The Penn State Census Bureau Research Data Center

Opening Conference
Social Science Research Using the RDC Network

April 7-8, 2014
Nittany Lion Inn

Preliminary Schedule

Sunday, April 6

7:00  Dinner for Invited Speakers and Faculty

Monday, April 7

8:30 - 9:00  Coffee and registration

9:00 - 9:15  Welcome

9:15 - 11:00  Session I - Firm Dynamics

John Haltiwanger (University of Maryland), Lucia Foster (CES), and Cheryl Grim (CES), “Reallocation in the Great Recession: Cleansing or Not?”

Teresa Fort (Tuck Business School, Dartmouth University), “Breaking Up is Hard to Do: Why Firms Fragment Production Across Locations.”

11:00 – 11:15  Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:00  Opening Ceremony for the RDC
Rodney Erickson, President, Pennsylvania State University
John H. Thompson, Director, US Census Bureau

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch, NLI

1:00 – 3:15  Session II – Demography of Race and Place

Carolyn A. Liebler (University of Minnesota) - "Mapping the edges of race: Identification of mixed heritage children in the U.S., 1970 to 2010".


Ingrid Ellen and Keren Horn (University of Massachusetts, Boston). “Do Declines in Crime Drive Gentrification?”

3:15 – 3:30  Coffee Break
3:30 – 5:30  Session III – LEHD

Aaron Flaaen, Matthew D. Shapiro, and Isaac Sorkin (University of Michigan), “Reconsidering the Consequences of Worker Displacements: Survey versus Administrative Measurements.”

John Abowd (Cornell University) - TBA

7:00  Dinner, NLI
Speaker: Mark Doms, Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, “The Value of Government Data”

Tuesday, April 8

8:00- 8:30  Coffee

8:30-10:45  Session IV – Health and Health Care

Sharon K. Long and Heather Dahlen (The Urban Institute). “Expanding Coverage to Low-income Childless Adults in Massachusetts: Implications for National Health Reform”.

Jason Fletcher, David Frisvold (University of Iowa), and N. Tefft, “Understanding the Relationship between the School Breakfast Program and Food Insecurity”

Jessica Vistnes (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) and Kosali Simon (Indiana University) “All in the Family? Public Coverage for Children, Dual-Earner Households and Employer-Sponsored Insurance.”

10:45 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00  Session V - Impacts of International Trade

Justin R. Pierce (Federal Reserve Board) and Peter K. Schott (Yale School of Management), “The Surprisingly Swift Decline of U.S. Manufacturing Employment.”

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch, NLI

1:00 – 3:00  Session VI – Demography and Social Change

Gary J. Gates (Williams Institute, UCLA) and Michael Steinberger (Pomona College), “Measurement of Same-sex Couples in the American Community Survey”.

3:00–4:00 Roundtable Discussion – Using the RDC Effectively for Empirical Research

Margaret Levenstein – Director, University of Michigan Census Bureau RDC
Shawn Klimek – Director of Research, Center for Economic Studies
Peter Meyer – Director, NCHS Research Data Center