Production Externalities and Consumer Amenities
Mark D. Partridge, Ohio State University, M. Rose Olfert and Kamar Ali, University of Saskatchewan, and Dan Rickman, Oklahoma State University
Discussant: Haifeng Qian, George Mason University
The Geography of Talent in China  
Haifeng Qian, George Mason University  
Discussant: Paulo Guimaraes, University of South Carolina

**Session 3C: Entrepreneurship I**  
**Conference Center B**  
**Chair:** Brian J. Osoba, Central Connecticut State University

Does Social Capital Matter? Impact of Social Capital on Innovation in the Knowledge Economy at the International Level  
Soogwan Doh, George Mason University at Fairfax  
Discussant: Brian J. Osoba, Central Connecticut State University

Religion’s Influence on Entrepreneurship: An Empirical Analysis of Counties in the U.S.  
Brian J. Osoba, Central Connecticut State University  
Discussant: Songpyo Kim, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs

Inventive Minds in Cancer Cure  
Songpyo Kim, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs  
Discussant: Soogwan Doh, George Mason University at Fairfax

**Session 3D: Environment I**  
**Conference Center F**  
**Chair:** Christa Jensen, West Virginia University

A Regional Analysis of US Hazardous Waste Shipments  
Christa Jensen, West Virginia University  
Discussant: Charlotte A. Whitehead, The University of Texas at Austin

Americans' Travel Choices and Their Relative Contributions to Climate Change: What Near-Term Behavioral Shifts Will Buy Us, and Opportunities for Meeting Carbon Targets  
Kara M. Kockelman, Melissa R. Thompson, and Charlotte A. Whitehead, The University of Texas at Austin  
Discussant: Jose G. Vargas-Hernández, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Económico Administrativas U de G
Environmental and Economic Development Shrinkage of Atenquique Declinación del Desarrollo Ambiental Y Económico De Atenquique
Jose G. Vargas-Hernández, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Económico Administrativas U de G
Discussant: Melissa R. Thompson, The University of Texas at Austin

Session 3E: New Results on the Determinants of Migration
Conference Center G
Chair: Mulugeta Kahsai, West Virginia University


A Role for Air Pollution in Domestic Mobility
Robert Dunn, Washington and Jefferson College
Discussant: David McGranahan, Economic Research Service, USDA

10:15 A.M.—10:30 A.M.
Coffee Break:
Conference Center D

10:30 A.M.—12:15 P.M.
Session 4A: Migration Outcomes
Cavalier
Chair: Robert Dunn, Washington and Jefferson College

Returns to Return Migration
Nancy White and Amy Wolaver, Bucknell University, and Thomas Knapp, Pennsylvania State University
Discussant: Mark Burkey, North Carolina A&T State University

Migrant Workers, Human Capital Development, and Productive Investment: An Analysis of Productive Investment in Agriculture by Migrant Workers in China
Daniel Monchuk, Southern Mississippi University, and Georgeanne Artz, University of Missouri-Columbia
Discussant: Brian Cushing, West Virginia University

Evaluating the H-1B Visa Program: Theoretical Issues
Peter Schaeffer and Mulugeta Kahsai, West Virginia University
Discussant: Hal Snarr, North Carolina A&T State University
Session 4B: Entrepreneurship II  
Conference Center C  
Chair: Kenneth Robinson, Clemson University

A County-Level Assessment of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development in Appalachia Using Simultaneous Equations  
Maribel Mojica, Testa Gebremedhin, and Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University  
Discussant: Lori Dickes, Clemson University

The New Wave of Economic Development: Rhetoric or Reality; What Do Entrepreneurship Efforts Look Like Across South Carolina Communities?  
Kenneth Robinson and Lori Dickes, Clemson University  
Discussant: David W. Hughes, Clemson University

Testable Hypotheses Concerning Entrepreneurship Development in South Carolina  
Devin Swindall and David W. Hughes, Clemson University  
Discussant: Maribel Mojica, West Virginia University

Session 4C: Rural Issues  
Conference Center B  
Chair: Mark D. Partridge, Ohio State University

Linking Retired Individual’s Skills at the End of Broadband with Employer Needs: A Potential for Increased Rural Employment in New England?  
Douglas E. Morris and Lyndon E. Goodridge, University of New Hampshire  
Discussant: Mark D. Partridge, Ohio State University

Rural Residential Location Choices vs. Loss of Rural Employment in Rural-to-Urban Commuting  
Mark D. Partridge, Ohio State University, M. Rose Olfert and Kamar Ali, University of Saskatchewan  
Discussant: Arzu Sen, West Virginia University

Resource Curse: Evidence from Coal Counties in U.S.  
Arzu Sen, West Virginia University  
Discussant: Douglas E. Morris, University of New Hampshire
Session 4D: Economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters I
Conference Center F
Chair: J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

Exploring Industry-Level Changes in Establishment Counts, Employment, and Wages in Mississippi Counties Experiencing the Greatest Net In-Migration Following Hurricane Katrina
Brooklynn J. Anderson, Mississippi State University
Discussant: J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

Understanding Local Government Fiscal Change Following a Natural Disaster: An Application of Modern Shift Share Methodologies
J. Matthew Fannin and Arun Adhikari, Louisiana State University
Discussant: Ersan Koc, Middle East Technical University

Sustaining Disaster Policy: A Commitment Based Mitigation Model
Ersan Koc, Middle East Technical University
Discussant: Brooklynn J. Anderson, Mississippi State University

Session 4E: The Housing Crisis
Conference Center F
Chair: Brian W. Sloboda, US Postal Service

The Neighborhood Effects of Foreclosure
Tammy Leonard and Jim Murdoch, University of Texas at Dallas
Discussant: Brian W. Sloboda, US Postal Service

The Effects of the Housing Crisis on the Real Economy: A Regional Analysis Abstract
Brian W. Sloboda, US Postal Service, and Wenxiong Vincent Yao, Fannie Mae
Discussant: Tammy Leonard, University of Texas at Dallas

12:30 P.M.-2:00 P.M.

Awards Luncheon:
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Award of SRSA Fellow Plaque to John R. Kort, ERS
SRSA Fellow’s Address by John R. Kort, SRSA Fellow: Regional Economic Policy Thus Far in the Obama Era: Viewpoint of an Acting Administrator
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Session 5A: Regional Issues
Cavalier
Chair: Diane Hite, Auburn University

Deriving Benefit Estimates for Environmental Improvement using Intra-City Hedonic Estimates
John Carruthers, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and David Clark, Marquette University
Discussant: Speedhar Upendram, Missouri Economic Research and Information Center

The Effects of Environmental Health Risks on House Values in the US: A Spatial Generalized Three-Stage Least Squares Model
Chau-Sa Ho, Ohio State University and Diane Hite, Auburn University
Discussant: John Carruthers, Department of Housing and Urban Development

A Spatial Econometric Analysis of Retail Trade and Commuting Patterns in Rural Counties of Missouri
Sreedhar Upendram, Missouri Economic Research and Information Center
Discussant: Diane Hite, Auburn University

Session 5B: Modeling
Conference Center C
Chair: David W. Hughes, Clemson University

The Effects of High-Tech Agglomerations on Female Wages—A Bivariate Selectivity Approach
Elsie Echeverri-Carroll and Sofia G. Ayala, University of Texas at Austin
Discussant: David B. Willis, Clemson University

Input-Output Models as a Planning Tool: The South Carolina National Guard Project
David W. Hughes, David B. Willis, and Karol Hughes, Clemson University
Discussant: Sofia G. Ayala, University of Texas at Austin

Forecasting Land Use & Transport Through 2030 Using UrbanSim: A Case Study of Austin, Texas
Siva Kakaraparthi and Kara Kockelman, University of Texas at Austin
Discussant: David W. Hughes, Clemson University
Session 5C: Economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters II  
Conference Center B  
Chair: Garen Evans, Mississippi State University

After the Storm – Spatial and Temporal Aspects of Business Resiliency  
James Henderson and Garen Evans, Mississippi State University  
Discussant: Brian Richard, University of Southern Mississippi

Responding to Disasters: Ridiculous Claims, Rampant Rent-Seeking, and Mitigating Roles for Regional Scientists  
Dave Swenson and Liesl Eathington, Iowa State University  
Discussant: Mukesh Kumar, Jackson State University

Disparate Impacts of Natural Disasters  
Brian Richard, University of Southern Mississippi  
Discussant: Garen Evans, Mississippi State University

Session 5D: Regional Analysis I  
Conference Center F  
Chair: Xin Zhou, George Mason University

Regional Determinants Affecting the ITS Deployment and Integration  
Xin Zhou, George Mason University  
Discussant: Andrew Isserman, University of Illinois

Does U.S. Regional Policy Exist? A Test of the Markusen Hypothesis  
Andrew Isserman, University of Illinois  
Discussant: Erik Johnson, Quinnipiac University

Determining the Scale of Service Industry Agglomeration  
Erik Johnson, Quinnipiac University and Stephen Billings, University of North Carolina-Charlotte  
Discussant: Shahdad Naghshpour, University of Southern Mississippi

Club Convergence In Europe  
Shahdad Naghshpour, University of Southern Mississippi  
Discussant: Xin Zhou, George Mason University
Session 5E: Regional Econometric Modeling
Conference Center G
Chair: K. Doug Heady, Texas State University-San Macros

Asymmetric Regional Effects from Monetary Policy on State-Level Housing Prices
David Beckworth, and K. Doug Heady, Texas State University-San Macros
Discussant: Melissa Culbertson, Texas State University-San Macros

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Discussant: Matthew Dominquez, Texas State University-San Macros

An Analysis of Travel Times to Work in Austin, Texas Over the 1980-2000 Period
Matthew Dominquez, Texas State University-San Macros
Discussant: K. Doug Heady, Texas State University-San Macros

3:45 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Coffee Break:
Conference Center D

4:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.

Session 6A: Public Policy I
Cavalier
Chair: Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University

Competitiveness of Southern Metropolitan Areas: The Role of New Economy Policies
Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University, and David Barkley, Clemson University
Discussant: Greg Grassmueck, Lycoming College

How Competition among Government Units May Leave Local Government Units Behind
Greg Grassmueck, Lycoming College
Discussant: Ramziya Shakirova, George Mason University

Institutions and Economic Development
Ramziya Shakirova, George Mason University
Discussant: Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University
Session 6B: Regional Housing Market Analysis I
Conference Center C
Chair: Cliff Lipscomb, Valdosta State University

Using Quantile Regression to Reveal Hedonic Submarket Competition
Michael C. Farmer, Texas Tech University, and Cliff Lipscomb, Valdosta State University
Discussant: Daniel Monchuk, University of Southern Mississippi

The Role of Homeownership on Labor Market Outcomes in Rural Areas in the U.S.
Daniel Monchuk, University of Southern Mississippi, Euan Phimister, University of Aberdeen, and Maureen Kilkeny, University of Nevada
Discussant: Michael C. Farmer, Texas Tech University

Historic Preservation, Property Values, and Tax Rates: A Municipal-level Analysis in New Jersey
Samonne Montgomery, Rutgers University
Discussant: Cliff Lipscomb, Valdosta State University

Session 6C: Public Goods
Conference Center B
Chair: J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

Meta-analytic Revelation of the Role of Natural Amenities on the Rural Economy
J. Matthew Fannin and Junpyo Hong, Louisiana State University
Discussant: Patricia M. Jarema, University of New Hampshire

Effects of Civic Engagement on Forested Land Cover Change in the Central Appalachian Region
Patricia M. Jarema, John M Halstead, and Karen S. Conway, University of New Hampshire
Discussant: Chunhua Wang, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Estimating the Demand for Public Open Space
Chunhua Wang and Jean-Claude Thill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Discussant: J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

Session 6D: Economic Development Incentives
Conference Center F
Chair: Frank Hefner, College of Charleston

Glamorous Incentives: The Cost and Benefits of Attracting Hollywood to South Carolina
Frank Hefner, College of Charleston
Discussant: James Rossi, University of Missouri-Columbia
Missouri’s Agricultural Products Utilization and New Generation Cooperative Tax Incentive Programs: Economic Impacts and Benefits and Costs
James Rossi, Georgeanne Artz, Judith I. Stallmann, and Thomas G. Johnson, University of Missouri-Columbia
Discussant: Sanjukta Roy, West Virginia University

Counting on Financial Development for Urbanization
Sanjukta Roy, West Virginia University
Discussant: Judith I. Stallmann, University of Missouri-Columbia

Session 6E: Migration and Population Distribution
Conference Center G
Chair: Nancy White, Bucknell University

Deconcentration, Counter-Urbanization, or Trend Reversal? The Population Distribution of Switzerland, Revisited
Mulugeta Kahsai and Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University
Discussant: Nancy White, Bucknell University

Creative Places as Migration Filters
David McGranahan, Timothy Wojan, and Tracey Farrigan, Economic Research Service/USDA
Discussant: Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University

Historical Population Mobility for U.S. Regions
Brian Cushing, West Virginia University
Discussant: Robert Dunn, Washington and Jefferson College

6:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M.
Reception:
Upper Courtyard
**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

**8:00 A.M.—1:45 P.M.**

**Registration:**
Conference Center D

**8:30 A.M.—10:00 A.M.**

**Session 7A: Public Policy II**

**Cavalier**

**Chair:** David Bowes, Southeastern Louisiana University

The Link between Child Support Grant and Teenage Pregnancy in South Africa
M. E. Biyase, University of Johannesburg
Discussant: David Bowes, Southeastern Louisiana University

Retail Market Areas and Traditional Neighborhood Design
David Bowes, Southeastern Louisiana University
Discussant: Georg Grassmueck, Lycoming College

On the Measurement of Government Fragmentation
Georg Grassmueck, Lycoming College
Discussant: M. E. Biyase, University of Johannesburg

**Session 7B: Regional Housing Market Analysis II**

**Conference Center C**

**Chair:** John Carruthers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Plane of Living and the Recent Evolution of Housing Values in the United States
John Carruthers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Gordon F. Mulligan, University of Arizona
Discussant: Mouchine Guettabi, Oklahoma State University

Minorities, Sub-Prime Lending, and Financial Knowledge
Mouchine Guettabi, Oklahoma State University
Discussant: Christian Malagon, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Location Premiums in the Washington Metro Housing Market
Christian Malagon, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
Discussant: John Carruthers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Session 7C: Energy
Conference Center B
Chair: Larry Leistritz, North Dakota State University

Socioeconomic Impacts of Developing Wind Energy in the Great Plains
Larry Leistritz, North Dakota State University
Discussant: Steven Peterson, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Network Routing Implications for Hazardous Materials Subject to Policy Constraints
Steven Peterson, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Discussant: Martin Shields, Colorado State University

Is the Economic Stimulus Package Needs Based?
Martin Shields, Colorado State University
Discussant: Larry Leistritz, North Dakota State University

Session 7D: Transportation
Conference Center G
Chair: Aaron K. Lusby, Louisiana Tech University

How Substitutable is Public Highway Capital for Private Investment in Transport Services in the United States?
Aaron K. Lusby, Louisiana Tech University
Discussant: Rafael Garduño-Rivera, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Effect of Population Density, Road Network Density, and Congestion on Household Gasoline Consumption in U.S. Urban Areas
Qing Su, Kent State University at Stark
Discussant: Aaron K. Lusby, Louisiana Tech University

The Distributional Effects of NAFTA in Mexico
Kathy Baylis and Rafael Garduño-Rivera, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Gianfranco Piras, Arizona State University
Discussant: Xin Zhou, George Mason University

Transportation Infrastructure Development and Regional Economic Growth in A Spatial Perspective - the Case of China
Junyang Yuan and Xin Zhou, George Mason University
Discussant: Qing Su, Kent State University at Stark

Session 7E: Urban Issues
Conference Center G
Chair: Jean-Claude Thill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Smart Growth, Roadway Construction, and Urban Sprawl
Rodrigo Duran and Michael Lahr, Rutgers University
Discussant: Matt McCormick BEA
Evaluating Competitive Structures and Strategies in an Urban Commercial District with Self-Organizing Maps
Masakuni Kakoi and Saito Saburo, Fukuoka University, and Jean-Claude Thill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Discussant: Rodrigo Duran, Rutgers University

Identification of Business Cycle Phases at the Local Level
Matt McCormick BEA
Discussant: Jean-Claude Thill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

10:15 A.M.—10:30 A.M.

Coffee Break:
Conference Center C

10:30 A.M.—12:15 P.M.

Session 8A: Regional Analysis II
Cavalier
Chair: Santiago M. Pinto, West Virginia University

The Importance of Regional and Economic Factors in U.S. Presidential Elections: Evidence from County Level Data
Frank O’Connor and Sebastian Teran Hidalgo, Eastern Kentucky University
Discussant: Santiago M. Pinto, West Virginia University

On the Distribution of Local Crime Prevention Throughout the City
Santiago M. Pinto, West Virginia University and Subhayu Bandyopadhyay, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Discussant: John Connaughton, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Understanding Differential State Expansions Following 1990-1991 and 2001 Recessions
John Connaughton and Ronald A. Madsen, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
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