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- Each paper presentation generally is allotted twenty minutes.
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- Presenters and discussants should remain for the entire session.
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56th SRSA Annual Meeting: Program Overview

Thursday, March 30

12:00pm-5:00pm
Registration: Noble Prefunction

3:30pm-5:30pm
Session 1A: State Forecasts – Noble B
Session 1B: Empirical Studies on the Effect of Targeted Economic Development Incentives – Noble C

6:30pm-9:00pm
SRSA Council Meeting: Noble A (By Invitation Only)

Friday, March 31

7:00am-5:00pm
Registration: Noble Prefunction

7:00am-8:00am
Continental Breakfast: Noble Prefunction

8:00am-10:00am
Session 2A: Issues Involving Income Distribution – Noble A
Session 2B: Regional Housing Market Issues I – Noble B
Session 2C: Entrepreneurial, Educational & Regional Economics – Noble C
Session 2D: Spatial Econometrics I - Poplar

10:00am-10:30am
Refreshment Break: Noble Prefunction
10:30am-12:00pm
Session 3A: Issues in Agricultural Economics – Noble A
Session 3B: Urban and Rural Economics Topics I – Noble B
Session 3C: Regional Economic Challenges – Noble C
Session 3D: Energy & Environmental Issues – Poplar

12:15pm-1:45pm
Awards Luncheon: Salon A/B

2:00pm-4:00pm
Session 4A: Targeted Economic Development Incentives, Economic Freedom, and Entrepreneurship – Noble A
Session 4B: Select Topics in Regional & Urban Economics II – Noble B
Session 4C: Urban and Rural Economics Topics II – Noble C
Session 4D: Regional Development & Related Issues – Poplar

5:30pm-6:30pm
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Saturday, April 1

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7:00am-8:00am
Continental Breakfast: Noble Prefunction

RRS Editor Breakfast: Salon A
(Invitation Only)
8:00am-10:00am
Session 5A: Regional Growth and Related Issues I – Noble A
Session 5B: Regional Growth and Related Issues II – Noble B
Session 5C: Regional Labor Markets – Noble C
Session 5D: Spatial Econometrics II - Poplar

10:00am-10:30am
Refreshment Break: Noble Prefunction

10:30am-12:00pm
Session 6A: Regional Applications of Econometrics – Noble A
Session 6B: Regional Factor Market-Related Topics – Noble B
Session 6C: Selected Regional Economic Issues – Noble C
Session 6D: Regional Entrepreneurship - Poplar

12:15pm-1:45pm
Presidential Luncheon and SRSA Business Meeting: Salon A/B

2:00pm
56th SRSA Annual Meeting Ends
Thursday, March 30

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
1A  STATE FORECASTS
   Room: Noble B
   Chair: John Connaughton,
         University of North Carolina-
         Charlotte

The North Carolina Economic Outlook
John Connaughton, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

The South Carolina Economic Outlook for 2017
Joseph Von Nessen, University of South Carolina-Columbia

The West Virginia Economic Outlook
Brian Lego, West Virginia University

Discussants:
Judith Stallmann, University of Missouri
1B  EMPIRICAL STUDIES ON THE EFFECT OF TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES
Room: Noble C
Chair: Daniel Sutter, Troy University

Economic Development Incentives and Income Inequality in US States
Jia Wang, University of the South
Cynthia Rogers, University of Oklahoma
Stephen Ellis, University of Oklahoma

Do Business Subsidies Lead to Increased Economic Activity? Evidence from Arkansas’s Quick Action Closing Fund
Jacob Bundrick, University of Central Arkansas

Economic Development Incentives, Reported Job Creation and Local Employment
Paul F. Byrne, Washburn University

A New Estimate of State and Local Subsidies to Business in the United States
Kenneth Thomas, University of Missouri – St. Louis

Discussants:
Jacob Bundrick, University of Central Arkansas
Paul F. Byrne, Washburn University
Kenneth Thomas, University of Missouri – St. Louis
Jia Wang, University of the South

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
SRSA COUNCIL MEETING
Room: Noble A
(By Invitation Only)
Friday, March 31

7:00 am – 8:00 am
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Room: Noble Prefunction

8:00 am – 10:00 am
2A INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND GROWTH
Room: Noble A
Chair: Randall Jackson, West Virginia University

Neighborhood Inequality Spillover Effects of Gentrification
Susane Leguizamon, Western Kentucky University
David Christafore, Weber State

IO-Snap Demonstration: IO State and National Analysis Program
Caleb Stair and Randall Jackson, West Virginia University

State Productivity and Growth
John Connaughton, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Discussants:
John Connaughton, University of North Carolina-Charlotte
Susane Leguizamon, Western Kentucky University
Caleb Stair, West Virginia University
REGIONAL HOUSING MARKET ISSUES I
Room: Noble B
Chair: Amanda Ross, University of Alabama

Neighborhood Identity and Housing Prices
Douglas Woodward, University of South Carolina
Joseph Von Nessen, University of South Carolina

Ethnic Groups and Bargaining
Amanda Ross, University of Alabama
Adam Nowak, West Virginia University

Inquiry: Housing Price Movements Across US Cities
Dan Gerlowski, University of Baltimore
Ting Zhang, University of Baltimore
Dong Chen, University of Baltimore

Flood Hazards Impact on Neighborhood House Prices
Lei Zhang, North Dakota State University
Tammy Leonard, University of Dallas

Discussants:
Dan Gerlowski, University of Baltimore
Tammy Leonard, University of Dallas
Amanda Ross, University of Alabama
Douglas Woodward, University of South Carolina
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, EDUCATIONAL, AND REGIONAL ECONOMICS
Room: Noble C
Chair: Steven Deller, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Corruption and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from US States
Can Chen, Florida International University
Shaoming Cheng, Florida International University

Student debt and occupational choice: Entrepreneurship and start-up employment
Wade Litt, The Ohio State University
Francesco Renna, University of Akron

Discrete Choice with Social Capital: An Application to Entrepreneurship by Age Group
Tessa Conroy, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Steven Deller, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Are foreign-born researchers more innovative? Self-selection, mismatch, and the production of knowledge among PhD recipients in the U.S.
Rodrigo Perez-Silva, The Ohio State University
Mark Partridge, The Ohio State University
William Foster, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

Discussants:
Rodrigo Perez-Silva, The Ohio State University
Shaoming Cheng, Florida International University
Wade Litt, The Ohio State University
Steven Deller, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2D  SPATIAL ECONOMETRICS I

Room: Poplar
Chair: James Lesage, Texas State University

Brian Sloboda, University of Phoenix
Yaya Sissoko, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Naloxone access law and opioid overdose in the U.S.
Elham Erfanian, West Virginia University
Alan Collins, West Virginia University
Daniel Grossman, West Virginia University

A Matrix Exponential Spatial Panel Model With Heterogeneous Coefficients
James Lesage, Texas State University
Yao-Yo Chih, Texas State University

Spatial Durbin Mixture Models
Gary Cornwall, University of Cincinnati

Discussants:
Yao-Yo Chih, Texas State University
Elham Erfanian, West Virginia University
Gary Cornwall, University of Cincinnati
Brian Sloboda, University of Phoenix

10:00 am – 10:30 am
REFRESHMENT BREAK
Room: Noble Prefunction
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**3A  ISSUES IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS**

**Room:** Noble A  
**Chair:** Wayne Miller, University of Arkansas

*The Impact of non-local buyers on farmland prices*  
Constant Tra, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Charles Towe, University of Connecticut

*Developing Standard Procedures for Contribution Analysis of Agriculture and Forestry*  
Wayne Miller, University of Arkansas  
Jennie Popp, University of Arkansas  
Leah English, University of Arkansas

*Multiregional Analysis the Southeastern US Agricultural Water Footprint*  
Dayton Lambert, University of Tennessee  
Di Sheng, University of Tennessee  
Burt English, University of Tennessee  
Jamey Menard, University of Tennessee

**Discussants:**  
Dayton Lambert, University of Tennessee  
Constant Tra, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Wayne Miller, University of Arkansas
3B  URBAN AND RURAL ECONOMICS TOPICS I
Room: Noble B
Chair: Heather Stephens, West Virginia University

The Economics of Rural America
Heather Stephens, West Virginia University
Mark Partridge, The Ohio State University
Stephen Goetz, Penn State University

Micros in the Middle: Educational Attainment, Occupations, and Economic Well-Being in the Micropolitan US
Bonnie Bounds, The Ohio State University

Frank O'Connor, Eastern Kentucky University

Discussants:
Frank O'Connor, Eastern Kentucky University
Heather Stephens, West Virginia University
Bonnie Bounds, The Ohio State University
3C  REGIONAL ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

Room: Noble C
Chair: Melody Muldrow, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Integrating People and Place: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches to Poverty Analysis in Arkansas

Melody Muldrow, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Malcolm Glover, Jack Welch Management Institute

Spatial Analysis of Poverty in South Carolina
Willis Lewis, Winthrop University
Christopher Johnson, University of North Florida

Migrants and Boomtowns: Micro Evidence from the U.S. Shale Boom

Isha Rajbhandari, The Ohio State University
Alessandra Faggian, The Ohio State University
Mark Partridge, The Ohio State University

Discussants:
Isha Rajbhandari, The Ohio State University
Melody Muldrow, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Willis Lewis, Winthrop University
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
Room: Poplar
Chair: Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University

Economic impacts of cancelled recreational trips to Northwest Florida after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
Christa Court, University of Florida
Alan Hodges, University of Florida
Rodney Clouser, University of Florida
Sherry Larkin, University of Florida

Local employment effects of an oil price shock
Mouhcine Guettabi, University of Alaska Anchorage

Labor Force of the Appalachian Coal Industry
Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University
Matthew Murray, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Discussants:
Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University
Christa Court, University of Florida
Mouhcine Guettabi, University of Alaska Anchorage

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
AWARDS LUNCHEON
Room: Salon A/B

SRSA Fellows Address
Searching for Isard’s Regional Essence: A Whole Greater than the Sum of its Parts
Douglas Woodward, University of South Carolina
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

4A  TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, ECONOMICS FREEDOM, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Room: Noble A
Chair: Matthew Mitchell, George Mason University

Using Economic Incentives to Offset State-Level Deficiencies
Pete Calcagno, College of Charleston
Frank Hefner, College of Charleston

Is There a Tradeoff Between Economic Development Incentives and Economic Freedom?
John Dove, Troy University
Daniel Sutter, Troy University

Targeted Business Incentives and Firm Deaths
Dean Stansel, Southern Methodist University
Meg Patrick Tuszyński, Southern Methodist University

Untargeted Incentives and Entrepreneurship: An Analysis of Local Fiscal Policies and Small Businesses in Florida
David Guo, Florida International University
Shaoming Cheng, Florida International University

Discussants:
Shaoming Cheng, Florida International University
Frank Hefner, College of Charleston
John Dove, Troy University
Meg Patrick Tuszyński, Southern Methodist University
SELECT TOPICS IN REGIONAL/URBAN ECONOMICS II
Room: Noble B
Chair: William Schaffer, Georgia Institute of Technology

Developing County Level Input-Output Models
William Schaffer, Georgia Institute of Technology

Does Skill Aggregation Across Cities Diverge or Converge? Evidence from the Mariel Boatlift
Seung-Hun Chung, The Ohio State University

Naturalization and the Productivity of Foreign-Born Doctorates
Daniel Crown, The Ohio State University

Knowledge spillovers and wage inequality. The side effect of the concentration of highly educated workers in U.S. cities
Rodrigo Perez-Silva, The Ohio State University

Discussants:
Seung-Hun Chung, The Ohio State University
Daniel Crown, The Ohio State University
Rodrigo Perez-Silva, The Ohio State University
John Winters, Oklahoma State University
4C  URBAN AND RURAL ECONOMIC TOPICS II
Room: Noble C
Chair: Mark Burkey, North Carolina A&T State University

Geographic Accessibility to Hospitals in the United States: Rurality and Insurance Coverage
Mark Burkey, North Carolina A&T State University
Mariama Sidibe, North Carolina A&T State University

Unbearable Consequences: Bear Hunting and The Spillovers of Bear Property Damages in West Virginia
Caleb Stair, West Virginia University

Ohio’s Wood Industry Cluster: Identifying Value-Added Opportunities in the Appalachian Region
Gilbert Michaud, Ohio University
G. Jason Jolley, Ohio University

Assessment of the Housing Capital Stock in Bogota: An Application of the Hedonic Valuation Methodology
William Orlando Prieto Bustos, Universidad Católica de Columbia
Johanna Elizabeth Manrique Hernández, Universidad National de Colombia

Discussants:
Johanna Elizabeth Manrique Hernández, Universidad National de Colombia
Mark Burkey, North Carolina A&T State University
Caleb Stair, West Virginia University
Gilbert Michaud, Ohio University
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED ISSUES
Room: Poplar
Chair: Santiago Pinto, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

The Impacts of Transportation Investments in Turkey: at the Spatial Computable General Equilibrium Model framework
Metin Piskin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

A Panel Granger Causality Test of Total Factor Productivity, ICT Penetration, and Electricity Consumption: Evidence from Africa
Chali Nondo, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

The Impact of Federal Environmental Regulations of Local Economic Growth
Brianne Zimmerman, West Virginia University
Heather Stephens, West Virginia University

The Urban Transport System Choice in a Duocentric City Model
Santiago Pinto, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

Discussants:
Chali Nondo, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Santiago Pinto, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
Metin Piskin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Brianne Zimmerman, West Virginia University
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UNDERGRADUATE POSTER PRESENTATIONS
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Chair: Heather Stephens, West Virginia University

Impact of the Great Recession on Parish Governments in Louisiana
Katherine Burley, Louisiana State University

Exitability and Economic Freedom: Evidence from the United States
Jennifer Mangano, West Virginia University

Immigration and Baumolian Entrepreneurship
Josh Bedi, Mississippi State University

An Analysis of the Changes in Income Inequality across Brazilian Municipalities from 2000 to 2010
Victoria Belcher, University of South Carolina

Identifying Northeastern Regional Rural Needs and Programs
Stella Barrat, West Virginia University

Mallard Fox Creek Industrial Park and Cummings Research Park: Investigating Employment and Income Impacts
Jared Grogan and Chris Brookshaw, University of Alabama in Huntsville
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
SRSA RECEPTION
Room: Salon A/B

Saturday, April 1

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RRS EDITOR BREAKFAST
Room: Salon A
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8:00 am – 10:00 am

5A  REGIONAL GROWTH AND RELATED ISSUES I

Room: Noble A  
Chair: David Hughes, University of Tennessee

Creative Capital, Information and Communication Technologies, and Economic Growth in Smart Cities

Amit Batabyal, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Peter Nijkamp, Tinbergen Institute

Self-employment effects on regional growth: A bigger bang for a buck?

Alexandra Tsvetkova, The Ohio State University  
Mark Partridge, The Ohio State University  
Michael Betz, The Ohio State University

Regional Craft Beer Industry Growth: Hurt, Help or Doesn’t Matter for Regional Wine Industry

David Hughes, University of Tennessee  
Dayton Lambert, University of Tennessee

Peer Group Comparisons of the Effect of High School Civic Engagement on Adult Political Participation

Olugbenga Ajilore, University of Toledo

Discussants:

Olugbenga Ajilore, University of Toledo  
Amit Batabyal, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Alexandra Tsvetkova, The Ohio State University  
David Hughes, University of Tennessee
5B  REGIONAL GROWTH AND RELATED ISSUES II
Room: Noble B
Chair: Jing Chen, West Virginia University

Geographical Scale, Industrial Diversity and Regional Economic Stability
Jing Chen, West Virginia University

Evolution of Industrial Hubs and Authorities in US
Shirshir Shakya, West Virginia University

How Centralized is U.S. Metro Employment?
Jason Brown, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Maevé Maloney, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Jordan Rappaport, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Aaron Smalter Hall, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Discussants:
Jason Brown, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Jing Chen, West Virginia University
Shirshir Shakya, West Virginia University
REGIONAL LABOR MARKETS
Room: Noble C
Chair: John Winters, Oklahoma State University

The Regional Effects of International Migration on Domestic Accumulation of Human Capital
Marian Manic, Whitman College

Locational Differences in Labor Supply Decisions of White and Minority Women
Natalia Kolesnikova, University of Mississippi

The Impact of Local Labor Market Conditions on Intergenerational Mobility
Bo Feng, The Ohio State University
Mark Partridge, The Ohio State University

Do Foreigners Crowd Natives out of STEM Degrees and Occupations? Evidence from the U.S. Immigration Act of 1990
Tyler Ransom, Duke University
John Winters, Oklahoma State University

Discussants:
John Winters, Oklahoma State University
Marian Manic, Whitman College
Natalia Kolesnikova, University of Mississippi
Bo Feng, The Ohio State University
Partial privatization in asymmetric multi-market competition
Tohru Naito, Doshisha University
Akio Kawasaki, Kagoshima University

Jinhyoung Kim, University of Missouri
Thomas Johnson, University of Missouri
John Pender, Economic Research Service, USDA

A heterogeneous coefficient approach to the knowledge production function
James Lesage, Texas State University
Corinne Autant-Bernard, Université Jean Monnet

Poverty Changes and Forced Migration: The Case of Colombia
Juan Tomas Sayago Gomez, West Virginia University

Discussants:
Juan Tomas Sayago Gomez, West Virginia University
Tohru Naito, Doshisha University
Jinhyoung Kim, University of Missouri
James Lesage, Texas State University
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REFRESHMENT BREAK
Room: Noble Prefunction

10:30 pm – 12:00 pm
6A REGIONAL APPLICATIONS OF ECONOMETRICS
Room: Noble A
Chair: Tim Komarek, Old Dominion University

Recurrent Flooding, Information Asymmetries and Real Estate Prices:
Evidence from Hampton Roads, VA
- Timothy Komarek, Old Dominion University
- Larry Filer, Old Dominion University
- Timothy Hodge, Oakland University
- Jon Loftis, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences

GIS Enabled Decision Support System for Resource Allocation for Flood Disaster Management
- Ather Ashraf, Planning and Development Department, Punjab, Pakistan
- Hira Sajid, Punjab University

Modeling Network interdependencies of regional economies using spatial econometric techniques
- Peter Jarosi, West Virginia University

Discussants:
- Ather Ashraf, Planning and Development Department, Punjab, Pakistan
- Peter Jarosi, West Virginia University
- Timothy Komarek, Old Dominion University
Response of Consumer Debt to Income Shocks: The Case of Energy Development Booms and Busts
Jason Brown, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Firm Survival in Rural America: Is Access to Capital a Barrier?
Sarah A. Low, Economic Research Service, USDA
Anil Rupasingha, Economic Research Service, USDA
Daniel Crown, The Ohio State University

Amenity and Geography of Innovation: Evidence from Chinese Cities
Min Zhang, Zhejiang University
Mark Partridge, The Ohio State University
Huasheng Song, Zhejiang University
Xiaochen Zhang, The Ohio State University

Discussants:
Min Zhang, Zhejiang University
Jason Brown, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Daniel Crown, The Ohio State University
6C  SELECTED REGIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES
Room: Noble C
Chair: Jinhwan Oh, Ewha Woman’s University

Concentration or Congestion? Aid Fragmentation of Emerging Donors, with a Reference to Korean Education Aid to Cambodia
Jinhwan Oh, Ewha Woman’s University

On Research and Development in a Model of Schumpeterian Economic Growth in a Creative Region
Amit Batabyal, Rochester Institute of Technology
Seung Yoo, Sookmyung Women’s University

The Local-Organic Premium for Agricultural Produce: A Northern New England Case Study
Samantha Werner, University of New Hampshire
Scott Lemos, University of New Hampshire
John Halstead, University of New Hampshire
Ju-Chin Haung, University of New Hampshire

Discussants:
Samantha Werner, University of New Hampshire
Jinhwan Oh, Ewha Woman’s University
Amit Batabyal, Rochester Institute of Technology
6D REGIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Room: Poplar
Chair: John Lombard, Old Dominion University

A Simultaneous Model of Youth Entrepreneurship and Financial Inclusion Across Developing Countries
Angela Lyons, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Sergio Contreras, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Poverty, Income Distribution and Small Business Activity: How do Women Entrepreneurs Factor into the Discussion?
Steven Deller, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Terra Conroy, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Impact of Labor Regulations on Entrepreneurship: Causal Evidence from the United States
Sriparna Ghosh, West Virginia University
Punarjit Roychowdhury, Southern Methodist University

Discussants:
Sriparna Ghosh, West Virginia University
Sergio Contreras, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Steven Deller, University of Wisconsin-Madison
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
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- **Undergraduate Poster Session** - Salon A/B
- **Awards Luncheon** - Salon A/B
- **Presidential Luncheon and Business Meeting** - Salon A/B
- **Reception** - Salon A/B
- **Registration** - Noble A/B Prefunction
- **Continental Breakfast** - 7:00-8:00 am