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Wednesday, November 16 (3:00 PM - 7:00 PM) 👲 Thursday, November 17 (7:30 AM - 5:00 PM) 🚸 Friday, November 18 (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



GENERAL SESSION 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Tax Reform in an Era of Fiscal Imbalance

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 -11:45 AM

State and Local Government Fiscal Behavior and the Great Recession Public Opinions Towards Tax, Spending, and Fiscal Reforms Kinks and Notches in Federal Tax Policy Behavioral Response to Personal Income Tax Rate Changes Topics in Corporate Income Taxation

Frontiers of Public Finance: 2011 NTA Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
Award Winners

♦ LUNCHEON NOON – 1:30 PM

Speaker: Scott S. Cowen, President, Tulane University

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:45 - 3:15 PM

New Insights on Tax Policy and Firm Behavior
Tax Expenditures in an Era of Large Budget Deficits
Field Experiments in Public Economics
Fiscal Issues of Disasters and Recoveries
Empirical Evidence on the Causes of Tax Compliance and Evasion
Economic Analysis and Legal Doctrines of Taxation

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Multinationals, Transfer Pricing, and IPOs Taxation in Latin America Property Tax Rates: Causes and Consequences Higher Education Interstate Tax Competition

GENERAL SESSION 5:00 – 6:00 PM ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: *LEONARD BURMAN*, Syracuse University

Income Inequality, Income Volatility, and Economic Mobility

♦ RECEPTION 6:15 − 7:30 PM

💠 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

State and Local Taxes on Capital Income: Implications for International Tax Competition

New Developments in Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries Targeted Versus Non-Targeted Government Interventions in Education Corporate Taxation: Theory and Evidence about the Value of Deferral and Other Planning Decisions

Taxation and Housing

Income Tax Provisions for Low-Income People: Compliance and Design

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM

Taxes and Distribution
State Sales Taxes in Decline
Tax Analysis Using U.S. Administrative Data
Corporate Tax Reform
Tariffs and Taxes, from Before the Civil War to the New Era
Taxing Bad Things

LUNCHEON NOON – 1:30 PM

Speaker: Peter Diamond, MIT, Winner of the 2010 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM POSTERS ON DISPLAY IN REGISTRATION AREA 1:30 – 1:45 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:45 - 3:15 PM

Taxation and Top Wealth Holders
The Corporate Tax in Integrated Economies
State and Local Finance: Policy and Practice in the Great Recession
Responsiveness of Labor Supply to Incentives
Topics in Property Taxation
Graduate Student Session

GENERAL SESSION 3:30 - 5:00 PM

In Honor of Alan Auerbach, 2011 Holland Award Recipient

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM POSTERS ON DISPLAY REGISTRATION AREA 5:00 – 5:30 PM

💠 RECEPTION 5:15 – 6:30 PM

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Tax Amnesty in the American States Local Policy, Public Services, and Land Values Coordination of Tax and Transfer Systems Recent Attempts at State Tax Reform

Evidence on Social Insurance and Policies to Encourage Private Insurance Coverage

How Do People Adapt to Economic Shocks? Evidence from Tax Return Data

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM

Federal Influence on State Taxation: Description and Prescription Health Policy

Accounting Research on Corporate Taxation Public Policy Towards Housing Theory and Practice of Redistributive Taxation

Small Business Tax Policy and Compliance Issues



GENERAL SESSION 8:30 - 10:00 AM

LOCATION: ILE DE FRANCE 1

TAX REFORM IN AN ERA OF FISCAL IMBALANCE

Moderator: *Mark Mazur*, U.S. Department of the Treasury **Organizer:** *Jane Gravelle*, Congressional Research Service

Panelists:

William Gale, The Brookings Institution Diane Lim Rogers, Concord Coalition Charles McLure, Stanford University

Donald Marron, The Urban Institute and The Tax Policy Center

COFFEE BREAK: 10:00 – 10:15 AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM

LOCATION: MAUREPAS

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL BEHAVIOR AND THE GREAT RECESSION

Organizer/Moderator: *Ronald Fisher,* Michigan State University **Presentations:**

Understanding States' Differences in Weathering Economic Downturns, *Therese McGuire*, Northwestern University, *Nathan Anderson*, University of Illinois at Chicago and *Teresa Garcia-Milà*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Predicting the Impact of the Housing Crisis and the Great Recession on Big City Finance, *Howard Chernick*, CUNY, Hunter College, *Adam Langley*, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and *Andrew Reschovsky*, University of Wisconsin-Madison

An Exploration of Recent Changes to State Tax Structures,

David Sjoquist and Robert Buschman, Georgia State University

State and Local Government Debt and Borrowing Before and During the Great Recession, *Ronald Fisher*, Michigan State University and *Robert Wassmer*, California State University, Sacramento

Discussant: Thomas Garrett, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

LOCATION: FRONTENAC

PUBLIC OPINIONS TOWARDS TAX, SPENDING, AND FISCAL REFORMS

Organizer/Moderator: *William Gale,* Brookings Institution **Presentations:**

Understanding Joint Support for Government Spending and Taxes: Linking Benefits and Costs in the Mass Public, *James Garand*, Louisiana State University and *André Blais*, Université de Montréal

Public Opinion Toward Government Spending, William Jacoby, Michigan State University

The Federal Income Tax in Popular Culture, *Larry Zelenak*, Duke University School of Law

Discussants: Leonard Burman, Syracuse University
Diane Lim Rogers, Concord Coalition

LOCATION: CONDE

KINKS AND NOTCHES IN FEDERAL TAX POLICY

Organizer/Moderator: *Joel Slemrod*, University of Michigan **Presentations:**

Do Cheaters Bunch Together? Profit Taxes, Withholding Rates and Tax Evasion, *Paul Carrillo* and *M. Shahe Emran*, George Washington University and *Anita Rivadeneira*, Centro de Estudios Fiscales Servicio de Rentas Internas – Ecuador

Does the Earned Income Tax Credit Reduce Saving by Low-Income Households?, *Caroline Weber*, University of Michigan

Intertemporal Substitution in Labor Force Participation: Evidence from Policy Discontinuities, *Dayanand Manoli*, UCLA and *Andrea Weber*, University of Mannheim

Discussants: Bradley Heim, Indiana University Sara LaLumia, Williams College

LOCATION: ORLEANS

BEHAVIORAL RESPONSE TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATE CHANGES

Organizer: *Gerald Auten*, U.S. Department of the Treasury **Moderator:** *Seth Giertz*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln **Presentations:**

Identifying the Elasticity of Taxable Income, Sarah Burns and James Ziliak, University of Kentucky

When Tax Rates Go Up: Another Look at the 1993 Act, *Gerald Auten* and *Laura Kawano*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Expected Income Tax Changes and Household Behavior, *Lorenz Kueng*, UC Berkeley

Discussants: Seth Giertz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Ivan Vidangos, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Jon Bakija, Williams College

LOCATION: ROSALIE

TOPICS IN CORPORATE INCOME TAXATION

Organizer/Moderator: *Jane Gravelle*, Congressional Research Service **Presentations:**

Long-Term and Short-Term Revenue Effects from Changing Tax Depreciation Allowances, *James Mackie*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Effect of Tax Reform on Investment Incentives, Robert Carroll, Thomas Neubig and Gerald Prante, Ernst & Young LLP

The Tax Elasticity of Corporate Debt: A Synthesis of Size and Variations, Ruud de Mooij, International Monetary Fund

Effective Corporate Tax Reform: Reducing the Corporate Tax Burden by Increasing the Section 199 Deduction, *Michaele Morrow*, Northeastern University

Discussants: Jane Gravelle, Congressional Research Service John McClelland, U.S. Department of the Treasury

LOCATION: ST. CLAUDE

FRONTIERS OF PUBLIC FINANCE: 2011 NTA OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AWARD WINNERS

Organizer/Moderator: *James Sallee,* University of Chicago **Presentations:**

Claim Timing and Ex Post Insurance Selection: Evidence from Dental "Insurance", Marika Cabral, Stanford University

Do Expiring Budgets Lead to Wasteful Year-End Spending? Evidence from Federal Procurement, *Neale Mahoney*, Stanford University Taxpayer Response to Targeted Audits, *Mark D. Phillips*, University of Chicago

Discussants: Amanda Kowalski, Yale University

Alexander Gelber, University of Pennsylvania

Damon Jones, University of Chicago

LOCATION: ILE DE FRANCE 2-3

NOON - 1:30 PM LUNCHEON SPEAKER: SCOTT S. COWEN, PRESIDENT OF TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS AFTER THE SHOCKS

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:45 - 3:15 PM

LOCATION: MAUREPAS

NEW INSIGHTS ON TAX POLICY AND FIRM BEHAVIOR

Organizer/Moderator: *Jesse Edgerton*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors **Presentations:**

Financing Frictions and the Efficacy of Tax Incentives: Evidence from Cash Grants for Renewable Energy Investments, Jesse Edgerton, Federal

Reserve Board of Governors and *James Sallee*, University of Chicago Business Use of Bonus Depreciation: Evidence from Tax Data, 2001-2009, *John Kitchen* and *Matthew Knittel*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Tax and the Nature of the Firm, *Mihir Desai*, Harvard University, *Dhammika Dharmapala*, University of Illinois College of Law and *Victor Fleischer*, University of Colorado

Discussants: Nirupama Rao, NYU

Stacie LaPlante, University of Georgia Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan

LOCATION: FRONTENAC

TAX EXPENDITURES IN AN ERA OF LARGE BUDGET DEFICITS

Organizer/Moderator: Thomas Hungerford, Congressional Research Service

Presentations:

How Big Is the Federal Government?, *Donald Marron* and *Eric Toder*, The Urban Institute and The Tax Policy Center

Tax Expenditures, the Size and Efficiency of Government, and Implications for Budget Reform, *Leonard Burman*, Syracuse University and *Marvin Phaup*, George Washington University

Raising Revenue through Negative Tax Expenditures: PEP and Pease, Thomas Hungerford, Congressional Research Service

18 Billion at One Blow – Lessons from Evaluating Germany's Twenty Biggest Tax Expenditures, Michael Thoene, University of Cologne

Discussants: *G. Thomas Woodward,* Congressional Budget Office *Lori Metcalf,* Pew Charitable Trusts

LOCATION: CONDE

FIELD EXPERIMENTS IN PUBLIC ECONOMICS

Organizer/Moderator: *Dayanand Manoli*, UCLA **Presentations:**

Why Are Benefits Left on the Table? Assessing Incomplete Take-Up with an IRS Field Experiment, *Saurabh Bhargava*, University of Chicago, *Dayanand Manoli*, UCLA

What Policies Motivate Pro-Social Behavior? Evidence from a Field Experiment, *Raj Chetty* and *Laszlo Sandor*, Harvard University and *Emmanuel Saez*, UC Berkeley

The Demand for Health Insurance among Uninsured Americans: Results of a Survey Experiment and Implications for Policy, *Alan Krueger* and *Iiyana Kuziemko*, Princeton University

Discussants: Alexander Gelber, University of Pennsylvania and NBER Damon Jones, University of Chicago Amanda Kowalski, Yale University

LOCATION: ORLEANS

FISCAL ISSUES OF DISASTERS AND RECOVERIES

Organizer/Moderator: *James Richardson*, Louisiana State University **Presentations:**

New York's Post 9/11 Recovery, *Howard Chernick*, CUNY, Hunter College State and Local Government Catastrophe Risk Financing and the Capital Market, *W. Bartley Hildreth*, Georgia State University and *Gerald J. Miller*, Arizona State University

Disaster Relief Through the Tax Code: Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf Opportunity Zone, *James Williamson* and *John Pender*, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Disaster Avoidance, Disaster Relief, and Policy Coordination in Federation, *David Wildasin*, University of Kentucky

Discussants: Steven Sheffrin, Tulane University

James Richardson, Louisiana State University

LOCATION: ROSALIE

EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE ON THE CAUSES OF TAX COMPLIANCE AND EVASION

Organizer/Moderator: *Monica Singhal,* Harvard University and NBER **Presentations:**

No Taxation Without Information: Deterrence and Self-Enforcement in the Value Added Tax, *Dina Pomeranz*, Harvard Business School

Importing Corruption Norms from Overseas: Evidence from Corporate Tax Evasion in the United States, *Jason DeBacker*, U.S. Department of the Treasury, *Bradley Heim* and *Anh Tran*, Indiana University

Doing It Under the Table: Hidden Sales in India's Manufacturing Sector, *Matthew Smith,* Rutgers University

The Value of Honesty: Empirical Estimates from the Case of the Missing Children, *James Sallee*, University of Chicago and *Sara LaLumia*, Williams College

Discussants: Danny Yagan, Harvard University

Monica Singhal, Harvard University and NBER Naomi Feldman, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

LOCATION: ST. CLAUDE

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND LEGAL DOCTRINES OF TAXATION

Organizer: Sarah Lawsky, UC Irvine School of Law

Moderator: Leandra Lederman, Indiana University Maurer School of Law **Presentations:**

What Is Tax Discrimination?, *Ruth Mason*, University of Connecticut Law School and *Michael Knoll*, University of Pennsylvania Law School Modeling Tax Law's Uncertainty, *Sarah Lawsky*, UC Irvine School of Law Not Close Enough: Accepting the Limits of Tax Law and Economics, *Alex Raskolnikov*, Columbia University Law School

Corporate Tax Abuse in Court, *Nancy Staudt*, Northwestern University Law School and *Joshua Blank*, NYU School of Law

Discussants: Kirk Stark, UCLA; Lawrence Zelenak, Duke Law School

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 – 5:00 PM

LOCATION: CONDE

MULTINATIONALS, TRANSFER PRICING, AND IPOS

Organizer: Dhammika Dharmapala, University of Illinois College of Law

Moderator: Nirupama Rao, NYU

Presentations:

Cost Sharing and the Acrobatics of Arm's Length Taxation, *Yariv Brauner*, University of Florida

An Alternative Transfer Pricing Norm, *Mihir Desai*, Harvard University and *Dhammika Dharmapala*, University of Illinois College of Law

Firm Incorporation Outside the U.S.: No Exodus Yet, *Eric Allen*, UC Berkeley and *Susan Morse*, UC Hastings College of Law

Taxes and the Clustering of Foreign Subsidiaries, Scott Dyreng, Duke University, Bradley Lindsey, College of William and Mary, Kevin Markle, Dartmouth College, and Douglas Shackelford, University of North Carolina

Discussants: Joseph Andrus, OECD

Daniel Shaviro, NYU School of Law

LOCATION: FRONTENAC

TAXATION IN LATIN AMERICA

Organizer/Moderator: *Claudio Agostini*, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez **Presentations**:

Diesel Tax Credits Response to Tax Enforcement: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment in Chile, *Claudio Agostini*, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez and *Claudia Martinez*, Universidad de Chile

Public Expenditure Smoothing at the Subnational Level: Evidence from Argentina, *Martin Besfamille, Pablo Sanguinetti* and *Nicolas Grosman*, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, and *Osmel Manzano*, Corporacion Andina de Fomento

The Impact of the Value Added Tax on Retail Prices, *Christian Jaramillo*, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia and *Jorge Tovar*, Universidad de los Andes

Socioeconomic Differences Across Generations in Colombia: An Initial Approach from the National Transfer Accounts, *Jorge Tovar*, Universidad de los Andes and *B. Piedad Urdinola*, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Discussants: Howard Chernick, CUNY, Hunter College; James Sallee, University of Chicago; Jameson Boex, The Urban Institute; Ryan Sullivan, Naval Postgraduate School

LOCATION: MAUREPAS

PROPERTY TAX RATES: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

Organizer: Jennifer Gravelle, Congressional Budget Office **Moderator:** Timothy Goodspeed, CUNY, Hunter College **Presentations:**

The Excise Tax Effects of the Property Tax Revisited, *Athiphat Muthitacharoen*, Congressional Budget Office and *George Zodrow*, Rice University

Do Property Taxes Offer a Hedge Against Housing-Wealth Risk? Maybe Not, *Nathan Anderson*, University of Illinois at Chicago and *Andreas Duus Pape*, SUNY, Binghamton

Causes of Differences in Effective Property Tax Rates, Jennifer Gravelle,
Congressional Budget Office

Discussants: Andrew Hanson, Georgia State University; Bo Zhao, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; Timothy Goodspeed, CUNY, Hunter College

LOCATION: ORLEANS

HIGHER EDUCATION

Organizer/Moderator: *Nicholas Turner*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Presentations:

Do Students Profit from For-Profit Education? Estimating the Returns to Postsecondary Education with Tax Data, *Nicholas Turner*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Is There a "Hope" for High School Graduates: The Effect of Federal Tax Credits on College Enrollment and University Choice, *Tatyana Guzman*, Indiana University, Bloomington

For-Profit Higher Education Financial Aid: Are Differences Driven by Schools or Students?, *Laura Ullrich*, Winthrop University

Discussants: Yolanda Kodrzycki, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Sarah LaLumia, Williams College Deena Ackerman, U.S. Department of the Treasury

LOCATION: ST. CLAUDE

INTERSTATE TAX COMPETITION

Organizer: Donald Marples, Congressional Research Service

Moderator: Cristobal Young, Stanford University

Presentations:

The Battle of Taxes: Strategic Interaction in Multiple Tax Policies Among States, *William Hoyt*, University of Kentucky

Inter-Federation Competition: Sales Tax Externalities with Multiple Federations, *David Agrawal*, University of Michigan

Millionaire Migration and State Taxation of Top Incomes: Evidence from a Natural Experiment, *Cristobal Young*, Stanford University and *Charles Varner*, Princeton University

Discussants: Cristobal Young, Stanford University
David Agrawal, University of Michigan

LOCATION: ROSALIE

INCOME INEQUALITY, INCOME VOLATILITY, AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Organizer/Moderator: *Peter Brady,* Investment Company Institute **Presentations:**

Rising Inequality: Transitory or Permanent? New Evidence from a Panel of U.S. Tax Returns 1987-2006, *Jason DeBacker*, U.S. Department of the Treasury, *Bradley Heim*, Indiana University, *Vasia Panous* and *Ivan Vidangos*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Estimating Intergenerational Economic Mobility Using a Panel of Tax Returns, *Victoria Bryant* and *Michael Weber*, Internal Revenue Service, *David Grusky* and *Pablo Mitnik*, Stanford University

Income Sources, Investment Returns, and Tax Arbitrage Among the Top 1 Percent, *Christopher Balding*, UC Irvine, *Estelle Dauchy*, Peking University HSBC Business School

Long-Term Tax Liability and the Effects of Refundable Credits, *Timothy Dowd*, Joint Committee on Taxation and *John Horowitz*, Ball State University

Discussants: James Nunns, The Urban Institute and The Tax Policy Center Janet Holtzblatt, Congressional Budget Office

GENERAL SESSION 5:00 - 6:00 PM

LOCATION: ILE DE FRANCE 1

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: *LEONARD BURMAN*, Syracuse University

6:15 – 7:30 PM
LOCATION: HENRI
RECEPTION



CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

LOCATION: CONDE

STATE AND LOCAL TAXES ON CAPITAL INCOME: IMPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TAX COMPETITION

Organizer: Sally Wallace, Georgia State University

Moderator: Joann Weiner, George Washington University and

Bloomberg Government

Presentations:

Economic Incidence of Additional State Business Taxes, Robert Cline, Thomas Neubig and Andrew Phillips, Ernst & Young LLP, and Joo Mi Kim, Foros

Fiscal Competition in a Dynamic Context: Economic Integration, *David Wildasin*, University of Kentucky

Destination Taxation, Road to Economic Success?, William Fox,
University of Tennessee and Zhou Yang, Robert Morris University **Discussants:** Daniel Wilson, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Donald Bruce, University of Tennessee

LOCATION: ST. CLAUDE

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Organizer/Moderator: Paul Smoke, NYU

Presentations:

Exploring the Effectiveness of Local Public Sector Finance, *Jameson Boex*, The Urban Institute

Intergovernmental Relations in Macedonia: Mitigating Conflict through Decentralization, *Musharraf Cyan*, *Jorge Martinez-Vazquez* and *Andrey Timofeev*, Georgia State University

Fiscal Decentralization under Kenya's New Constitution, *Paul Smoke*, NYU and *Kathy Whimp*, World Bank

Money for Nothing? Experience with Intergovernmental Performance Grants, *Kai Kaiser*, World Bank

Discussants: François Vaillancourt, Université de Montreal Roy Bahl, Georgia State University

LOCATION: ORLEANS

TARGETED VERSUS NON-TARGETED GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN EDUCATION

Organizer/Moderator: *Michael Lovenheim*, Cornell University **Presentations**:

Does State Preschool Crowd Out Private Provision: The Impact of Universal Pre-Kindergarten on the Child Care Sector in Oklahoma and Georgia, *Daphna Bassok*, University of Virginia, *Maria Fitzpatrick*, Cornell University and *Susanna Loeb*, Stanford University

Are the Kids Alright? Testing Explanations for the Summer Decline in Youth Suicide, *Benjamin Hansen*, University of Oregon and *Matthew Lang*, Xavier University

Not Just for Poor Kids: The Impact of Universal Free School Breakfast on Meal Participation and Student Outcomes, Sean Corcoran, Jacob Leos-Urbel and Amy Ellen Schwartz, NYU

The Effects of Texas's Targeted Pre-Kindergarten Program on Academic Performance, *Rodney Andrews* and *Paul Jargowsky*, University of Texas at Dallas

Discussants: Jason Fletcher, Yale University

Michael Lovenheim, Cornell University

LOCATION: ROSALIE

CORPORATE TAXATION: THEORY AND EVIDENCE ABOUT THE VALUE OF DEFERRAL AND OTHER PLANNING DECISIONS

Organizer/Moderator: *Lillian Mills*, University of Texas at Austin **Presentations:**

Does Tax Deferral Enhance Firm Value?, *Benjamin Ayers* and *Stacie Laplante*, University of Georgia

The Net Present Value Effective Tax Rate, *James Musumeci*, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and *Richard Sansing*, Dartmouth College

Inside the Corporate Tax Department: Insights on Corporate Decision Making and Tax Aggressiveness, *John Graham*, Duke University, *Michelle Hanlon*, MIT and *Terry Shevlin*, University of Washington

Discussant: Cristi Gleason, University of Iowa

LOCATION: MAUREPAS

TAXATION AND HOUSING

Organizer/Moderator: *James Poterba*, MIT and NBER **Presentations:**

Federal Taxes, Geographic Incidence, and Inefficiencies in Location and Housing Consumption, *David Albouy*, University of Michigan and *Andrew Hanson*, Georgia State University

Ten-Year Impacts of Individual Development Accounts on Homeownership: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment, William Gale, Brookings Institution, Clinton Key and William Rohe, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Mark Schreiner and Michael Sherraden, Washington University in Saint Louis

The Mortgage Interest Deduction and Its Impact on Homeownership Decisions, *Christian Hilber*, London School of Economics and *Tracy Turner*, Kansas State University

Discussants: Thomas Davidoff, University of British Columbia Leah Brooks, Federal Reserve Board of Governors Gary Engelhardt, Syracuse University

LOCATION: FRONTENAC

INCOME TAX PROVISIONS FOR LOW-INCOME PEOPLE: COMPLIANCE AND DESIGN ISSUES

Organizer: Janet McCubbin, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Moderator: Robert Weinberger, Aspen Institute

Presentations:

What More Can We Learn about EITC Noncompliance? *Kara Leibel*, Internal Revenue Service, *Emily Lin* and *Janet McCubbin*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Taxpayer Response to the Earned Income Tax Credit: Evidence from the IRS National Research Program, *Raj Chetty* and *John Friedman*, Harvard University and NBER, and *Kara Leibel* and *Alan Plumley*, Internal Revenue Service and *Emmanuel Saez*, UC Berkeley

The Nontaxable Combat Pay Election and the Earned Income Tax Credit, *Patricia Tong* and *Suzanne Gleason*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Understanding the Demand for High Cost Tax Advances, *Brett Theodos, Jessica Compton* and *Eugene Steuerle*, The Urban Institute and *Karen Masken*, Internal Revenue Service

Discussants: Naomi Feldman, Federal Reserve Board of Governors Robert Weinberger, Aspen Institute

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM

LOCATION: CONDE

TAXES AND DISTRIBUTION

Organizer/Moderator: *Alan Viard*, American Enterprise Institute **Presentations:**

Do Progressive Consumption Taxes Work at the Very Top of the Economic Spectrum?, *Alan Viard*, American Enterprise Institute

Distributional Effects of Federal Tax Expenditures in the Individual Income Tax, *Eric Toder*, The Urban Institute

A Revised Methodology for Distributing the Corporate Income Tax, Laura Power, Julie Anne Cronin, and Emily Lin, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Discussants: Rudy Santore, University of Tennessee

James Mackie, U.S. Department of the Treasury James Nunns, The Urban Institute and The Tax Policy Center

LOCATION: FRONTENAC

STATE SALES TAXES IN DECLINE

Organizer/Moderator: *Donald Bruce,* University of Tennessee **Presentations:**

The Disappearing Sales Tax: The Impact of Base Breadth on Elasticity, Stability, and Recession Sensitivity Over Forty Years, *John Mikesell*, Indiana University

Cross-Border Shopping, Use Tax Compliance, and State Tax Collections: Evidence from eBay Transactions, *James Alm*, Tulane University and *Mikhail Melnik*, Niagara University

Sales Taxes and Electronic Commerce: Are There Employment Impacts?, *Donald Bruce* and *William Fox*, University of Tennessee

Discussants: David Merriman, University of Illinois at Chicago David Agrawal, University of Michigan

LOCATION: ORLEANS

TAX ANALYSIS USING U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Organizer/Moderator: *John Friedman*, Harvard University and NBER **Presentations:**

How Does the EITC Affect Educational Achievement?, *Raj Chetty*,
Harvard University and *John Friedman*, Harvard University and NBER
Measuring the Response to the Saver's Credit: Evidence from the
Universe of U.S. Tax Returns, *Shanthi Ramnath*, U.S. Department of

Taxes, Firms and the Real Economy, *Danny Yagan*, Harvard University **Discussant:** *Joel Slemrod*, University of Michigan

LOCATION: ROSALIE

CORPORATE TAX REFORM

Organizer/Moderator: *Daniel Shaviro*, NYU School of Law **(Panel Discussion)**

Panelists

Martin Sullivan, Tax Analysts
Peter Merrill, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Rosanne Altshuler, Rutgers University

LOCATION: MAUREPAS

TARIFFS AND TAXES, FROM BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR TO THE NEW ERA

Organizer/Moderator: *Joseph Thorndike*, Tax Analysts **Presentations:**

Revenue Response from a Tax Cut: The Walker Tariff of 1846, G. Thomas Woodward

To Incorporate or to Move? The Impact of Income Taxes on Firms'
Choice of Organizational Forms and Location, *Li Liu*, University of
Oxford

Bachelor Taxes 1895-1939, Marjorie Kornhauser, Arizona State University

Discussants: Thomas Hungerford, Congressional Research Service Jane Gravelle, Congressional Research Service Dennis Ventry, UC Davis School of Law

LOCATION: ST. CLAUDE

TAXING BAD THINGS

Organizer/Moderator: *Seth Giertz,* University of Nebraska-Lincoln **Presentations:**

Genetic Modulation of the Effects of Tobacco Taxation on Use, *Jason Fletcher*, Yale University

The Effect of Cigarette Taxation on Prices: An Empirical Analysis Using Local Level Data, *Ryan Sullivan*, Naval Postgraduate School

Optimal Taxation and Junk Food, *Firouz Gahvari*, University of Illinois, and *Harry Tsang*, University of North Dakota

Discussants: *Mehmet Tosun*, University of Nevada-Reno *James Sallee*, University of Chicago

LOCATION: ILE DE FRANCE 2-3

NOON - 1:30 PM LUNCHEON SPEAKER: PETER DIAMOND, MIT, WINNER OF THE 2010 SVERIGES RIKSBANK PRIZE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES IN MEMORY OF ALFRED NOBEL

CONCURRENT SESSION 1:45 - 3:15 PM

LOCATION: CONDE

TAXATION AND TOP WEALTH HOLDERS

Organizer/Moderator: *Brian Raub*, Internal Revenue Service **Presentations:**

The Estate Tax and the Transfer of Wealth, Robert Avery and Kevin Moore, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Daniel Grodzicki, Stanford University

Over the Top: How Estate Tax Returns Show That the Very Rich Are Different from You and Me, *Jenny Wahl*, Carleton College and *Lisa Rosenmerkel*. Internal Revenue Service

A New Look at the Income-Wealth Connection for America's Wealthiest Decedents, *Barry Johnson, Brian Raub*, and *Joseph Newcomb*, Internal Revenue Service

Discussants: Jon Bakija, Williams College

Janet McCubbin, U.S. Department of the Treasury

LOCATION: FRONTENAC

THE CORPORATE TAX IN INTEGRATED ECONOMIES

Organizer/Moderator: *Kimberly Clausing*, Reed College **Presentations:**

Measuring the Burden of the Corporate Income Tax under Imperfect Competition, *Li Liu*, University of Oxford and *Rosanne Altshuler*, Rutgers University

Investigating the Incidence of the Corporate Tax in a Global Economy, Kimberly Clausing, Reed College

The Rising Tax-Electivity of U.S. Corporate Residence, *Daniel Shaviro*, NYU School of Law

Discussants: William Gentry, Williams College; Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan; Dhammika Dharmapala, University of Illinois College of Law

LOCATION: MAUREPAS

STATE AND LOCAL FINANCE: POLICY AND PRACTICE IN THE GREAT RECESSION

Organizer: *Robert Ebel*, University of the District of Columbia **Moderator:** *Gary Cornia*, Brigham Young University

Presentations:

What Happened and What's Next, *Robert Ebel*, University of the District of Columbia, *John Petersen*, George Mason University, and *Ha Vu*, World Bank

A Day in the Life of a Revenue Estimator, *Norton Francis*, DC Office of the Chief Financial Officer, ORA

Budgeting and Pullback Management, *Carolyn Bourdeaux*, and *W. Bartley Hildreth*, Georgia State University

State Tax Administration: Seven Problems in Search of a Solution, *Billy Hamilton*, Hamilton Consulting

Discussant: Jim Landers, Indiana Legislative Services Agency

LOCATION: ROSALIE

RESPONSIVENESS OF LABOR SUPPLY TO INCENTIVES

Organizer/Moderator: *Alexander Gelber*, Univ. of Pennsylvania and NBER **Presentations:**

Labor Supply Adjustment to Taxes, *Alexander Gelber*, Univ. of Pennsylvania and NBER

The Effect of State-Earned Income Tax Credits on Employment: Evidence from Two Midwestern States, *Jennifer Tennant*, Ithaca College

Women and the Social Security Earnings Test, *Theodore Figinski*, UC Irvine Every Kind of People? Labor Supply Elasticities in Europe and the United States, *Olivier Bargain*, University College Dublin, *Kristian Orsini*, Catholic University of Leuven and *Andreas Peichl*, University of Cologne

Discussants: Dayanand Manoli, UCLA; Theodore Figinski, UC Irvine; Olivier Bargain, University College Dublin; Jennifer Tennant, Ithaca College

LOCATION: ST. CLAUDE

TOPICS IN PROPERTY TAXATION

Organizer: *Daphne Kenyon*, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy **Moderator:** *Leah Brooks*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors **Presentations:**

Taxable Property Values: Exploring the Feasibility of a Survey, *Brian Zamperini*, *Peter Schilling* and *Melissa Braybrooks*, U.S. Census Bureau Analysis of Detroit Property Tax Revenue Options, *Gary Sands*, Wayne

State University and Mark Skidmore, Michigan State University Property Tax Reform in Indiana: Equity and Cost Considerations, Olha Krupa, Indiana University

Reducing Errors in Property Tax Assessments Through a Formal Appeal Process, William Doerner and Keith Ihlanfeldt, Florida State University

Discussants: Justin Ross, Indiana University; Daphne Kenyon, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

LOCATION: ORLEANS

GRADUATE STUDENT SESSION

Organizer/Moderator: *Andrew Hanson,* Georgia State University **Presentations:**

The Impact of Personal Income Tax Rates on the Employment Decisions of Small Businesses, *Katie Sobczyk Player*, Clemson University

Earnings Mobility in the United States: A Cause of Increasing Inequality, David Splinter, Rice University

An Empirical Analysis of Tax Competition: The Case of Capital Taxation in Japan, *Atsushi Kawamoto*, Syracuse University

Depreciation Deductions and Corporate Investment: Evidence from the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax, *Jongsang Park*, University of Michigan

Discussants: *Donald Bruce,* University of Tennessee; *James Alm,* Tulane University; *Timothy Goodspeed,* CUNY, Hunter College; *David Wildasin,* University of Kentucky

GENERAL SESSION 3:30 - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: ILE DE FRANCE 1

GENERAL SESSION IN HONOR OF ALAN AUERBACH, 2011 HOLLAND AWARD RECIPIENT

Organizers: Rosanne Altshuler, Rutgers University and James Hines, University of Michigan

Moderator: *Dhammika Dharmapala*, University of Illinois College of Law **Presentations:**

Rosanne Altshuler, Rutgers University; William Gale, Brookings Institution; James Hines, University of Michigan; Laurence Kotlikoff, Boston University; James Poterba, MIT and NBER

LOCATION: HENRI

♦ RECEPTION 5:15 − 6:30 PM

In Honor of Alan Auerbach, 2011 Holland Award Recipient



CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 – 10:00 AM

LOCATION: ST. CLAUDE

TAX AMNESTY IN THE AMERICAN STATES

Organizer/Moderator: *Justin Ross*, Indiana University **Presentations:**

Are State Tax Amnesty Programs Associated with Financial Reporting Irregularities?, *Jaron Wilde* and *Nathan Sharp*, Texas A&M University, *Neal Buckwalter*, Indiana University and *David Wood*, Brigham Young University

The Changing Structure and Yield of Amnesties in the Great Recession, John Mikesell and Justin Ross, Indiana University

Effects of Amnesty Characteristics on Tax Revenue: Evidences from the U.S. States, *Hari Luitel*, Algoma University and *Mehmet Tosun*, University of Nevada-Reno

Strategic Delinquency in State Tax Amnesty Programs, *Justin Ross*, and *Neal Buckwalter*, Indiana University

Discussants: Ranjana Madhusudhan, NJ Department of Treasury; Denvil Duncan, Indiana University

LOCATION: FRONTENAC

LOCAL POLICY, PUBLIC SERVICES, AND LAND VALUES

Organizer/Moderator: *David Albouy*, University of Michigan **Presentations:**

Development Impact Fees and the Value of Land, *Gregory Burge*, University of Oklahoma

Metropolitan Land Values and Housing Productivity, *David Albouy*, University of Michigan, *Gabe Ehrlich*, University of Michigan

Tax Increment Financing, Spillovers, and School District Revenue, Jennifer Bossard, Doane College and John Anderson, University of Nebraska

Discussants: Therese McGuire, Northwestern University

Leah Brooks, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Ilyana Kuziemko, Princeton University

LOCATION: ORLEANS

COORDINATION OF TAX AND TRANSFER SYSTEMS

Organizer: Janet Holtzblatt, Congressional Budget Office **Moderator:** Robert Weinberger, Aspen Institute

Presentations:

Marginal Tax Rates Under the Tax and Transfer Systems, Shannon Mok, Congressional Budget Office

Alternative Methods of Providing the EITC in Real Time, *Deena Ackerman*, U.S. Department of the Treasury, *Janet Holtzblatt*, Congressional Budget Office

Promoting College Affordability: A Study of the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the Federal Pell Grant Program, *Deena Ackerman, Andrew Bershadker, Julie Anne Cronin* and *Nicholas Turner,* U.S. Department of the Treasury

Discussants: Jonathan Forman, University of Oklahoma

Elaine Maaa, The Urban Institute and The Tax Policy Center

LOCATION: MAUREPAS

RECENT ATTEMPTS AT STATE TAX REFORM

Organizer/Moderator: *Mark Ibele,* Assembly Committee on Budget, State of California

Presentations:

Georgia's Tax Reform: Process, Recommendations, and Analysis, *David Sjoquist*, Georgia State University

Tax Reform Efforts in California During a Budget Crisis, *Mark Ibele*, Assembly Committee on Budget, State of California

A National Perspective on State Tax Reform, *Harley Duncan*, KPMG Tax Reforms' Commissions as a Precursor to Major Structural Reforms: California Examples, *Steven Sheffrin*, Tulane University

Discussant: Kim Rueben, The Urban Institute and The Tax Policy Center

LOCATION: CONDE

EVIDENCE ON SOCIAL INSURANCE AND POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INSURANCE COVERAGE

Organizer/Moderator: *Gopi Goda,* Stanford University **Presentations:**

The Role of Medical Expenditure Risk in Disability Insurance and Labor Supply over the Life Cycle, *Seonghoon Kim*, Ohio State University

Quantitative Analysis of Health Insurance Reform: Separating Community Rating from Income Redistribution, *Svetlana Pashchenko*, Uppsala University, *Ponpoje* (*Poe*) *Porapakkarm*, University of Macau

Can the Government Incentivize the Purchase of Private Long-Term Care Insurance? Evidence from the Long-Term Care Partnership Program, *Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley*, Kent State University

Discussants: Dayanand Manoli, UCLA

Jonathan Kolstad, University of Pennsylvania Gopi Goda, Stanford University

LOCATION: ROSALIE

HOW DO PEOPLE ADAPT TO ECONOMIC SHOCKS? EVIDENCE FROM TAX RETURN DATA

Organizer/Moderator: *Pamela Moomau,* Joint Committee on Taxation **Presentations:**

How Income Changes During Unemployment: Evidence from Tax Return Data, *Laura Kawano*, U.S. Department of the Treasury and *Sara LaLumia*, Williams College

The Transition to Self Employment: The Role of Taxes and Trade Shocks, Shushanik Hakobyan, Middlebury College and David Joulfaian, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Using Differences in Knowledge Across Neighborhoods to Uncover the Impacts of the EITC on Earnings, *Raj Chetty* and *John Friedman*, Harvard University and *Emmanuel Saez*, UC Berkeley

Discussants: James Cilke, Joint Committee on Taxation; John Diamond, Rice University; Nicholas Bull, Joint Committee on Taxation

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM

LOCATION: ST. CLAUDE

FEDERAL INFLUENCE ON STATE TAXATION: DESCRIPTION AND PRESCRIPTION

Organizer: Brian Galle, Boston College

Moderator: Darien Shanske, UC, Hastings College of Law

Presentations:

Bribing the States to Tax Food, *Kirk Stark*, UCLA School of Law An Argument for Privileging the Local Property Tax Under the Federal Income Tax, *Darien Shanske*, UC, Hastings College of Law

The Way Forward for State Taxation of E-Commerce, *David Gamage*, UC Berkeley

Discussants: David Agrawal, University of Michigan; David Sjoquist, Georgia State University; Kirk Stark, UCLA School of Law

LOCATION: FRONTENAC

HEALTH POLICY

Organizer/Moderator: *Amanda Kowalski*, Yale University **Presentations:**

The Doctor Might See You Now: The Supply Side Effects of Public Health Insurance Expansions, *Craig Garthwait*, Northwestern University

Why Don't Retirees Insure Against Long-Term Care Expenses?, *Jeffrey Brown*, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, *Gopi Goda*, Stanford University, and *Kathleen McGarry*, UCLA

Individually Mandated Health Insurance and the Labor Market: Evidence from the Massachusetts Health Reform, *Jonathan Kolstad*, University of Pennsylvania and *Amanda Kowalski*, Yale University

Income Shocks and the Demand for Health Care: Evidence from the 2008 Stimulus Payments, *Tal Gross*, Columbia University and *Jeremy Tobacman*, University of Pennsylvania

Discussants: *Tal Gross*, Columbia University; *John Friedman*, Harvard University and NBER

LOCATION: MAUREPAS

ACCOUNTING RESEARCH ON CORPORATE TAXATION

Organizer: Michelle Hanlon, MIT

Moderator: Stacie LaPlante, University of Georgia

Presentations:

What Do Firms Do When Dividend Tax Rates Change? An Examination of Alternative Payout Responses to Dividend Tax Rate Changes, *Michelle Hanlon*, MIT and *Jeffrey Hoopes*, University of Michigan

Does Financial Constraint Affect Shareholder Taxes and the Cost of Equity Capital?, Chongyang Chen, Zhonglan Dai and Harold Zhang, University of Texas at Dallas and Douglas Shackelford, University of North Carolina

Policymaker Scrutiny and Its Association with Tax Law Compliance under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, *Jian Cao, Roy Clemons,* Florida Atlantic University, *Yunhao Chen,* Florida International University, and *Michael R. Kinney,* Texas A&M University

The Effect of Book-Tax Conformity on Tax and Financial Reporting Aggressiveness: A Longitudinal Study, *Debra Salbador*, Virginia Tech and *Valaria Vendrzyk*, University of Richmond

Discussants: Jesse Edgerton, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Terry Shevlin, University of Washington

LOCATION: ROSALIE

PUBLIC POLICY TOWARDS HOUSING

Organizer/Moderator: *Molly Sherlock,* Congressional Research Service **Presentations:**

The Impact of Housing Vouchers on Mobility and Neighborhood Attributes, *Michael Eriksen*, University of Georgia and *Amanda Ross*, West Virginia University

Do Increases in Subsidized Housing Reduce the Incidence of Homelessness? Evidence from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, *Osborne Jackson*, Northeastern University and *Laura Kawano*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

The Incidence of the First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit, *Adam Cole*, U.S. Department of the Treasury and *Michael Lovenheim*, Cornell University

Tax Credits for Residential Energy Efficiency: An Evaluation Using Individual Taxpayer Data, *Molly Sherlock*, Congressional Research Service and *Andre Neveu*, James Madison University

Discussants: *Gregory Burge,* University of Oklahoma *John Anderson,* University of Nebraska

LOCATION: CONDE

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF REDISTRIBUTIVE TAXATION

Organizer/Moderator: *Matthew Murray*, University of Tennessee **Presentations:**

Optimal Taxation with Rent-Seeking, Casey Rothschild, Middlebury College and Florian Scheuer, Stanford University

Optimal Taxation When Agents Have Other-Regarding Preferences, Matthew Murray and Rudy Santore, University of Tennessee

Tax Policy and Income Inequality in the United States, 1978-2007: A Decomposition Approach, Olivier Bargain, University College Dublin, Mathias Dolls and Dirk Neumann, University of Cologne, Herwig Immervoll, OECD, Andreas Peichl, Nico Pestel and Sebastian Siegloch, IZA - Institute for the Study of Labor

Discussants: David Wildasin, University of Kentucky; Alan Viard, American Enterprise Institute; Seth Giertz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

LOCATION: ORLEANS

SMALL BUSINESS TAX POLICY AND COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Organizer: *Thornton Matheson*, International Monetary Fund **Moderator:** *Nicholas Bull,* Joint Committee on Taxation

Presentations:

The Costs for Canadian Business of Complying with the 2007 Tax System: A Multivariate Analysis Using Small Firm Data, François Vaillancourt, Université de Montreal

The VAT Small Business Exemption in the United States, *Edith Brashares, John Kitchen, Matthew Knittel* and *Gerald Silverstein*, U.S.

Department of the Treasury

Allocating Business Income Between Capital and Labor Under a Dual Income Tax: The Case of Iceland, *Thornton Matheson*, International Monetary Fund and *Jon Tyrgqvason*, RSK

Discussants: Mark Mazur, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Victoria Perry, International Monetary Fund

Victor Fleischer, University of Colorado School of Law



LOCATION: MAUREPAS Board Meeting Friday, November 18, 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM

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