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52ND SRSA ANNUAL MEETINGS: PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

9 AM–12 PM

NE-1049 MULTI-STATE PROJECT MEETING

(invitation only)

(Washington Room)

Session Organizer: Todd Gabe

3 PM-5 PM

T1.1: SPATIAL ECONOMETRICS I

(Georgetown Salon A)

Chair: Donald Lacombe

A Semiparametric Analysis of the Spatial
Structure of Farmland Values

Haoying Wang

Using Bayesian Posterior Model Probabilities
to Identify the Spatial Weight Matrix in the
Spatial Lag of X (SLX) Model

Donald Lacombe

Using Bayesian Posterior Model Probabilities
to Identify Omitted Variables in Spatial
Regression Models

Donald J. Lacombe & James P. LeSage

Discussants:

James P. Lesage

Mark L. Burkey

Olivier Parent

T1.2: STATE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

(Georgetown Salon B)

Chair: John E. Connaughton

Downside Threats and Upside Potential: The
2013 South Carolina Economic Outlook

Joseph Von Nessen

Four Decades of Regional Data: What Do We
Know?

John E Connaughton & Carol Swartz

New Jersey: Will the Economy Continue to
Grow Slowly?

Nancy H Mantell

Measuring Trends in Entrepreneurship with
the BLS Business Employment Dynamics

Carol Leming

Discussants:

Warren Kriesel

Santiago Pinto
Stephan Goetz
Matthew Fannin

T1.3: FISCAL & REGULATORY POLICY

(Georgetown Salon C)

Chair: Anthony Yezer

Dynamic Fiscal, Economic, and Demographic
Impact of Medicaid Expansion in North
Carolina
Scott Nystrom

Spatial Allocation Policy of Public Investment
in Japan
Mitsuhiko Kataoka

How Complex Is the Competition in Regulated
Pharmaceutical Markets?
Berna Colak, Aysegul Timur, & Andrei Barbos

Discussants:

María Teresa Álvarez-Martínez
Shaoming Cheng
Scott Nystrom

THURSDAY APRIL 4, 6:30-9:00 PM

SRSA Council Meeting (invitation only)
(Capital View Salon 3)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

8:30-9:30 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

(Potomac A&B)

***“THE NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT:
PREPARING FOR A CHANGE”***

***Kathy Jacobs, U.S. Whitehouse Assistant
Director for Climate Assessment and
Adaptation***

9:45 -11:15 AM

F1.1: COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

(Georgetown Salon A)

***Track Director & Session Organizer: Todd
Gabe (NE1049)***

Chair: Warren Kreisel

An Analysis of Resilience Behaviors in
Response to Water Utility Disruptions
*Sara Alva-Lizarraga, Thomas G Johnson, &
Colleen M Heflin*

A Hedonic Price Model for Hurricane Damage
Reduction
Warren Kriesel & Ajita Atreya

Tax Base Erosion and Inequity from Michigan's
Assessment Growth Limit: The Case of Detroit
*Timothy R. Hodge, Mark Skidmore, Gary Sands,
& Daniel McMillen*

Discussants:

Todd Gabe

Clifford Lipscomb

Michael J. Hicks

**F1.2: REGIONAL GROWTH: DIVERSITY &
SPILLOVERS**

(Georgetown Salon B)

Session Organizer: Todd Gabe

Chair: Richard Cebula

Recession Skills
Amanda L Weinstein

Per Capita Regional Real Economic Growth:
Preliminary Study of Causal Factors
Richard J. Cebula

Metaphors of Regional Policy: Global City
Engines of Growth versus a Place-based
Garden of Prosperity
Timothy R. Wojan

Discussants:

David McGranahan
Carol Robbins
Charlotta Mellander

**F1.3: MIGRATION/LABOR MARKETS I –
CURRENT TOPICS IN INTERNAL
MIGRATION RESEARCH**

(Georgetown Salon C)

Session Organizer & Chair: Brian Cushing

Residential Mobility, Family Relationships, and
Spatial Distance

Olivier Parent & Nicolas Williams

The Impact of Origin Location on the Economic
Returns to Migration

*Thomas A. Knapp, Nancy E. White, & Amy M.
Wolaver*

Attracting Quality Elderly Migrants

Christiadi & Brian Cushing

Discussants:

John J. Hisnanick
Mark J. Kutzbach
Robert Dunn

**F1.4: INNOVATION, DIVERSITY, &
DIFFUSION**

(Francis Scott Key Salon A)

Chair: Edward Feser

Positive and Negative Externalities in
Innovation, Trade, and Regional Economic
Growth

Amitrajeet A. Batabyal

Characterizing Local Economic Diversity in
Appalachia: Linking Industry, Workforce
Skills, Function and Location

Edward Feser, Geoffrey Hewings, & Troy Mix

Technological Innovation and Diffusion in the
Renewable Energy Industries in U.S.

Metropolitan Areas

Chang-Shik Song, Sunjoo Park, & Eunkyu Lee

Discussants:

Peter Nijkamp
Randy Jackson
Stratford Douglas

**F1.5: ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS AND
INPUT-OUTPUT MODELING I**

(Francis Scott Key Salon B)

Chair: Frank Hefner

Clemson University's Economic Impact in
South Carolina

Robert T. Carey

Tortoise and the Hare Revisited? A CGE
Analysis of Gaming and State Tax Revenues:
María Teresa Álvarez-Martínez & Michael L Lahr
Cruise Ship Impact on Hotel Accommodations:
An Event Study in Charleston, SC
Frank Hefner, Brumby Mcleod, & John Crotts

Discussants:

William A. Schaffer
Peter McGregor
David Hughes

F1.6. CRIME & PUNISHMENT

(Potomac Salon C)

Chair: Amanda Ross

Determinants of Urban Crime in Bogota,
Colombia
Juan Tomas Sayago Gomez & Gianfranco Piras

Crime and the Stand Your Ground Law: The
Case of Florida
*Abdul Munasib, Mouhcine Guettabi, &
Harounan Kazianga*

Crime and Private Investment in Mexico: A
Spatial Perspective
*Víctor Hugo Torres-Preciado, Mayrén Polanco-
Gaytán, & Miguel A. Tinoco-Zermeño*

Discussants:

James P. LeSage
Stephan Goetz
Donald Lecombe

F1.7. SPATIAL AGGLOMERATIONS I

(Jefferson Room)

Chair: Özge Öner

Cluster Policy and Practice at the State Level -
Waxing or Waning?
John Lombard

The Geodemography of Diabetes in the
United States
*Tony H Grubestic, Fangwu Wei, Jennifer A
Miller, & Alan T Murray*

Discussants:

Todd Gabe
Mallory L Rahe

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

F2.1: LOCAL FOODS

(Georgetown Salon A)

Session organizer: Todd Gabe (NE1049)

Chair: Stephan Goetz

The Impact of a Buy Local Agriculture
Campaign on the South Carolina Economy
David W. Hughes & Olga Isengildina-Massa

Toward a Typology of Economic Impact and
Welfare Analysis for Local and Regional Food
Systems
*Dawn Thilmany, Allie Gunter, & Eyosiyas
Tegegne*

Optimal Wholesale Hub Locations for Fresh
Vegetables
*Hamideh Etemadnia, Stephan J. Goetz, & Patrick
Canning*

Discussants:

Sarah Low
Todd Gabe
David Hughes

F2.2: ENVIRONMENTAL SPILLOVERS

(Georgetown Salon B)
Chair: Peter McGregor

Club Convergence and Clustering of U.S.
State-Level CO₂ Emissions
Wesley Burnett

The Economic and Environmental Impact of A
Carbon Tax for Scotland: A CGE Analysis
Peter McGregor

A Dynamic Mixed Integer Linear
Programming Model of Carbon Capture,
Utilization and Storage
*Marc Mulkey, Jerry Fletcher, & Richard
Middleton*

Discussants:

Mark L. Burkey
Michael L. Lahr
Chali Nondo

**F2.3: ENERGY SUPPLY & ECONOMIC
GROWTH**

(Georgetown Salon C)
Chair: David A. Penn

Forecasting Coal Production and Volatility in
China's Producing Regions
Nyakundi Michieka & Jerald Fletcher

The Response of State Employment to Oil
Price Volatility
Wei Kang, David A Penn, & Joachim Zietz

Renewable Portfolio Standards' Effects on the
Fuel Mix in Electricity Generation
Eric Bowen & Stratford Douglas

Discussants:

Stratford Douglas

Dan Rickman

Nancy Mantell

F2.4: REGIONAL POLICY

(Francis Scott Key Salon A)

Chair: David Swenson

Collective Action and Urban Bias: Evidence
from Panel Data

Sidney Turner

Community Motive: The Untapped Identity
Factor for Regional Development

Thomas J. Christoffel

Misadventures in Regionalism: Reaffirming the
Importance of Central Place in Regional
Economic Development Assistance

David Swenson & Liesl Eathington

The Development of an Objective
Methodology to Delineate and Classify
Functional Economic Regions for Regional
Planning and Development: A Case Study of
the Atlantic Provinces in Canada.

Alvin Simms, Jamie Ward, & David Freshwater

Discussants:

Timothy Wojan

Thomas Johnson

David McGranahan

Clifford Lipscomb

**F2.5: MIGRATION/LABOR MARKETS II—
CAUSES & EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL
MIGRATION I**

(Francis Scott Key Salon B)

Session Organizer: Brian Cushing

Chair: Robert Dunn

The Role of Immigration in Regional Economic
Growth and Development

Xiaochu Hu

Latino Entrepreneurship in Three New
Settlement Communities in the Midwest: A
Comparative Study

*Corinne B. Valdivia, Maria Figueroa-Armijos, &
Katherine F. Higgins*

Impacts of Remittances from Canada's
Seasonal Workers Program

Lidia Elena Carvajal & Veronica Angeles

Discussants:

Thomas A. Knapp

Marina Gindelsky

Pamela Kelrick

F2.6: RURAL ECONOMIES & ENERGY DEVELOPMENT I

(Potomac Salon C)

Chair: Anne Walker

Too Many Heads and Not Enough Beds: Will Shale Development Cause a Housing Shortage?

Michael Farren

An Empirical Analysis of Resource Curse and the Educational Attainment Channel in the Appalachian Region

Anne Walker

Energy Access and Security Challenges and its Implications to Economic Transformation in Eastern Africa

Yohannes G Hailu & Mulugeta Saare Kahsai

Discussants:

Amanada Weinsten

Qingshu Xie

Julie Silva

F2.7: REGIONAL PRODUCTIVITY

(Jefferson Room)

Session Organizer & Chair: James A. Kurre

What Determines Labor Productivity Differences for Manufacturing Industries across U.S. Metro Areas?

James A. Kurre & Patrick J. St. Andrews

Higher Education Spending and Productivity

David M. Mitchell

The Sub-Sector Sources of U.S. Productivity Growth in Information Technology

Jon D. Samuels

Discussants:

Edward Feser, University of Illinois

Robert M. Gibbs, USDA-ERS

James Kurre, Penn State Erie

1:00-2:30 PM

AWARDS LUNCHEON

(Potomac A&B)

***SRSA Fellows Address by Mark Partridge
“America’s Job Crisis and the Role
of Regional Development Policy”***

2:45-4:15 PM

F3.1: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(Georgetown Salon A)

Chair: John Pender

Attracting Retirees as a Rural Development

Strategy: Identifying and Mapping the Potential

John L. Pender & Robert Dinterman

The Economic Vulnerability of Rural Farmers to Rainfall Variability and Extremes: Regional Implications for Coping and Adaptation in Mozambique

Julie Silva

Trends and Patterns in Rural Philanthropy

John L. Pender

Discussants:

Sonya R. Waddell

Cletus Coughlin

Judith Stallmann

F3.2: REGIONAL ANALYSIS

(Georgetown Salon B)

Chair: Margret Rose Olfert

A Model of Commuting using Aggregate Measures of the Economic Milieu

Michael Olsson

What Exactly Do County-level Social Capital Variables Measure?

Mallory L Rahe

Cultural Impact on Perceptions of Hotel Services: A Comparison of Japanese and Korean Tourists on Guam

Ning Li

Discussants:

Alvin Simms

Margret Rose Olfert

Thomas J Christoffel

F3.3: ENERGY USAGE & ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

(Georgetown Salon C)

Chair: Randall W. Jackson

Energy Utilization and Economic Performance: A Data Envelopment Analysis and Panel Data Analysis

Chali Nondo & Juan Jaramillo

Population Dynamics, Economic Growth and Energy Consumption in Kenya

Nyakundi Michieka & Jerald Fletcher

The Impacts of Energy Policy on Regional Economic Development: Taiwan

Cheng-Chang Lin

Discussants:

Geoffrey J.D. Hewings

Ed Feser

Haiyan Zhang

F3.4: ENVIRONMENT & VALUATION

(Francis Scott Key Salon A)

Track Director & Chair: John Carruthers

The Value of Environmental Quality: Estimates from Space-Time Analysis

John I. Carruthers & David Clark

Convergence in Results between Contingent Valuation and Hedonics Methods

Clifford Lipscomb

Economic Impacts of Invasive Species: A Survey of the Literature

John M. Halstead

Discussants:

Clifford Lipscomb

David Clark

Warren Krieseld

F3.5: SKILLS, INNOVATION, & GROWTH

(Francis Scott Key Salon B)

Chair: Peter Nijkamp

Human Capital, Knowledge Spillovers, and One Kind of Semi-Endogenous Regional Economic Growth

Amitrajeet A. Batabyal

Creative Professions and Cultural Ambiance

Peter Nijkamp

The Urban-Rural Earnings Gap: Influence of Skills, Education and Urbanization

Todd Gabe, Kevin Stolarick, & Jaison Abel

The Probability of Entry into Self-employment—An Exploration of Individual, Industry and Regional Factors

Johan Klaesson & Johan P Larsson

Discussants:

Todd Gabe

Timothy Wojan

Susane Leguizamon

Kingsley Haynes

F3.6: MIGRATION/LABOR MARKETS III— CURRENT TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

(Potomac C)

Session Organizer: Brian Cushing

Chair: John Hisnanick

A Quasi-Experimental Approach to the Effects of Improvements in Women's Rights on Female Brain Drain

Maryam Naghsh Nejad

The Role of Governance Stability in
International Migration

Pamela Kelrick & Thomas Johnson

Estimating the Migration-Tourism Nexus: The
Case of Italian Outbound Tourism Flows.

Ivan Etzo, Carla Massidda, & Romano Piras

Discussants:

Nancy E. White

Anthony Yezer

Leslie Dunn

**F3.7: INTRODUCING THE U.S. CONSUMER
EXPENDITURE SURVEY: A TOOL FOR
REGIONAL & URBAN ANALYSIS**

(Jefferson Room)

Session Organizer & Chair: Geoffrey Paulin

The Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES):
Mission, Survey Methods, and Data Collected
Geoffrey Paulin

Navigating the CE Website: Obtaining Tables,
Microdata, and Published Articles

William Hawk

Expenditures of Urban and Rural Households
in 2011: An Example of Research Using CE
Tabular Data

William Hawk

Performing Regression and Other Analyses:
An Overview of the CES Microdata Files

Geoffrey Paulin

4:30-6:00 PM

F4.1: REAL ESTATE & HOUSING MARKETS

(Georgetown Salon A)

Chair: Cristina Miller

Rural Hospitals in Illinois: Valuation of the
Local Hospital as an Amenity Using a Hedonic
Regression

Cristina Miller

The Effects of Commercial and Residential
Land Use Regulation

Perry Burnett

The Role of Residential Real Estate Investment
in the Economic Development of Minority
Groups in the Northeast Region of the United
States

*Praveena Rajam Jayaraman & Tesfa
Gebremedhin*

Race, Education, and Sexual Prejudice:

Evidence from the Housing Market
David Christafore, Susane Leguizamon, & Sebastian Leguizamon

Discussants:

John Halstead
John I. Carruthers
Joseph Von Nessen
Cristina Miller

F4.2: TRANSPORTATION POLICY & ITS EFFECTS

(Georgetown Salon B)

Chair: Cletus Coughlin

Ought a Green Citizen to Bicycle or Take Public Transport to Work?

Amitrajeet A. Batabyal

Estimation of Airport Infrastructure

Capitalization for Land Value Capture

Purposes: An Analysis of Denver

Cletus C Coughlin, Jeffrey Cohen, David Lopez, & John Clapp

Agriculture Sector Impacts of Regional Transportation Policy Change in Western Canada

Margaret Rose Olfert

Discussants:

Cletus Coughlin
Siew Lim
John Pender

F4.3: REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

(Georgetown Salon C)

Chair: Nancy Mantell

Household Leverage and Regional Economic Outcomes in the 2007-09 Recession and Post-Recessionary Period

Sonya R. Waddell & Robert A. Bauer

The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey: A Macroeconomic Analysis

Nancy H Mantell, Joseph Seneca, Michael L. Lahr, & Will Irving

Experimental Personal Consumption Expenditures by State

Christian Awuku-Budu, Ledia Guci, Christopher Lucas, & Carol A Robbins

Discussants:

John Connaughton
Mark J. Kutzbach
Richard Cebula

F4.4: GOVERNANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Francis Scott Key Salon A)

Chair: Shaoming Cheng

Jurisdictional Spillovers and Decentralized Local Governments: Insights from Public Economics

Judith I Stallmann & Eunice Patron

Rural Migrant Workers' Permanent Migration and China's Policy Choices for Investment in Urban Areas

Yinan Zou

Local Officials and Due Diligence: Ethics and Law in Local Economic Development Policy

Cynthia L Rogers & Stephen E Ellis

Discussants:

Cynthia Rogers

Maryam Naghsh Nejad

Amanda Ross

F4.5: SPATIAL AGGLOMERATIONS II

(Francis Scott Key Salon B)

Chair: Paul Gottlieb

Agricultural Industry Clusters: The Cases of Wine and Horses

Paul D. Gottlieb & Anil Hira

Night-time Light Data: A Proxy Measure for Economic Activity

Charlotta Mellander, Jose Lobo, Kevin Stolarick, & Zara Matheson

Spatial Determinants of Leisure Service Clusters in Sweden

Özge Öner & Johan Klaesson

Discussants:

Özge Öner

Jim Kurre

Ivan Etzo

F4.6: ADVANCES IN REGIONAL MODELLING

(Potomac Salon C)

Chair: Michael L Lahr

Elasticity of Factor Substitution in a CGE Model: A Spatial Econometric Estimation

Zhenhua Chen & Kingsley Haynes

Testing the Role of Intermediate Demand in Determining Industrial Agglomeration with Spatial Econometrics and the Input-Output Model

Zheng Tian

Advances in Econometric Input-Output Modeling

*Randall Jackson, Mulugeta Kahsai, & Christa
Dean Court*

Discussants

Donald Lecombe

James P. LeSage

Peter McGregor

**F4.7: ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS AND
INPUT-OUTPUT MODELING II**

(Jefferson Room)

Session Chair: Dan Rickman

Economic Implications of the Canada-U.S.
Border Bridges: Applying a Binational
Economic Model for Canada and the U.S.
JiYoung Park

Interregional Models of Canada
William A Schaffer & John Jozsa

Discussants:

Frank Hefner

Bruce Weber

6:30-8:30 PM

SRSA RECEPTION

(Capital View Ballroom Salon 1)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:45-10:15 AM

S1.1: BROADBAND & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT I

(Georgetown Salon A)

Chair: Tony H Grubestic

Spatial Analysis of Broadband Provision and New Firm Formation

Jitendra Parajuli & Kingsley E. Haynes

Adoption and Use of the Internet in Rural and Minority Households

Peter Stenberg

The Broadband Provision Tensor

Tony H Grubestic

Broadband's Contribution to Economic Health in Rural Areas: Spatial and First-differenced Regressions

Roberto Gallardo & Brian Whitacre

Discussants:

Brian Whitacre

Kingsley Haynes

Amanda L Weinstein

Tony Grubestic

S1.2: LOCATION ANALYSIS

(Georgetown Salon B)

Chair: Sarah A. Low

What Do Million Dollar Facilities Really Do?

Carlianne Patrick

Do Regional Conditions Affect Rural Manufacturing Plant Resilience? A Hazard Function Analysis

Sarah A. Low & Jason P. Brown

Preliminary Study on Abortion Accessibility: Preparing for a Spatial Panel Analysis

Mark L. Burke

Discussants:

Shaoming Cheng

Cletus Coughlin

Carlianne Patrick

S1.3: REAL ESTATE MARKET IMPACTS

(Georgetown Salon C)

Chair: Jay Mittal

The Impact of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit on Migration

Brian Cushing & Amanda Ross

Spatial Analysis of Neighborhood Characteristics Associated with Foreclosure

Ellen Zapata

Private Land Conservation and Its Impact
using Huff Model Inspired CEVI Index in
Impact Measurement

Jay Mittal

Discussants:

John Lombard

Olivier Parent

Paul Gottlieb

**S1.4: COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & LOCAL
FOODS**

(Potomac Salon A)

Session Organizer: Todd Gabe (NE1049)

Chair: Stephan Goetz

The Economic Impacts of a Tsunami Inside
and Outside the Inundation Zone: A Spatially
Explicit, Multiregional Input-Output Model of
a Coastal County

Yong Chen, Yunguang Chen, & Bruce Weber

Do Local Food Systems Promote Regional
Economic Growth?

Trey Malone & Dave Shideler

Predicting Economic Resilience of U.S.
Counties from Industry Input-Output Accounts
Yicheol Han & Stephan J. Goetz

Discussants:

Michael L. Lahr

Dawn Thilmany

Geoffrey J.D. Hewings

S1.5: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA

(Potomac Salon B)

Chair: Wesley Burnett

Decomposing Chinese Household Energy Use
from 1987 to 2007

Haiyan Zhang

Natural Resources and Regional Economic
Development in China

Dongliang Yang & Zheng Tian

Spatial Analysis of China Provincial-Level CO₂
Emission Intensity

Xueting Zhao, Wesley Burnett, & Jerald Fletcher

Discussants:

Randall Jackson

Xiaochu Hu

Haiyan Zhang

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

S2.1: FISCAL POLICY

(Georgetown Salon A)

Chair: Cynthia L. Rogers

The Effect of Local Taxes on Employment:
Evidence from Florida Counties

Hai (David) Guo & Shaoming Cheng

An Empirical Test of State Tax Incentives:
Evidence from Indiana

Michael J. Hicks & Dagney G. Faulk

Tax Revenue and Same-Sex Marriage

*J. Sebastian Leguizamon, Susane Leguizamon, &
James Alm*

Discussants:

Liesl Eathington

J. Sebastian Leguizamon

Cynthia Rogers

S2.2: URBAN AND REGIONAL ECONOMICS

(Georgetown Salon B)

Chair: Santiago Pinto

Intercity Competition and the Urban Transport
System

Santiago M Pinto

Bankruptcy Law and Entrepreneurship:
Evidence from a Border Analysis

Amanda Ross & Shawn Rohlin

Two Modes of Spatial Economy Models:

Thünen and Krugman

Tamas Dusek

Discussants:

Mark Partridge

Santiago Pinto

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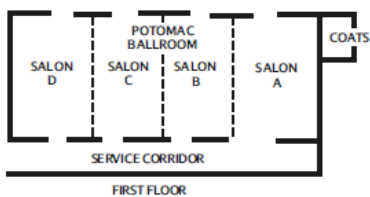
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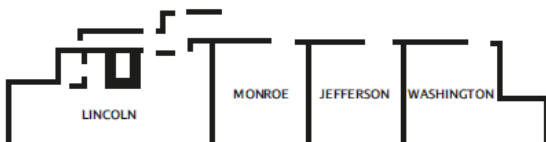
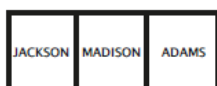
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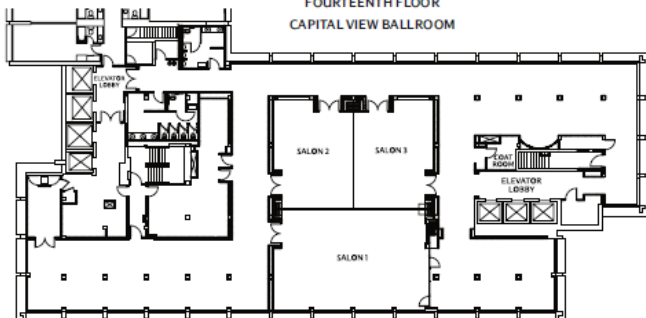
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52nd SRSA Annual Meetings PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
8:00 - 8:15	NE-1029 Business Meeting Washington Room (by invitation only)	Georgetown A B C	F.S. Key A B	Potomac c	Jefferson n	Georgetown A B C	Potomac A B	Jefferson n
8:15 - 8:30		Lobby: Registration and Breaks KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "The National Climate Assessment: Preparing for a Change" by Kathy Jacobs, U.S. Whitehouse Assistant Director for Climate Assessment and Adaptation, Potomac Rooms A&B Refreshment Break Session F1.1 Session F1.2 Session F1.3 Session F1.4 Session F1.5 Session F1.6 Session F1.7 Refreshment Break Session F2.1 Session F2.2 Session F2.3 Session F2.4 Session F2.5 Session F2.6 Session F2.7 Refreshment Break Awards Luncheon, Award of Fellows Plaques, and SRSA Fellow's Address by Mark Partridge "America's Job Crisis and the Role of Regional Development Policy" Potomac Room A&B Session F3.1 Session F3.2 Session F3.3 Session F3.5 Session F3.5 Session F3.6 Session F3.7 Refreshment Break Session F4.1 Session F4.2 Session F4.3 Session F4.4 Session F4.5 Session F4.6 Session F4.7						
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SRSA Executive Council Meeting (Invitation only): Capital View Salon I		Reception Capital View Salon I						