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Conference Program 2011

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Welcome to SRSA’s
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We have an exciting program for our 2011 meeting in New Orleans. This year we convene to celebrate our half-century of annual meetings.

Please note that there may 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 author index located on pages 17-19 shows when and where you are scheduled.

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

- Each paper presentation is allotted twenty minutes, with an additional ten minutes of discussion.

- 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.

- Presenters and discussants should remain for the entire session.
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NE-1029 Business Meeting: 8:30-12 pm, Location: Boardroom

Session 1A: 3-5 pm, Location: Gris Gris
NE-1029 Rural Development
Chair: Peter Stenberg

The Bio-Energy Activities of Spatially Dispersed Economic Actors, Peter Stenberg
Discussant: Alison Davis

What Affects Rural Wealth Creation? An Empirical Analysis of Changes in Income and Wealth in Oregon’s Timber-Dependent Communities, Bruce Weber, Yong Chen*
Discussant: Mitch Renkow

Spatial Heterogeneity, Rural Property Crime and Social Capital, Steven Deller*, Mellissa Deller
Discussant: Allison Davis

Plugging Leakages in Rural Areas, Alison Davis
Discussant: Mitch Renkow

Session 1B: 3-5 pm, Location: Choctaw
Smart Growth
Chair: Michael Lahr

Discussant: Heather Stephens

The Impact of Hudson-Bergen Light Rail on Residential Property Appreciation, Kyeongsu Kim, Michael Lahr*
Discussant: Lori Ann Dickes

Understanding the Role of Natural Amenities in Supporting Growth in the Great Lakes Region, Heather Stephens*, Mark Partridge
Discussant: Michael Lahr

The Impact of Declining Lake Levels on Property Values: a South Carolina Hedonic Model, Lori Ann Dickes
Discussant: John Halstead

Session 1C: 3-5 pm, Location: Teche
Sustainable Regional Development I
Chair: Eric Bowen
Welcome to the Sustainable Coastal Counties: Social And Economic Resiliency to Climate Change-Induced Natural Disaster in Florida, Hyun Kim*, Kyle Woosnam, Yeol Choi
Discussant: Peter Schaeffer

Diverging Environmental Effects of Decentralized Population and Employment, Eric Bowen
Discussant: Rajendra Poudel

The Influence of Environmental Regulation on Population and Employment Change: Evidence from the Mid-Atlantic Region, Oleg Kucher, Peter Schaeffer*, Jerald Fletcher
Discussant: Eric Bowen

Reducing Poverty through Sustainable Rural Tourism: An Empirical Research, Rajendra Poudel
Discussant: Hyun Kim

SRSA Executive Council Meeting (by invitation only) 6:30-8:30 pm, Location: Bienville Gallery

Friday, March 25th

Beignet Breakfast: Friday 7:30-10:15 am

Session 2A: 8-10am, Location: Gris Gris NE-1029 Broadband and Development
Chair: Dan Rainey

Do Higher Broadband Adoption Rates Mean Lower Tax Collections from Local Retail Sales? Implications of E-Commerce in Rural Areas of the U.S., Brian Whitacre
Discussant: Dan Otto

Discussant: Brian Whitacre

The Potential Impact of Broadband in Rural America: the Case of the Louisiana Delta, James Barnes
Discussant: Dan Otto

Discussant: Brian Whitacre

Session 2B: 8-10 am, Location: Bienville Gallery Growth, Employment and Business Cycle Dynamics
Chair: John Connaughton

Estimating and Predicting State Employment Volatility, George Hammond
Discussant: John Connaughton
Local Economic Impact of the 2008/2009 Recession, John Connaughton, Ronald Madsen
Discussant: George Hammond

A Dynamic Shift Share Analysis of Economic Growth in West Virginia, Janaranjana Herath*, Tesfa Gebremedhin, Blessing Maumbe
Discussant: Jing Wang

A Dynamic Spatial Shift-Share Analysis of Employment Change in China, Jing Wang
Discussant, Janaranjana Herath

Session 2C: 8-10 am, Location: Teche
Methods of Applied Regional Analysis
Chair: Matthew Fannin

Holy MOE! Don’t Marginalize the Error Estimates in American Community Survey Data, Liesl Eathington
Discussant: John Lombard

The Sub-State District/Regional Council as a Geospatial Unit of Analytical Geography for the United States, Thomas Christoffel
Discussant: Matthew Fannin

Comparing Functional Regions Using Two Alternative Data Sources: US Census Bureau LED Commuting Data Versus IMPLAN Trade Data, Raghavendra Kongari, Arun Adhikari, Matthew Fannin*
Discussant: Thomas Christoffel

Defining and Measuring Modeling and Simulation Activity in the Southeast, John Lombard
Discussant: Liesl Eathington

Session 2D: 8-10 am, Location: Belle Grove
Spatial Econometrics and Modeling
Chair: James LeSage

The Biggest Myth in Spatial Econometrics, James LeSage
Discussant: Paulo Guimaraes

Accounting for Neighboring Effects in Measures of Spatial Concentration, Paulo Guimaraes
Discussant: Giuseppe Arbia

Some Results on the MAUP in Spatial Interaction Gravity Models, Giuseppe Arbia
Discussant: Gianfranco Piras

On The Parameter Space in Higher Order Spatial Econometric Models, Gianfranco Piras*, Donald Lacombe, Paul Elhorst
Discussant: James LeSage

Session 2E: 8-10 am, Location: Oak Alley
Public Finance and Policy
Chair: Eric Scorsone
Spatial Dependence in Tobacco Excise Taxation: the Impact of Special Interest Groups, Adam Hoffer
*Discussant: Santiago Pinto*

The Economic and Fiscal Implications of Shrinking City Policies, Eric Scorsone
*Discussant: Adam Hoffer*

Goods Allocation by Queuing and the Occurrence of Violence: a Probabilistic Analysis, Amitrajeet Batabyal
*Discussant: Eric Scorsone*

Domestic Firms, Multinational Firms, and the Corporate Profit Tax System, Santiago Pinto
*Discussant: Amitrajeet Batabyal*

**Session 3A: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Gris Gris**

**Labor Market Earnings and Migration**
Chair: Peter Schaeffer

The Migratory Response to Racial Wage Disparity, Craig Kerr*, Randall Walsh
*Discussant: Dwight Adamson*

The Economic Benefit of Migration: a Case Study of Hispanic Outmigrants from the Southern California Region, Jiyoung Park*, Seongdo Yun, Simon Choi
*Discussant: Pat O’Brien*

Low Skilled Household Migration and Incomplete Wage Compensation, Nancy White*, Thomas Knapp, David Clark, William Herrin
*Discussant: Robert Dunn*

**Session 3B: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Bienville Gallery**

**Poverty and Appalachian Development**
Chair: Nyakundi Michieka

Poverty and Place across the United States: Do County Governments Matter to the Distribution of Economic Disparities, P. Wilner Jeanty, Linda Lobao, Mark Partridge, David Kraybill
*Discussant: Nyakundi Michieka*

Bayesian Approach to Model Selection: a Spatial Econometric Analysis of SNAP Participation Rates In Appalachia, David Lacombe, Nyakundi Michieka*, Tesfa Gebremedhin
*Discussant: Saima Bashir*

A Spatial Analysis of Poverty and Income Inequality in the Appalachian Region, Sudiksha Joshi, Tesfa Gebremedhin, Saima Bashir*
*Discussant: Chali Nondo*
Spatial Analysis of the Interactions between Economic Growth and Environmental Regulations: Evidence from the Appalachia Region, Chali Nondo*, Peter Schaeffer, Jerald J. Fletcher
Discussant: P. Wilner Jeanty

Session 3C: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Teche Innovation, Technology, and Economic Performance
Chair: William Latham

Creativity and Mobility: Evidence from Patenting Data, William Latham*, Dmitry Volodin, Christian Le Bas
Discussant: Dan Rickman

Innovative Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth in Lagging regions, Heather Stephens*, Alessandra Faggian, Mark Partridge
Discussant: Ranjana Srevatsan

Geographic Determinants of High-Tech Employment Growth in U.S. Counties, Belal Fallah, Mark Partridge, Dan Rickman*
Discussant: William Latham

The Role of University Industry Collaboration in Regional Economic Development, Ranjan Srevatsan
Discussant: Heather Stephens

Awards Luncheon
Friday 12:30-2 pm: Bienville Room & Parlor

Award of SRSA Fellow Plaque: Brian Cushing

SRSA Fellow’s Address by Brian Cushing, “Advancement of Knowledge: a Journey through Space and Time”

Session 4A: 2:15-4:30 pm, Location: Gris Gris
Resilience in the Gulf Region
Chair: Shaoming Cheng

The Short- and Long-Term Negative Economic and Fiscal Impacts of the Gulf of Mexico Drilling Moratoria, Bernard Weinstein
Discussant: Rebekka Dudensing

Preliminary Macroeconomic and Fiscal Impacts of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Alabama, Samuel Addy, Ahmad Ijaz*, Kilungu Nzaku
Discussant: Bernard Weinstein

Rural Resilience: Drivers of Housing Recovery Following Hurricane Katrina, Shaoming Cheng*, Emel Ganapati, Sukumar Ganapati
Discussant: Matt Fannin
Municipal versus County Government Financial Health following a Natural Disaster: Does Size Matter? Evidence from Louisiana following the 2005 Hurricane Season, Matthew Fannin*, Jeanne St. Romain, Laura Falgoust, Joshua Detre
Discussant: Shaoming Cheng

Post-Ike Economic Resilience along the Texas Coast, Rebekka Dudensing, Ruoxi Lu*
Discussant: Ahmad Ijaz

Session 4B: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Bienville Gallery
Real Estate and Housing
Chair: Joseph Von Nessen

Power Laws and Bubbles in Real Estate Prices, Calvin Blackwell
Discussant: Clifford Lipscomb

Proposed Biomass Facility Impacts on Prospective Property Values, Clifford Lipscomb
Discussant: Calvin Blackwell

The Influence of Growth Restrictions on Housing Prices in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., Joseph Von Nessen*, Doug Woodward, Paulo Guimaraes
Discussant: Michael Shiroya

A Finite Mixture Approach for Household Residential Choices, Michael Shiroya*, Michael Farmer, Eric Belaso
Discussant: Joey Von Nessen

Session 4C: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Teche
Sustainable Regional Development II
Chair: Davina Bird

Discussant: ChangKeun Park

Measuring Inter-County Spillover Economic Effects of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission in Southern California Region, ChangKeun Park*, JiYoung Park, Simon Choi
Discussant: Davina Bird

Discussant: Mark Burkey

Explaining Attitudes on the Ogallala: The Importance of Space-Time, Mark Burkey
Discussant: Christa Jensen

Session 4D: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Belle Grove
Entrepreneurship and Technology Development
Chair: Paul Coomes
A Schumpeterian Model of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Economic Growth, Amitrajeet Batabyal  
Discussant: Maria Figueroa

The Rate Of Proprietorship among Metropolitan Areas: The Impact of Institutions, Local Economic Environment and Capital Resources, Paul Coomes*, Stephan Gebhmann, Jose Fernandez  
Discussant: Amitrajeet Batabyal

A Simultaneous Analysis of the Link between New Firm Formation and Economic Development in the Northeast Region of the United States, Saima Bashir*, Tesfa Gebremedhin  
Discussant: Paul Coomes

Necessity and Opportunity Entrepreneurship in America: a Study on Gender, Rurality, and Unemployment, Maria Figueroa  
Discussant: Saima Bashir

Session 4E: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Oak Alley

Input-Output and Impact Analysis

Chair: William Schaffer

Discussant: David Swenson

The Regional Economic Development Potential and Constraints to Local Foods Development in the Midwest, David Swenson  
Discussant: Michael Lahr

Comparing the Input Coefficients and Total Effects of Biofuels Production Using Survey and Non-survey Data, James Rossi  
Discussant: William Schaffer

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Session 4F: 2:15-4:15 pm, Location: Madewood NE-1029 State and Local Public Finance

Chair: Mark Skidmore

Margins of Local Governmental Leadership: the Case of Local Option Sales Taxes, Cynthia Rogers*, Gregory Burge  
Discussant: Judith Stallmann

The Impact of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on City Credit Ratings, Steven Deller, Judith Stallmann*, Lindsay Amiel, Craig Maher  
Discussant: Mark Skidmore

The Political Economy of State Ethanol Subsidy Adoption, Mark Skidmore*, James Alm, Chad Cotti
Discussant: Judith Stallmann

**Determinants of Debt Levels by Rural Cities in Iowa**, Dan Otto, Mike Hudak
Discussant: Mark Skidmore

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**Coffee Break: Friday 4:15-4:30 pm**

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**Session 5A: 4:30-6:15 pm, Location: Gris Gris**

*Understanding Migration for Declining Regions*  
Chair: Nancy White

- **Macro Determinants of Labor Migration in CEE Transitional Economies**, Denise Francois  
  Discussant: Masood Gheasi
- **The Common Threads of States with Net Out-Migration**, Shahdad Naghshpour, Denise Francois  
  Discussant: Thomas Knapp
- **Who Moves to Inefficient Government Units? The Other Side of Voting With Your Feet**, George Grassmueck  
  Discussant: Maryam Naghsh Nejad

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**Session 5B: 4:30-6:15 pm, Location: Bienville Gallery**

*New Developments in Federal Data: Bureau of Economic Analysis*  
Chair: Carol Robbins

- **Regional Price Parities 2005-2009**, Bettina Aten, Troy Martin*  
  Discussant: Carol Robbins
- **Converting States Published Statistics from SIC to NAICS Basis: Methods and Preliminary Estimates**, Christian Awuku-Budu  
  Discussant: Troy Martin
- **Uses and Misuses of RIMS II for Economic Impact Analysis: Suggestions for Practitioners**, Zoe Ambargis*, Rebecca Bess  
  Discussant: William Latham

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**Reception**  
Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Location: Bienville Gallery and Courtyard

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**Saturday, March 26**

**Session 6A: 8-10 am, Location: Gris Gris**

*Topics: U.S. State and Local Economic Development*  
Chair: Brian Whitacre

- **Rural Broadband Availability and Adoption during the 2000s: a Case Study from Oklahoma**, Brian Whitacre  
  Discussant: Alan Barefield

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An Evaluation of a Public Water System Education And Technical Assistance Program In Mississippi, Jason R. Barrett, Alan Barefield
Discussant: P. Wilner Jeanty

Discussant: Brian Whitacre

Session 6B: 8-10 am, Location: Bienville Gallery
International Migration
Chair: Robert Dunn

Why is there a High Female Brain Drain in Developing Countries? Maryam Naghsh Nejad
Discussant: Leslie Dunn

Economic Impact of NAFTA on the Mexican Population and Subsequent Migratory Incentives, Pat O’Brien
Discussant: Craig Kerr

Migrants and International Economic Linkages: a Meta-Overview, Masood Gheasi, Peter Nijkamp *, Piet Rietveld
Discussant: Peter Schaeffer

Session 6C: 8-10 am, Location: Teche
Health and Regional Development
Chair: David Hughes

Living ‘Large’ in the Wide Open Space: the Link between Remoteness and Obesity, Mouhcine Guettabi*, Abdul Munasib
Discussant: Cristian Nedelea

Food Access in the Palmetto State: Identifying Potential Food Desert/Food Imbalance Areas in South Carolina, Caroline Swiger, Kathryn Boys, Julia Sharp, David Hughes*
Discussant: Mouhcine Guettabi

Can Twenty Minutes on the Treadmill Save You From Bankruptcy? The Impact of Obesity on Consumer Bankruptcy, Mouhcine Guettabi*, Abdul Munasib
Discussant: David Hughes

Efficiency Differences between Critical Access Hospitals and Prospectively Paid Rural Hospitals: Two-Stage Approach vs. Stochastic Frontier Analysis, Cristian Nedelea*, Matthew Fannin
Discussant: Mouhcine Guettabi

Session 6E: 8-10 am, Location: Oak Alley
Human Capital and Labor Markets
Chair: Kilungu Nzaku

Human Capital Drift up the Urban Hierarchy, Margaret Olfert
Discussant: Maribel Mojica

Examining the Impact of Human Capital on Employment and Income in Mississippi, Maribel Mojica

Discussant: Kilungu Nzaku

Job Satisfaction and Underemployment in Alabama, Samuel Addy, Kilungu Nzaku*, Ahmad Ijaz

Discussant: Amanda Weinstein

Working Women and Metropolitan Productivity, Amanda Weinstein

Discussant: Margaret Olfert

Session 6F: 8-10 am, Location: Madewood
Globalization and Regional Development
Chair: Shahdad Naghshpour

Globalization Before and After the 2008 Recession: Did Recession Change Globalization Ranking, Shahdad Naghshpour

Discussant: Christian Awuku-Budi

Regional Differential Impacts of International Trade: Evidence from the United States, Christian Awuku-Budi

Discussant: Alejandro Davila


Discussant: Christian Awuku-Budi

Coffee Break: Saturday 10-10:15 am

Session 7A: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Gris Gris
Causes and Consequences of Migration
Chair: Brian Cushing

Domestic Migration and Residential Electricity Consumption, Caitlin Brown*, Robert Dunn

Discussant: Nancy White

Factors Influencing the Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Migration Decision, Dwight Adamson*

Discussant: Shahdad Naghshpour

Domestic Migration Response to Nuclear Disaster, Leslie Dunn*, Robert Dunn*

Discussant: Jiyoung Park

Session 7B: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Bienville Gallery
Incentives, Regulation and Regional Development
Chair: Doug Woodward

Migration of the Auto Industry in the South, Doug Woodward

Discussant: Frank Hefner
Paralyzed State Technology Investments and the Impact on State Small Business Growth, Lori Ann Dickes
Discussant: Carlianne Patrick

Glamorous Incentives: the Cost and Benefits of Attracting Hollywood to South Carolina, Frank Hefner
Discussant: Doug Woodward

The Economic Development Incentives Game: an Imperfect Information, Heterogeneous Communities Approach, Carlianne Patrick
Discussant: Lori Ann Dickes

Session 7C: 10:15-12:15 pm, Location: Teche Regional Development in Developing Countries
Chair: Chali Nondo

Institutional Quality and FDI in Sub-Saharan Africa, Mulugeta Kahsai
Discussant: Adam Peillilo

Telecommunications Investment and Economic Growth, Chali Nondo*, Mulugeta Kahsai
Discussant: Adam Peillilo

Conflict and Development: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Adam Peillilo
Discussant: Chali Nondo

Presidential Luncheon and SRSA Business Meeting
Friday 12:30-2 pm: Bienville Room & Parlor

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