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March 31 - April 3, 2010

Hyatt Regency

and

Doubletree Hotel Downtown

Houston, Texas

Economics Sessions

The 2010 SSSA Program—Session Listings

Thursday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

EC 01: FINANCIAL ECONOMICS AND MONETARY ECONOMICS

Chair: Bill Ballard, Wayland Baptist University-Lubbock

1. "Lessons Learned from the Financial Crisis: New Sources for Mortgage Funding," Warren Matthews and Robert Driver, LeTourneau University
2. "Competition and Bank Efficiency: Empirical Evidence from a Transition Country," Vera A. Adamchik, University of Houston-Victoria
3. "Money Demand in Jamaica: A Cointegration and Error Correction Approach," Adrian Stephen Thaxter, University of the West Indies-Mona
4. "Does Fiscal Deficit Determine the Size of External Debt in Nigeria?" Michael Segun Ogunmuyiwa, Olabisi Onabanjo University
5. "Financial Openness and the Dutch Disease," Emmanuel Lartey, California State University-Fullerton

Discussants:

Bill Ballard, Wayland Baptist University-Lubbock

Robert Driver, LeTourneau University

Emmanuel Lartey, California State University-Fullerton

Donneil Glaister Cain, University of the West Indies-Mona

Michael Segun Ogunmuyuwam Olabisi Onabanjo University

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EC 02: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS IN LATIN AMERICA
Dedicated Spanish Session

Organizer and Chair: Fred Wallace, Universidad de Quintana Roo

1. “How Do Coffee Farmers Respond to Climate, Economic and Pest Shocks? Comparative Analysis of Two Regions in Costa Rica,” Rafael A. Díaz-Porras, Antonio Delgado-Ballester, and Gerardo Jiménez-Porras, CINPE
2. “Systematization and Analysis of the Contributions of National Parks and Biological Reserves to the Economic and Social Development in Costa Rica, Benin and Bhutan,” Mary Luz Moreno-Díaz and Fiorella Salas-Pinel, CINPE
3. “Payment for Environmental Services Program in Costa Rica: a policy process analysis perspective,” Jean-François Le Coq, CINPE; Geraldine Froger, IRD-UVSQ; Thomas Legrand, IRD-UVSQ; Denis Pesche, CIRAD; and Fernando Saenz-Segura, CINPE

Discussants:

Joana Cecilia Chapa, UANL

Izabel D. Hernández González, Universitat de Barcelona

Manuel J. Gómez, Universidad de Guanajuato

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EC 03: EMPIRICAL MICROECONOMICS

Chair: Oluwarotimi Odeh, Virginia State University

1. "Technology Based Grouping on US Banks," Liang Liu, Binghamton University
2. "How Consumers Used the 2008 Economic Stimulus Payments," Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics
3. "Foreign Grasshopper or Ant? Financial Optimist or Pessimist?: How An Individual's Psychology of Time Matters," Marilyn K. Spencer and Bilaye R. Benibo, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
4. "An investigation of the properties of some popular statistical tests when facing nonlinear models," Yu Liu, University of Texas-El Paso and Ruxandra Prodan, University of Houston

Discussants:

Afees Adebare Salisu, University of Ibadan
J. Antonio Villamil, St. Thomas University
Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics
Igbekele Amos Ajibefun, Federal University of Technology-Akure

Thursday, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

EC 04: PANEL DISCUSSION: SOME MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Moderator: Alex Kondonassis, University of Oklahoma

Participants:

Abdul Turay, Tougaloo College
Luvonia Casperson, Louisiana State University
Pat Sanderson, Mississippi State University
Tahany Naggar, West Chester University

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Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

EC 05: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Ebenezer O. Ogunyinka, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

1. "Climate Change and Agricultural Productivity: An Analysis of Impact in the Eastern Region of Germany," Igbekele Amos Ajibefun, Federal University of Technology-Akure, Wilfred Mirschel, Ralf Wieland and Karl-Otto Wenkel, Institute for Landscape Systems Analysis
2. "Climate Change and the Macroeconomy in the Caribbean Basin: Analysis and Projections to 2100," Patrick Watson, University of the West Indies-St. Augustine
3. "Environmental Attitudes towards National Forests and Grasslands in the Southwest: A Canonical Correlation," Alejandro Jose Prera, and Kristine Grimsrud, University of New Mexico

Discussants:

Sanford Marble, University of Texas-Austin

Karl-Otto Wenkel, Institute for Landscape Systems Analysis

Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Michigan State University

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PS 14: DIVERSE APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF HEALTH
POLITICS AND POLICY
Interdisciplinary Session

Chair: Nandita Chaudhuri, Texas A&M University

1. "Shared Responsibility for Financing Health Care Reform: A Public's Perception," German Izon, University of New Mexico
2. "Sowing the Seeds for the Future to Honor Tigua History and Tradition," Sean Bruna, University of New Mexico
3. "Mixed Status Families and Program Participation: The Effects on Both States and Families," Edward Vargas, Indiana University
4. "The Politics of the Health Care Reform Debate: Public Support of Including Undocumented Immigrants in Reform Efforts," Gabriel R Sanchez, Shannon Sanchez-Terry, and Angelina Gonzalez-Aller, University of New Mexico
5. "White Attitudes Toward Undocumented Immigrants, Latinos and Support for Health Care Reform Policies," Jillian Medieros,

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EC 06: THEMES IN MICROECONOMICS

Dedicated Student Session

Chair: Sanford Marble, University of Texas-Austin

1. "Identifying Forest Recreation Niche Markets Based on Visitor's Perceptions Toward Forest Resources," Orosn Chi, Louisiana State University and Yeong Nain Chi, University of Texas-Brownsville
2. "The Effects of Social and Political Institutions on Firm Performance," Margaret Weidner and Hasan Faruq, Xavier University
3. "Impact Evaluation of Telecommunications Infrastructure at the Household Level in Nigeria," Afees Adebare Salisu, University of Ibadan
4. "Privately Owned Water System Valuation - A Focus on Rural West Texas Residential Supply," John R. Fabing, Wayland Baptist University

Discussants:

Fiorella Salas-Pinel, CINPE

Philip John Glandon, Vanderbilt University

Adrian Stephen Thaxter, University of the West Indies-Mona

Geraldine Froger, IRD-UVSQ

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EC 07: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS, TRADE AND GROWTH

Chair: Edward Sayre, University of Southern Mississippi

1. "Bilateral Trade Liberalization between Asymmetric Countries," Nese Sara, University of Cincinnati
2. "1988 Korean Olympics and Macro Effects: What's there?" Jonathan Willner, Oklahoma City University
3. "Foreign Private Investment and Economic Growth in Nigeria," Lloyd A. Amaghionyeodiwe, University of the West Indies-Mona and Tokunbo S. Osinubi, Prince George's Community College
4. "Task Offshoring and Organizational Form: Evidence from China", Zhiyuan Li, UC-Davis

Discussants:

Jonathan Willner, Oklahoma City University

Yu Liu, University of Texas-El Paso

Izabel D. Hernández González, Universitat de Barcelona

Jesus Bejarano, Texas A&M University

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Thursday, 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

EC 08: MACROECONOMICS I

Chair: Patrick Watson, University of the West Indies-St. Augustine

1. "Sales and Firm Entry: The Case of Walmart," Philip John Gandon and Matthew Jaremski, Vanderbilt University
2. "Cointegration Tests of Purchasing Power Parity," Fred Wallace, Universidad de Quintana Roo
3. "A Financial Condition Index in Middle Income Countries," César Corredor, Universidad del Norte
4. "Test of Intertemporal Optimal Tax Theory: México, 1980-2007," Pablo Camacho Gutiérrez, Texas A&M International University and Vanessa M. Gonzalez Cantú, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas

Discussants:

Sang Yoon Lee, University of Wisconsin-Madison

César Corredor, Universidad del Norte

Vanessa M. Gonzalez Cantú, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas

Raul Ibarra-Ramirez, Texas A&M University

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EC 09: ECONOMICS OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

Chair: Igbekele Amos Ajibefun, Federal University of Technology-Akure

1. "Can Small Farm Survive in the Economies-of-Size-Driven Environment?" Aditi Angirasa and Doug Morrish, Texas State University
2. "An Economic Analysis of the Factors Affecting the U.S. Chile Pepper Production," Jean-Marc Gandonou, Texas State University
3. "Mad Cow Disease and its Impact on the U.S. Cattle Market," Joshua Colby Land, Tarleton State University
4. "Inter-Ethnic Variation in U.S. Food Expenditures by Consumers Outside and Within the Asian Community," Geoffrey Paulin, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discussants:

Jean-François Le Coq, CIRAD

Liang Liu, Binghamton University

Ebenezer O. Ogunyinka, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Jean-Marc Gandonou, Texas State University

Thursday 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**SOUTHWESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

Thursday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**SOUTHWESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**

**Hosted by
The Southwestern Social Science Association**

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Thursday 9:00 p.m.

SOUTHWESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION STUDENTS' SOCIAL

Graduate and undergraduate students are cordially invited to enjoy snacks, beverages, music, and each other's company, courtesy of the SSSA and its affiliate organizations.

Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

EC 10: EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Chair: Pascal T. Ngoboka, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

1. "Estimating Efficiencies for Mississippi Public Libraries using Stochastic Frontier Analysis," Charles Campbell, Mississippi State University
2. "An Empirical Study of Residential Property Tax Protest: The Case of Tarrant County, Texas," Rod Hissong and Robert Hawley, University of Texas-Arlington
3. "Efficiency of Sharing Methods for Government Disaster Payments: The Case of Hurricanes and Louisiana," Ebenezer O. Ogunyinka, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Discussants:

Igbekele Amos Ajibefun, Federal University of Technology-Akure

John W. Diamond, Rice University

Aditi Angirasa, Texas State University

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Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

EC 11: SPECIAL TOPICS IN ECONOMICS

Chair: Kazuhisa Matsuda, Ohio Northern University

1. "US Economy in 2008: Best of Times and Worst of Times,"
Tahany Naggar and Ali Naggar, West Chester University
2. "Nixonomics," Frederick J. Oerther III, Greensboro College
3. "Globalization and Happiness," Sukhwinder Bagi, Bloomsburg
University of Pennsylvania
4. "The Evolution of Development Economics and Policy: What
Implications for Class, Dawn Elliot, TCU
5. "Why Does Middle Class Favor Democracy?" Fangfang Li,
Texas A&M University

Discussants:

Frederick J. Oerther III, Greensboro College

Jaime A. Acosta, Rice University

Ali Naggar, West Chester University

Shuyun Meng, Tarleton State University

Justin Ray Lowe, Tarleton State University

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Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

EC 12: MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS INNOVATIONS

Chair: Ethiopia Keleta, Texas Southern University

1. "Longitudinal Arbitrage of Solar Power Production," Sanford Marble, University of Texas-Austin
2. "Endogenous Growth Theory in Motion: An Analysis of the Emergence and Development of the U.S. Biotech," Giang Thanh Ngo and Donald A Hicks, University of Texas-Dallas
3. "Estimating Demand of Apple Computers," Lewis David Johnson III, Wayland Baptist University
4. "Composition of Business Executives' Income and Its Pricing Methods," Shuyun Meng and Mark Yu, Tarleton State University

Discussants:

Ethiopia Keleta, Texas Southern university

Gary Anthony Lyn, Pennsylvania State University

Faruq Hasan, Xavier University

Khawaja Saeed Mamun, Sacred Heart University

Friday 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

ID 01: GETTING TO KNOW SSSA

Chair: Ray Darville, Stephen F. Austin State University

Friday, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

EC 13: PLENARY SESSION: WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR SWEA

Presenter: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, SWEA President-Elect

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Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

EC 14: PANEL DISCUSSION: EMERGING MARKET ECONOMIES

Moderator: Kishore Kulkarni, Metropolitan State College of Denver

Participants:

Bansi Sawhney, University of Baltimore

Haiyang Li, Rice University

Kishore Kulkarni, Metropolitan State College of Denver

Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

EC 15: ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION I

Chair: Dawn Elliott, TCU

1. "A Time-Series Analysis of the College Enrollment Rate of White, Black, and Hispanic Youth," Kazuhisa Matsuda, Ohio Northern University
2. "The Economic Cost and Benefit of an Associate Degree," Naderah Gray-Farquharson, Excelsior Community College
3. "Sensitivity Analysis of Tuition Change on Enrollment in Higher Education," Srabana Gupta and J. Antonio Villamil, St. Thomas University

Discussants:

Patrick K. Watson, University of the West Indies-St. Augustine

Lewis David Johnson III, Wayland Baptist University

Sukhwinder Bagi, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

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Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

EC 16: MACROECONOMICS II

Chair: Warren Matthews, LeTourneau University

1. "Comparing Keynesian-Post Keynesian and Austrian Interest Rate Theories," Bill Ballard, Wayland Baptist University-Lubbock
2. "International and Domestic Collaterals in Developing Countries," César Corredor, Universidad del Norte
3. "Corporate Firms, Managers and the Income Distribution," Sang Yoon Lee, University of Wisconsin-Madison
4. "A Structural Explanation of Comovements in Inflation across Developed Countries," Jesus Bejarano, Texas A&M University

Discussants:

Warren Matthews, LeTourneau University

Tahany Naggar, West Chester University

Fred Wallace, Universidad de Quintana Roo

Emmanuel Lartey, California State University-Fullerton

Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

EC 17: INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

Chair: Nese Sara, University of Cincinnati

1. "Product Differentiation and Competition Under a Variable Marginal Cost Structure," Darron Anthony Thomas, University of the West Indies-Mona
2. "Signaling Quality through Prices in a Durable Good Market," Evrim Dener, Sam Houston State
3. "Cost Pass Through: An Impediment to Innovation?" Kadeshah J.G. Thomas, University of the West Indies-Mona

Discussants:

Evrin Dener, Sam Houston State

Nese Sara, University of Cincinnati

Cesar Alfredo Cancho, Texas A&M University

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Friday, 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

EC 18: ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION II

Organizer and Chair: John Merrifield, University of Texas-San Antonio

1. "The Political Economy of School Choice and School Choice Avoidance," Freeman Field, John Merrifield, and Jesse Ortiz, University of Texas-San Antonio
2. "Local Schooling in a Federal System: Competing Away Misinformation and Propaganda," Robert A. Collinge, University of Texas-San Antonio
3. "Alcohol Use and the Grades of Middle and High School Students: Does School Choice Have Effects?" Wesley Austin and Cary Heath, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Discussants:

Naderah Gray-Farquharson, Excelsior Community College
Robert H. Renshaw, Renshaw Enterprises
Aparna Mitra, University of Oklahoma
Sule Ochai, Jackson State University

Friday, 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

EC 19: THE MEXICAN ECONOMY: SELECTED TOPICS
Dedicated Spanish Session

Organizer and Chair: Fred Wallace, Universidad de Quintana Roo

1. "Determinantes de la Localización Industrial en México," Izabel D. Hernández González, Universitat de Barcelona
2. "Has the National Agreement for Modernization of Basic and Normal Education (ANMEB) contributed to improve basic education levels and to reduce states disparities?" Óscar J. Cárdenas and Manuel J. Gómez, Universidad de Guanajuato
3. "Efectos de corto plazo de los shocks en los precios internacionales de los productos agrícolas," Edgardo Arturo Ayala, ITESM and Joana Cecilia Chapa, UANL

Discussants:

Jean-François Le Coq, CIRAD
Mary Luz Moreno Díaz, CINPE
Rafael A. Díaz Porras, CINPE

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Friday, 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

EC 20: REGIONAL ECONOMICS

Chair: Charles Campbell, Mississippi State University

1. "The Economic Geography of Disaster: The Economy of Mississippi Gulf Coast after Katrina," Edward Sayre, University of Southern Mississippi
2. "Regional Industrial Structure and Economic Growth: Texas Metropolitan Areas," Ethiopia Keleta and Emlyn Norman, Texas Southern University
3. "The Economic Impact of Texas FFA Career Development Events on Stephenville, Texas," Justin Ray Lowe, Tarleton State University
4. "Taking the Guess Work Out of Guest Work," Darron Anthony Thomas, University of the West Indies-Mona

Discussants:

Robert C. Eisenstadt, University of Louisiana-Monroe

Lloyd A. Amaghionyeodiwe, University of the West Indies-Mona

Edward Sayre, University of Southern Mississippi

Emlyn Norman, Texas Southern University

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Friday, 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

EC 21: ECONOMICS OF WATER: INSIGHTS FROM SOUTH
CENTRAL TEXAS
Dedicated Student Session

Organizer and Chair: John Merrifield, University of Texas-San Antonio

1. "Water Demand Discovery and Current Water Supply Practices," Vivek Prakash, University of Texas-San Antonio
2. "Owen Valley (CA) De Ja Vu: The Political Economy of Water Policy in the Edwards Aquifer Region of South Central Texas," Matthew Nixon and Felipe Chacon, University of Texas-San Antonio
3. "Estimating the Demand for Water in San Antonio, Texas," Matthew Nixon and Felipe Chacon, University of Texas-San Antonio

Discussants:

Renay Vannessa Folkes, University of the West Indies-Mona
Alejandro Jose Prera, University of New Mexico
Joshua Colby Land, Tarleton State University

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Friday, 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

EC 22: THEMES IN MACROECONOMICS

Dedicated Student Session

Chair: Vera A. Adamchik, University of Houston-Victoria

1. "Brain Drain, Brain Circulation and the Role of on-the Job Learning," Gary Anthony Lyn, Pennsylvania State University
2. "Effects of Outsourcing and Trade Deficit on Agricultural Prices," Zane Calaway Christian, Tarleton State University
Matthew Nixon and Felipe Chacon, University of Texas-San Antonio
3. "Two Negatives Do Not it Right: Jamaica's Twin Deficit Story,"
Donneil Glaister Cain, University of the West Indies-Mona
4. "Forecasting Inflation in Mexico: Do disaggregated CPI data improve Forecast Accuracy?" Raul Ibarra-Ramirez, Texas A&M University
5. "Functional-Coefficient Cointegration Test of Purchasing Power Parity," Guangyi Ma, Texas A&M University

Discussants:

Vera A. Adamchik, University of Houston-Victoria

Zhiyuan Li, UC-Davis

Guangyi Ma, Texas A&M University

Gary Anthony Lyn, Pennsylvania State University

Kadeshah J.G. Thomas, University of the West Indies-Mona

Friday, 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

EC 23: ECONOMICS OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Co-Chairs: Abu Turay and Siddig Fageir, Tougaloo College

1. "Financing Terrorism: An Analysis of GAO Data," Siddig Fageir, Tougaloo College
2. "The Economic Impact of Terrorism on Tourism," Elsaudi Mohamed and Kunsoon Park, Tougaloo College
3. "Foreign Direct Investment and National Security: Policy Considerations," Abdul Turay, Tougaloo College

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Friday, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

**EC 24: SOUTHWESTERN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Presiding: Stuart MacDonald
President, SWEA**

Friday, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**EC 25: SOUTHWESTERN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
Honoring Winners of Students' Paper Competition
Officers, Members, and Friends of the Southwestern
Economics Association are cordially invited to attend.**

Saturday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

EC 26: WEALTH, POVERTY AND TAXES

Chair: Rod Hissong, University of Texas-Arlington

1. "Household Wealth, Portfolio Allocation and the Stock Market and Housing Bubbles, Evidence from SCF," Jaime A. Acosta and John W. Diamond, Rice University
2. "Social Norms, Taxpayers' Morale and Tax Compliance among Small Business Enterprises in Uganda," Pascal T. Ngoboka, University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Jennifer Nabawesi Kakooza, Makerere University Business School
3. "The Determinants of the Volatility of State Tax Revenue: A 50-State Comparison," Robert C. Eisenstadt, University of Louisiana-Monroe and John Francis, Louisiana Tech

Discussants:

Marilyn K. Spencer, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Pablo Camacho Gutiérrez, Texas A&M International University
Rod Hissong, University of Texas-Arlington

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Saturday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

EC 27: WORKSHOP: ECONOMICS TEACHING MODULES

Organizer and Moderator: Annette Citzler, Texas Lutheran University

Participants:

Annette Citzler, Texas Lutheran University
Justin Dubas, Texas Lutheran University
Oluwarotimi Odeh, Virginia State University
Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Michigan State University

Saturday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

EC 28: SCHOOLS OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT

Chair: Frederick J. Oerther III, Greensboro College

1. "Economics, Philosophy (Metaphysics) and Progress," Robert H. Renshaw, Renshaw Enterprises
2. "Money Changes Everything: 18th C. Irish Political Economy and the Proposed National Bank of Ireland," Aida Ramos, West Texas A&M University
3. "The Consequences of Progressive Era Regulation for the Steelworkers," Daniel E. Saros, Valparaiso University
4. "Sayian Economics: The Entrepreneur of Jean-Baptiste Say," Kenneth K. Sanders, Louisiana State University-Alexandria

Discussants:

Kenneth K. Sanders, Louisiana State University-Alexandria
Robert H. Renshaw, Renshaw Enterprises
Aida Ramos, West Texas A&M University
Daniel E. Saros, Valparaiso University

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Saturday, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

EC 29: LARGE TUITION VOUCHER PROGRAMS,
ESPECIALLY THE EDGEWOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM (SAN
ANTONIO, TEXAS)

Organizers: John Merrifield, University of Texas-San Antonio
and Nathan Gray, E.G. West Institute for Effective Schooling

Chair: John Merrifield, University of Texas-San Antonio

1. "Voucher Programs and the Necessary Conditions for
Introducing Market Forces in K-12," Mathew Carr and
Nathan Gray, E.G. West Institute for Effective Schooling
2. "Economic Development Effects of a Universal Tuition
Voucher Program," John Merrifield, University of Texas-San
Antonio
3. "The Competitive Effects of the CEO Horizon Voucher
Program in the Edgewood Independent School District in
San Antonio," Nathan Gray, Young Harris College

Discussants:

Kazuhisa Matsuda, Ohio Northern University

Charles Campbell, Mississippi State University

Tokunbo S. Osinubi, Prince George's Community College

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Saturday, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

EC 30: HEALTH ECONOMICS

Chair: Aparna Mitra, University of Oklahoma

1. "Gender Inequality and the Spread of HIV/AIDS in India,"
Aparna Mitra, University of Oklahoma
2. "Enhancing Healthy Eating Habits Among College Students,"
Oluwarotimi Odeh, Virginia State University
3. "Control, Price or Education: What Works Best for Curbing
Adolescent Smoking and Drinking?" Khawaja Saeed
Mamun, Sacred Heart University
4. "Understanding the Relationship between Obesity and the
Prevalence of Chronic Disease in Mississippi," Sule Ochai,
Jackson State University
5. "Diagnostics of the Free Health Care System: An
Investigation in Jamaica," Renay Vannessa Folkes,
University of the West Indies-Mona

Discussants:

Khawaja Saeed Mamun, Sacred Heart University
Aparna Mitra, University of Oklahoma
Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Michigan State University
Oluwarotimi Odeh, Virginia State University
John R. Fabing, Wayland Baptist University

Saturday, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

EC 31: ECONOMICS OF REGULATION

Chair: Srabana Gupta, St. Thomas University

1. "A New Business Model for Municipal Electrical Utilities,"
Sanford Marble, University of Texas-Austin
2. "Implications of Optimal Price Regulation in Sub-Prime
Banking Markets," Darron Anthony Thomas, University of
the West Indies-Mona
3. "Regulatory Compliance and Market Competition: Evidence
from Emission Inspection Market," Cesar Alfredo Cancho,
Texas A&M University

Discussants:

Darron Anthony Thomas, University of the West Indies-Mona
Srabana Gupta, St. Thomas University
Kadeshah J.G. Thomas, University of the West Indies-Mona