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EXHIBITS**

# 48<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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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.**

48<sup>th</sup> 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  
Macros

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

Business Return in New Orleans in the Aftermath of  
Katrina  
James P. LeSage, Texas State University-San Macros 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 Declinaciòn 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

Do Low Income Families Act on the Migration Incentives  
Created by the Devolution in U.S. Welfare Policy?  
Hal Snarr and Mark Burkey, North Carolina A&T State  
University, and Melanie Guldi, Mt Holyoke College  
Discussant: Thomas A. Knapp, Pennsylvania State  
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  
Georgianne 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

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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: Sreedhar 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

Census Tract Level Growth of Population and Income in  
San Antonio Over the Period 1970-2000

Melissa Culbertson, Texas State University-San Macros

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 Kilkenny, 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 Leistriz, North Dakota State University

Socioeconomic Impacts of Developing Wind Energy in the Great Plains

Larry Leistriz, 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 Leistriz, 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  
Discussant: Frank J. O'Connor, Eastern Kentucky  
University

**Session 8B: Regional Housing Market Analysis III**  
**Conference Center C**

**Chair:** Dan Rickman, Oklahoma State University

Who Cares About Relative Status? A Revealed  
Preference Approach with Quantile Applications in the  
Housing Market  
Susane Daniels, West Virginia University  
Discussant: Li Ma, Texas Southern University

Retest the Effects of Houston MetroRail Light Rail  
Stations on Residential Property Values  
Li Ma and Qisheng Pan, Texas Southern University  
Discussant: Dan Rickman, Oklahoma State University

Neighborhood Historic Preservation Status and Housing  
Values in Oklahoma County  
Dan Rickman, Oklahoma State University  
Discussant: Susane Daniels, West Virginia University

**Session 8C: Spatial Analysis II**

**Conference Center B**

**Chair:** George Hammond, West Virginia University

Spatial Variations of New Firm Formation in the United  
States  
Shaoming Cheng, Florida International University, and  
Huaqun Li, George Mason University  
Discussant: Takahisa Yokoi, Tohoku University

Spatial Structures in a Spatial Autoregressive Model and  
One-Directional Adjacency Matrices  
Takahisa Yokoi and Asao Ando, Tohoku University  
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Divergence and Mobility in College Attainment Across  
U.S. Labor Market Areas: 1970-2000  
George Hammond, West Virginia University  
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A Spatial Model to Investigate the Effect of State and  
Local Gay Rights Laws on State Migration Flows  
David Christafore, West Virginia University  
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**Session 8D: Public Finance**

**Conference Center F**

**Chair:** Cynthia L. Rogers, University of Oklahoma

The Determinants of City-County Consolidation in the  
U.S.  
Dagney Faulk and Michael Hicks, Ball State University  
Discussant: Brian Piper, University of Oklahoma

What Causes Changes in the Rates of Local Option Sales  
Taxes? Models of Initial Implementation and of  
Subsequent Changes  
Brian Piper, University of Oklahoma  
Discussant: Cynthia L. Rogers, University of Oklahoma

The Effects of Local Option Sales Taxes on Consumer Spending: Cross-Tier Elasticities and Tax Competition  
Cynthia L. Rogers and Gregory Burge, University of Oklahoma  
Discussant: Dagny Faulk, Ball State University

**Session 8E: Regional Analysis III**  
**Conference Center G**

**Chair:** Timothy F. Slaper, Indiana University

Application of an Interregional Supply Driven Fiscal Social Accounting Matrix Model: Application to Changes in Rural Public Land Grazing in the State of Nevada  
Thomas R. Harris, University of Nevada-Reno, and Nota Fungisai, Wartburg College  
Discussant: Kingsley Haynes, George Mason University

Modeling the Spatial Diffusion of Mobile Telecommunications in China  
Kingsley Haynes, George Mason University  
Discussant: Timothy F. Slaper, Indiana University

Does Size Matter? Measuring Innovation at the County Level  
Timothy F. Slaper and Michael F. Thompson, Indiana University  
Discussant: Thomas R. Harris, University of Nevada-Reno

**12:30 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.**

**Presidential Luncheon and SRSA Business Meeting:**

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Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University, SRSA

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**2:00 P.M.**

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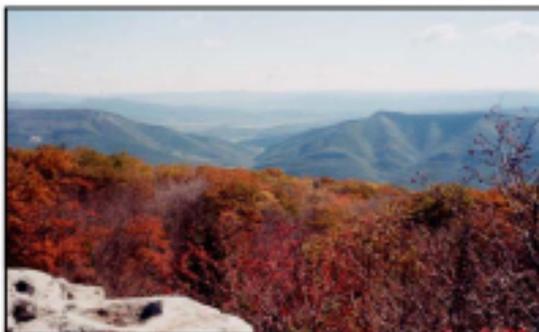
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