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Monday, November 15th

8:00 AM – 9:00
Registration (Marvin Center, Room 309)

9:00 – 9:30
Introductory Remarks by the SGE President and Others (Grand Ballroom)

9:30 – 10:30
Dr. Rebecca M. Blank, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce. (Grand Ballroom)


10:45 – 11:45
Dr. Douglas Elmendorf, Director of the Congressional Budget Office (Grand Ballroom)

Before coming to CBO, Doug Elmendorf was a senior fellow in the Economic Studies program at the Brookings Institution. There he served as coeditor of the Brookings Papers on Economic Activity and the director of the Hamilton Project, an initiative to promote broadly shared economic growth. Dr. Elmendorf will speak on “Fiscal Policy Choices.”

11:45 – 12:15 PM
Break Period for Bringing Buffet Lunch to Tables

12:15 – 1:15
Keynote Luncheon Speaker (Grand Ballroom)

**Dr. Keith Hall, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.** Leading the agency with the most government economists, Dr. Hall heads a 2,500-person organization that measures and analyzes the nation's employment levels, wages, worker safety, productivity, and prices. Prior to his current position, he served as Chief Economist for the Council of Economic Advisers where he directed a team that monitored the state of the economy. Dr. Hall will speak on “The Economy Today: What Our Measures Tell Us About the Current Labor Market.”

1:30 – 2:30
Professor John Siegfried on The Benefits of Economics (Grand Ballroom)

**Professor John Siegfried**, Vanderbilt University, For many years the Executive Director of the American Economic Association, Dr. Siegfried will speak about his new book, *Better Living through Economics* (Harvard University Press, 2010).
2:45 – 6:00  
Panel Discussion on *Improving the Economics Profession*  
(Grand Ballroom)

Presentations by:

**Professor David Colander**,  

**Professor George DeMartino**,  

With comments by:

**Dr. Nancy Lutz**,  
Program Director for Economics, National Science Foundation.

**Dr. Stacey Tevlin**, Chief, Macroeconomic Analysis Section, Div. of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

**Professor John Siegfried**, American Economic Association and Vanderbilt University.

**Dr. Susan Offutt**, Chief Economist, Government Accountability Office.

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**Tuesday, November 16th**

8:00 – 8:30 AM  
Registration (Marvin Center, Room 309)

8:30 – 10:25  
First Breakout Sessions

**Applied Economics and Econometrics (Room 301)**

Assessment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act on the Firm Using a Difference-in-Difference Estimator  
*Brian W. Sloboda (US Postal Service, brian.w.sloboda@usps.gov)*

New Orders Don’t Forecast Shipments  
*Daniel Bachman (IHS Global Insight, daniel.bachman@ihs.com)*.

Seasonal Differences in Employment between Survey and Administrative Data  
*Jeffrey Groen (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Groen.Jeffrey@bls.gov)*
**Cost of Living and Poverty Measurement (Room 307)**

Accuracy of Unadjusted and Adjusted Nonparametric Cost-of-Living Indexes  
*Peter A. Zadrozny (Bureau of Labor Statistics, zadrozny.peter@bls.gov)*

Cost of Living and Price Indices  
*Ted To (Bureau of Labor Statistics, to_t@bls.gov)*  
*Elliot Williams (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Williams_e@bls.gov)*

Developing Thresholds for the Supplemental Poverty Index  
*Thesia I. Garner (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Garner.thesia@bls.gov)*

**Employment and Job Loss (Room 403)**

Employment and Wage Consequences of Job Separation in the United States  
*Erika McEntarfer (Census Bureau, erika.mcentarfer@census.gov)*  
*Bruce Fallick (Federal Reserve Board of Governors, bruce.fallick@frb.gov)*  
*John Haltiwanger (University of Maryland, Haltiwan@econ.umd.edu)*

Job Accessibility and Spatial Mismatch with Longitudinal Employment Data  
*Fredrik Andersson (Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Fredrik.Andersson@occ.treas.gov)*  
*John Haltiwanger (University of Maryland, Haltiwan@econ.umd.edu)*  
*Mark Kutzbach (Census Bureau, Mark.J.Kutzbach@census.gov)*  
*Henry Pollakowski (Harvard University, henry.pollakowski@gmail.com)*  
*Daniel Weinberg (Census Bureau, daniel.h.weinberg@bls.gov)*

Unemployment Insurance and the Business Cycle: What Adjustments are Needed?  
*Jeremy Schwartz (Loyola University, jsschwartz1@loyola.edu)*

**Health Economics (302)**

Compensation of Nonprofit Healthcare Executives in the Era of Healthcare Reform  
*Jackson Williams (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, jackson.williams@cms.hhs.gov)*

Public Education and Health Provision: How Decentralization Affects Quality of Public Services  
*Ramziya Shakirova (George Mason University, rshakiro@gmu.edu)*

Quality Improvement and Productivity Growth in Private Hospitals  
*Leo Sveikauskas (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Sveikauskas.Leo@bls.gov)*  
*Lisa Moglia (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Moglia.Lisa@bls.gov)*
Measuring Intangibles as Capital in Federal Economic Statistics (Room 405)

Organizer and Chair: Carol Robbins (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

Depreciation of Business R&D Capital
Wendy Li (Bureau of Economic Analysis, wendi.li@bea.gov)

Does Modern Research Overestimate Intangible Capital Growth? A Case Study of Artistic Originals
Rachel Soloveichik (Bureau of Economic Analysis, Rachel.Soloveichik@bea.gov)

R&D and Other Intangible Assets in an Input-Output Framework: Experimental Estimates with U.S. Data
Carol A. Robbins (Bureau of Economic Analysis, Carol.Robbins@bea.gov)
Mary L. Streitwieser (Bureau of Economic Analysis, Mary.Streitwieser@bea.gov)
William A. Jolliff (Bureau of Economic Analysis, William.Jolliff@bea.gov)
10:35 – 12:30  Second Break Sessions

Housing and the Financial Crisis (Room 302)

Organizer: Yvon H Pho (Deloitte and Touche, LLP)
Chair: Seth Giertz (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Housing Bubbles and Their Impact on the U.S. Economy
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Seth H Giertz (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, sgiertz2@unl.edu)
Juan Montoya (FI Consulting, montoya@ficonsulting.com)
Discussed by: Peter Elmer (Deloitte and Touche, LLP)

Land Loans and Failed U.S. Banks
Andrew J Felton (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, AnFelton@fdic.gov)
Discussed by: Peter Elmer (Deloitte and Touche, LLP)

Testing the Double-Trigger Hypothesis Using Loan-Level Annual Financial Statement Data from an FHA-Insured Multifamily Program
Albert J Lee (Summit Consulting, albert.lee@summitllc.us)
Yvon H Pho (Deloitte and Touche, LLP, vpho@deloitte.com)
Colin A Cushman (Department of Housing and Urban Development, colin.cushman@hud.gov)
Discussed by: Peter Elmer (Deloitte and Touche, LLP)

Education, Labor, and Retirement (Room 301)

The Effect of College Tuition Changes on Parents’ Labor Supply
Emily Pas Isenberg (Census Bureau, emily.p.isenberg@census.gov)

Retirement Plan Coverage and Type by Firm Size: Using W-2 Tax Records to Correct SIPP Survey Reports
Howard M. Iams (Social Security Administration, Howard.M.Iams@ssa.gov)
Irena Dushi (Social Security Administration, Irena.Dushi@ssa.gov)
Jules H. Lichtenstein (Small Business Administration, Jules.Lichtenstein@sba.gov)

Time to Ph.D. Completion and the Labor Market for New Doctorate Recipients
Jeffrey Groen (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Groen.Jeffrey@bls.gov)

National Economic Accounts (Room 307)

Methods for Current and Real Services of Property-Casualty Insurance in the U.S. National Accounts
Baoline Chen (Bureau of Economic Analysis, Baolin.Chen@bea.gov)

The Producer Price Index Develops Two Experimental Index Aggregation Systems that Include Services and Construction Price Indexes
Maureen Patricia Doherty (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Doherty.Maureen@bls.gov)
Price Indexes for Medical Care Spending (Room 403)

Chair: Michael Horrigan (Associate Commissioner for Prices and Living Conditions, Bureau of Labor Statistics)
Organizer: Ana M. Aizcorbe (Chief Economist, Bureau of Economic Analysis)

Drug Innovations and Welfare Measures Computed from Market Demand: The Case of Anti-Cholesterol Drugs
Abe Dunn (Bureau of Economic Analysis, Abe.Dunn@bea.gov)
Discussed by: Charles Romeo, Department of Justice, charles.romeo@usdoj.gov

How Sensitive Are Medical Care Price Indexes to the Choice of Method for Allocating Spending by Disease? Evidence from the MEPS Survey
Ana M. Aizcorbe (Bureau of Economic Analysis, ana.aizcorbe@bea.gov)
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Prices, Utilization and Expenditure Growth: A New Look at Physician Services
Brett Wendling, (Federal Trade Commission, bwendling@ftc.gov)

Transportation Economics (Room 405)

Organizer and Chair: David Chien (Department of Transportation)

Measuring the Economic Importance of In-House Transportation in the U.S.: An Analysis of the U.S. Transportation Satellite Accounts, 1997 and 2002
Theresa Firestine (Department of Transportation, Theresa.firestine@dot.gov)
David Chien (Department of Transportation, david.chen@dot.gov)

The National Highway Construction Cost Index
David Chien (Department of Transportation, david.chen@dot.gov)
Ken Notis (Department of Transportation, ken.notis@dot.gov)
Discussed by: Brian W. Sloboda (US Postal Service, brian.w.sloboda@usps.gov)

Transportation Services Index and the Recession
Ken Notis (Department of Transportation, ken.notis@dot.gov)
Peg Young (Department of Transportation, peg.young@dot.gov)

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch Break (Marvin Center Food Court and other local restaurants)
Third Breakout Sessions

Economic Analysis of Immigration and Remittances (Room 307)
Organizer and Chair: Bryan W. Roberts (Department of Homeland Security)

Analysis of the U.S.-Mexico Remittance Flow and Implications for Population Estimates
Bryan W. Roberts (Department of Homeland Security, bryan.roberts@hq.dhs.gov)

Immigration, Remittances, and Business Cycles
Federico S. Madelman, (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Federico.Mandelman@atl.frb.org)
Andrei Zlate (Federal Reserve Board, andrei.zlate@frb.gov)

Self-Selection and Liquidity Constraints in Different Migration Cost Regimes
Scott Borger (Department of Homeland Security, scott.borger@dhs.gov)

Undocumented Workers’ Employment during U.S. Business Cycles
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Julie Hotchkiss (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, julie.l.hotchkiss@atl.frb.org)
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Federal Regulatory Analysis (Room 302)
Chair and Organizer: Patrick A. McLaughlin (Federal Railroad Administration)

Assessing the Quality of Regulatory Analysis: A New Evaluation and Data Set for Policy Research
Jerry Ellig (Mercatus Center at George Mason University, jellig@gmu.edu)
John Morrall (Mercatus Center at George Mason University, jmorrall3@aol.com)

Does Haste Make Waste in Regulatory Analysis?
Patrick A. McLaughlin (Federal Railroad Administration, patrick.mclaughlin@dot.gov)
Jerry Ellig (Mercatus Center at George Mason University, jellig@gmu.edu)

Improving the Use of Science to Inform Health, Safety, and Environmental Regulation
Susan Elaine Dudley (The George Washington University, sudley@gwu.edu)

A Review of EPA’s Regulatory Impact Analyses in Light of Changing OMB Guidelines for Analysis
Art Fraas (Resources for the Future, Fraas@rff.org)
Randall Lutter (Resources for the Future, Lutter@rff.org)
Promotions, Transportation, and Metrics (Room Oh My!): Just what are we supposed to tell policy makers about food affordability in the U.S.? (Room 405)

Chair: Edward Roeger (USDA Economic Research Service)
Organizer: Aylin Kumcu (USDA Economic Research Service)

The Affordability of a Healthy Diet Depends on the Food Metric
Andrea Christine Carlson (USDA Economic Research Service, acarlson@ers.usda.gov)
Elizabeth Frazao (USDA Economic Research Service, efrazao@ers.usda.gov)
Discussed by: Ephraim Leibtag (USDA Economic Research Service, eleibtag@ers.usda.gov)

Produce Sourcing and Transportation Cost Impacts in the Wholesale Market for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
Edward Roeger (USDA Economic Research Service, eroeger@ers.usda.gov)
Ephraim Leibtag (USDA Economic Research Service, eleibtag@ers.usda.gov)

Promotional Timing of Complements and Substitutes
Richard J. Volpe, III (USDA Economic Research Service, rvolpe@ers.usda.gov)
Discussed by: Ephraim Leibtag (USDA Economic Research Service, eleibtag@ers.usda.gov)

Why are Apples More Expensive in San Francisco than Salt Lake City? Determinants of Regional Fruit and Vegetable Price Variation
Ephraim Leibtag (USDA Economic Research Service, eleibtag@ers.usda.gov)
Aylin Kumcu (USDA Economic Research Service, akumcu@ers.usda.gov)

Time Use (Room 403)

Chair: Sabrina Wulff Pabilonia (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Do High School Study Habits and Parental Supervision Affect College Attendance and Performance?
Sabrina Wulff Pabilonia (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Pabilonia.Sabrina@bls.gov)
Charlene Marie Kalenkoski (Ohio University, kalenkos@ohio.edu)

Her Time, His Time or the Maid’s Time: An Analysis of Domestic Work in Couple-Households
Leslie S. Stratton (Virginia Commonwealth University, lsstratt@vcu.edu)
Elena Stancanelli (Université Cergy Pontoise, Paris, elena.stancanelli@u-cergy.fr)
Discussed by: Younghwan Song (Union College, songy@union.edu)

Time Preference and Time Use: Do Smokers Exercise Less?
Younghwan Song (Union College, songy@union.edu)
Discussed by Leslie S. Stratton (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Tobit or Not Tobit?
Jay Stewart (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Stewart.Jay@bls.gov)
Fourth Breakout Sessions

**SGE Town Hall Meeting of Current and Former SGE Leaders: Open to All (Room 307)**
*Organized and Chaired by Andrew Felton; President, SGE*

**Assessing Budgetary and Regulatory Decision Making (307)**

Installing Electric Meters at Navy Facilities: Benefits and Costs  
*Glenn H. Ackerman (Center for Naval Analyses, ackermag@cna.org)*

*Laurie T. Johnson (Natural Resources Defense Council, ljohnson@nrdc.org)*

A Statistical Analysis of the TIGER Discretionary Grant Selection Process  
*Anthony C. Homan (Department of Transportation, Anthony.homan@dot.gov)*  
*Teresa M. Adams (University of Wisconsin-Madison, adams@engr.wisc.edu)*

**Econometrics (Room 301)**

Are Early Data Valuable for Forecasts?  
*Tara M. Sinclair (George Washington University, tsinc@gwu.edu)*  
*H.O. Stekler (George Washington University, hstekler@gwu.edu)*

Measuring Aggregate Uncertainty in a Panel of Forecasts and a New Test for Forecast Heterogeneity  
*Kajal Lahiri (State University of New York—Albany, klahiri@albany.edu)*  
*Huaming Peng (State University of New York—Albany, hpeng@albany.edu)*  
*Xuguang Sheng (American University, sheng@american.edu)*

When Are Significant Tests Significant?  
*Thomas Mayer (University of California—Davis, tommayer@lmi.net)*

**International Economics (Room 405)**

*Chair: William Charles Sawyer (Texas Christian University)*

Export Duration and New Market Entry  
*Anna Rakhman (George Washington University, Rakhman@gwmail.gwu.edu)*

The Impact of Tax Regimes on International Trade Patterns  
*Michael Nicholson, (International Trade Administration, Michael.Nicholson@trade.gov)*  
*Discussed by: William Charles Sawyer (Texas Christian University, w.c.sawyer@tcu.edu)*

Turkish Experience On Financial Crisis, Including the Global One  
*Demet Canakci (Central Bank of Turkey, Demet.Canakci@tcmb.gov.tr)*
Women, Children, Fertility, and Added Worker Effects (Room 403)

Childcare Availability, Fertility and Female Labour Force Participation in Japan
Sing Ping Lee (Monash University, Malaysia, splee5@student.monash.edu)
Grace Hooi-Yean Lee (Monash University, Malaysia, grace.lee@buseco.monash.edu.my)

Effect of U.S. Child Tax Credit on Fertility Behavior of Educated Women
Eun Jung Park (George Mason University, eparke@gmu.edu)

Job Loss, the Added Worker Effect, and Labor Demand
Henry Richard Hyatt (Census Bureau, Henry.R.Hyatt@census.gov)

6:15 -8:00 PM  Happy Hour Gathering and Extension of Town Hall Meeting
(Location to be Announced; Open to Everyone)