



# NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION

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**REGISTRATION** — DARTMOUTH/EXETER FOYER (MEZZANINE)

Wednesday, November 18 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 19 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday, November 20 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM**

Fiscal Policy Analytics of Tax Wedge Reduction, Financial Transactions Tax and Tax Treaty Shopping

Housing Markets during the Recent Boom/Bust Cycle: Implications for Labor Outcome and Public Finance

Local Taxation and Urban Form: Research from Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Scholars **Topics in Business Taxation** Responsiveness of Charitable Giving to Internal and External Factors

Topics in Political Economy Business Taxation and Big Data Elasticity of Taxable Income #1 Local Fiscal Policy: Rules and Effects

Macroeconomic Policy and Tax Policy Interactions

#### COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:15 AM

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM**

The Impact of Economic, Housing Market, and Demographic Changes on State and Local Government Finance

Charitable Giving of High-Income Households Inside Corporate Structure and Decision Making Macroeconomic Modeling of Tax Policy Tax Enforcement Policy in Practice New Perspectives on Optimal Tax Policy #1 Tax Incentives, Frictions, and Inattention Governance and Taxes New Perspectives on the Taxation of Shareholders Taxation in Developing Countries

#### LUNCHEON NOON – 1:30 PM

Speaker: James Poterba, Mitsui Professor of Economics at MIT and President and Chief Executive Officer, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:45 - 3:15 PM**

State Government Policy and Entrepreneurship Local Public Finance Abroad Property Taxes and Property Values Taxation and Social Policy Corporate Tax Evasion in Latin America New Perspectives on Optimal Tax Policy #2 Elasticity of Taxable Income #2 Taxation and Household Labor Supply Tax Preferred Retirement Savings Accounts Local and Individual Responses to Federal Subsidies

#### COFFEE BREAK 3:15 – 3:30 PM

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 - 5:00 PM**

Fiscal Federalism and Fiscal Competition Sales Taxes Building Tax Enforcement Capacity Firm Taxation and Investment Taxation, Consumption, and Household Expenditures Taxes, Wages, and Work at Low Incomes The Law and Macroeconomics of Fiscal Policy New Approaches to Environmental Energy Policy International Taxation, Lockout, and Jurisdictional Competition

Frontiers of Public Finance: 2015 NTA Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award Winners

#### **GENERAL SESSION 5:00 - 6:00 PM**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, Alan Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: DISSERTATION AWARD, RICHARD MUSGRAVE PRIZE and REFEREE OF THE YEAR AWARD

RECEPTION 6:15 – 7:15 PM In Honor of John Mikesell, 2015 Steven D. Gold Award Recipient

# **PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Local Responses to Taxes The Effects of Health Care Coverage Tax Law and Tax Policy Foreign Cash and Earnings Clean Energy Tax Policy International Corporate Tax Policy U.S. Wealth Inequality Measurement State Business Taxation New Perspectives on Optimal Tax Policy #3 Design of the EITC

#### COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:15 AM

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM

Local Public Finance Law and Economics of Tax Rules Fiscal Rules, Transparency, and Accountability Policymaking in the Face of Uncertainty Measuring Inequality Topics in School Finance Problems with Pools: Cross-Subsidies, Universal Service, and Political Economy New Evidence on Tax Policy from Administrative Data Tax Compliance NTA: The Next Generation

LUNCHEON NOON – 1:30 PM Speaker: Martin Feldstein, George F. Baker Professor of Economics at Harvard **University and President Emeritus, NBER** 

#### **GENERAL SESSION 1:45 - 3:15 PM**

The Future of Using Administrative Data for Research (Panel Discussion)

#### COFFEE BREAK 3:15 – 3:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION 3:30 - 5:00 PM

In Honor of William D. Andrews, Eli Goldston Professor of Law, Emeritus, Harvard Law School, 2015 Holland Award Recipient

The Student Research Forum Posters on Display in the Registration Area 5:00 - 5:30 PM

**RECEPTION - 5:15 - 6:15 PM** 

In Honor of William D. Andrews, Eli Goldston Professor of Law, Emeritus, Harvard Law School, 2015 Holland Award Recipient

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM** 

Volatility Medicare Policy Tax Policy with "Behavioral" Agents: Theory and Evidence Fiscal Federalism, Multilateralism, and Tax Law Design International Tax Policy, Reform, and Innovation Government Influence through Direct Participation Tax Forms, Publications, and Compliance Effects of Education Finance Policies: New Evidence from Administrative Data Social Insurance Accounting Research and Political Economy

#### COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:15 AM

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM

Income Responses to Health Coverage Assessing the Affordable Care Act: A Roundtable Discussion of Lessons from and for **Public Finance** Attitudes toward Tax Payment and Policy International Tax Planning International Profit-Shifting and Organization Planning Incidence of Firm Taxes **Higher Education** Social Security Taxation, Work, and Families

LUNCHEON NOON - 12:45 PM

Tax Avoidance and Tax Risk

1:00 – 2:30 PM Short Course: Health Care, Katherine Baicker, Harvard University

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM**

#### FISCAL POLICY ANALYTICS OF TAX WEDGE REDUCTION, FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TAX, AND TAX TREATY SHOPPING

#### LOCATION: BERKELEY/CLARENDON ROOM

- Session Chair: Ranjana Madhusudhan, New Jersey The Macroeconomic Effects of Reducing the Tax Wedge on Labor Income: Evidence for Selected Euro Countries, Maria Grazia Attinasi, European Central Bank, Doris Prammer, Austrian Central Bank, and Martino Tasso, Banca d'Italia
- The Stock Market Effects of a Securities Transaction Tax: Quasiexperimental Evidence from Italy, *Pietro Tommasino*, Bank of Italy
- Profitable Detours: A Network Analysis of Treaty Shopping, *Maarten van 't Riet* and *Arjan Lejour*, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis
- **Discussants:** Douglas Hamilton, Peter G. Peterson Foundation, Victoria Perry, IMF, and David Saltzman, Ropes & Gray LLP

#### HOUSING MARKETS DURING THE RECENT BOOM/BUST CYCLE: IMPLICATIONS FOR LABOR OUTCOMES AND PUBLIC FINANCE

#### LOCATION: STATLER ROOM

- **Session Chair:** *Gregory Burge*, University of Oklahoma Household Debt and Local Public Finances, *Ron Cheung*,
- Oberlin College, *Chris Cunningham*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and *Stephan Whitaker*, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
- The Role of Housing Equity for Labor Market Activity, *Chris Cunningham*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- Housing Wealth, Property Taxes, and Labor Supply among the Elderly, *Gregory Burge* and *Lingxiao Zhao*, University of Oklahoma
- **Discussants:** John Deskins, West Virginia University and Seth Giertz, University of Texas at Dallas

#### LOCAL TAXATION AND URBAN FORM: RESEARCH FROM LINCOLN INSTITUTE OF LAND POLICY SCHOLARS LOCATION: BOYLSTON ROOM

- Session Chair: Robert Wassmer, California State University, Sacramento
- The Distribution of Urban Land Values: Evidence from Market Transactions, *David Albouy*, University of Illinois at Urbana– Champaign
- Fiscal Zoning and Fiscal Externalities, *Justin Ross*, Indiana University
- Are Local Retail Services an Amenity or a Nuisance?, *Rachel Meltzer*, The New School and *Sean Capperis*, New York University
- Property Taxation, Its Land Value Component, and the Generation of "Urban Sprawl": The Needed Empirical Evidence, *Robert Wassmer*, California State University, Sacramento
- **Discussants:** Robert Wassmer, California State University, Sacramento, Rachel Meltzer, The New School, Justin Ross, Indiana University and David Albouy, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

#### TOPICS IN BUSINESS TAXATION LOCATION: WHITTIER ROOM

## Session Chair: Diane Ring, Boston College Law School

- Taxing Economies of Scale, *Mirit Eyal-Cohen*, University of Alabama
- Regulation by Crowd, *Shu-Yi Oei*, Tulane University Law School and *Diane Ring*, Boston College Law School

Taxation and Innovation, *David Hasen*, University of Colorado Taxation and Innovation, *Jacob Nussim*, Bar-Ilan University

**Discussants:** *Shu-Yi Oei*, Tulane University Law School, *Diane Ring*, Boston College Law School, and *Jacob Nussim*, Bar-Ilan University

# RESPONSIVENESS OF CHARITABLE GIVING TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FACTORS

#### LOCATION: WHITE HILL ROOM

- Session Chair: Benjamin Marx, University of Illinois at Urbana– Champaign
- The Price Elasticity of Charitable Donations: Evidence from UK Tax Records, *Miguel Almunia*, and *Kimberly Scharf*, University of Warwick
- The Sensitivity of Charitable Giving to the Timing and Salience of Tax Credits, Ross Hickey and *Abigail Payne*, McMaster University
- Distinguishing Altruism and Social Pressure Effects of Fundraising Techniques, *Benjamin Marx*, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
- Corporate Taxation and Charitable Giving, *Nicolas Duquette* and *Eric Ohrn*, University of Southern California
- **Discussants:** Jon Bakija, Williams College, Jacob Goldin, Stanford University Law School, Abigail Payne, McMaster University and Adam Cole, University of Michigan

#### TOPICS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY LOCATION: BEACON HILL ROOM

Session Chair: Ilyana Kuziemko, Princeton University

- Broadening the State: Policy Responses to the Introduction of the Income Tax, *Mark Dincecco* and *Ugo Troiano*, University of Michigan
- Why did the Democrats lose the South? Bringing New Data to an Old Debate, *Ilyana Kuziemko*, Princeton University
- Differential Impacts of Local Tax Referenda, *Michael Conlin*, Michigan State University
- **Discussants:** James Feigenbaum and Maya Sen, Harvard University and Maxim Pinkowsky, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

#### BUSINESS TAXATION AND BIG DATA LOCATION: STUART ROOM

**Session Chair:** *Benjamin Lockwood,* University of Warwick Tax Reform, Depreciation Methods, and Tax Uniformity, *Tracy* 

*Foertsch* and *James Mackie*, U.S. Department of the Treasury VAT Notches, *Benjamin Lockwood*, University of Warwick

Sleeping with the Enemy: Taxes and Former IRS Employee, John Robinson, University of Texas at Austin and Maobin Wang, University of International Business and Economics

**Discussants:** *Estelle Dauchy*, New Economic School, *Joel Slemrod*, University of Michigan, *Lisa DeSimone*, Stanford University

#### ELASTICITY OF TAXABLE INCOME #1 LOCATION: TREMONT ROOM

Session Chair: Sebastian Siegloch, University of Mannheim

- The Elasticity of Taxable Income in the Presence of Deduction Possibilities, *Philipp Doerrenberg*, University of Cologne, IZA, *Andreas Peichl*, and *Sebastian Siegloch*, University of Mannheim
- Taxpayer Responses Over the Cycle: Evidence from Three Irish Notches, *Enda Hargaden*, University of Michigan
- Estimating the Elasticity of Broad Income in the Presence of Income Growth and Volatility, *Laura Kawano*, U.S. Department of the Treasury, *Caroline Weber*, University of Oregon
- **Discussants:** Caroline Weber, University of Oregon, Andreas Piechl, University of Mannheim, and Tuomas Kosonen, VATT Government Institute for Economic Research

#### LOCAL FISCAL POLICY: RULES AND EFFECTS

#### LOCATION: ST. JAMES ROOM

Session Chair: Leslie Papke, Michigan State University

- Closing the Fiscal Gap Tax and Expenditure Limitations and Local Debt, *John Mikesell*, Indiana University, *Daniel Mullins*, Ernst & Young, *Chad Smith*, American University, *Marvin Ward Jr.*, Congressional Budget Office
- Effects of Strictly Implemented Rule of School Attendance by Proximity on Residential Property Values: A Case Study in Beijing, Yilin Hou, Syracuse University, Haitao Ma and Qiang Ren, Central University of Finance and Economics and Joyce Man, Indiana University
- The Substitution Between Wages and Benefits: Evidence from a Kink in Pennsylvania's State-aid System, *Sutirtha Bagchi*, Villanova University
- **Discussants:** Nathan Anderson, Ropes & Gray, LLP and Leslie Papke, Michigan State University

#### MACROECONOMIC POLICY AND TAX POLICY INTERACTIONS

#### LOCATION: NEWBURY ROOM

- **Session Chair:** *Christine Dobridge*, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- The Mortgage Interest Deduction Lessens the Ability to Conduct Monetary Policy, *Hautahi Kingi* and *Kyle Rozema*, Northwestern University School of Law
- Forward Guidance in Tax Policy, *Warren Hrung*, Bank for International Settlements
- Do Mortgage Subsidies Help or Hurt Borrowers?, *David Rappoport*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- Fiscal Stimulus and Firms: A Tale of Two Recessions, *Christine Dobridge*, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- **Discussants:** Amelia Biehl, University of Michigan, Flint and Irem Guceri, University of Oxford

#### COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:15 AM GEORGIAN FOYER

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#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 - 11:45 AM

#### THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC, HOUSING MARKET, AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

#### LOCATION: BERKELEY/CLARENDON ROOM

Session Chair: Richard England, University of New Hampshire The Effect of the Housing Crisis on the Finances of Central Cities, Howard Chernick, Hunter College CUNY, Sandra Newman, Johns Hopkins University and Andrew Reschovsky, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and University of Wisconsin

- Asymmetry in Local Government Responses to Population Growth/Decline, *Mark Skidmore*, Michigan State University
- State and Local Tax Resilience: Property, Income, and Sales Tax System Performance through Economic Fluctuations, John Anderson, and Shafiun Shimul, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Pension Costs and Central City Finance, *Richard Dye*, University of Illinois at Chicago, *Adam Langley*, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and *Andrew Reschovsky*, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and University of Wisconsin
- **Discussants:** *Richard England*, University of New Hampshire and *Tracy Gordon*, Brookings Institution

#### CHARITABLE GIVING OF HIGH-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS LOCATION: STATLER ROOM

#### Session Chair: Jon Bakija, Williams College

Law and the Problem of Restricted Spending Philanthropy, Brian Galle, Georgetown University Law Center

- Do Private Foundation Donors Care About State Law?, Brian Galle, Georgetown University Law Center and Benjamin Marx, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Philanthropy, Inequality, and the Income Tax: High-Income Households' Charitable Giving 1917–2012, *Nicolas Duquette*, University of Southern California
- How Estate Taxation Affects Charitable Donations and Wealth Accumulation: Evidence from the Divergence in Estate Tax Rates across States After 2001, *Jon Bakija*, Williams College and *Brian Raub*, Internal Revenue Service
- **Discussants:** Yair Listokin, Yale University and Christine Exley, Harvard University

#### **INSIDE CORPORATE STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING** LOCATION: STUART ROOM

- Session Chair: Petro Lisowsky, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- The Role of Tax Rate Based Decision Heuristics in Tax Planning Through Intra-group Financing, *Harald Amberger* and *Eva Eberhartinger*, Vienna University of Economics and Business, and *Matthias Kasper*, University of Vienna
- The Economic Effects of Special Purpose Entities on Corporate Tax Avoidance, *Paul Demere, Michael Donohoe* and *Petro Lisowsky* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- The Role of Taxes in Forced CEO Turnover, *James Chyz*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and *Fabio Gaertner*, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Discussants:** *Michaele Morrow*, Suffolk University, *Sean McGuire*, Texas A&M University, and *John Robinson*, Texas A&M University

#### MACROECONOMIC MODELING OF TAX POLICY LOCATION: ST. JAMES ROOM

- Session Chair: Richard Evans, Brigham Young University Macroeconomic Analysis and the Legislative Process: Implementation of Macro Modeling at the Joint Committee on Taxation, Nicholas Bull and Pamela Moomau, Joint Committee on Taxation
- Budgetary and Economic Effects of Repealing the Affordable Care Act, *Benjamin Page*, Congressional Budget Office
- An Open Source Model for Dynamic Revenue Estimates, Jason DeBacker, Middle Tennessee State University, Richard Evans, Evan Magnusson, Kerk L. Phillips and Isaac Swift, Brigham Young University
- Effects of the Level and Structure of Taxes on Long-Run Economic Growth: What Can We Learn from Panel Time-Series Techniques?, *Jon Bakija*, Williams College and *Tarun Narasimhan*, IMF
- **Discussants:** Benjamin Page, Congressional Budget Office, Kerk L. Phillips, Brigham Young University, Richard W. Evans, Brigham Young University, and Pamela Moomau, Joint Committee on Taxation

#### TAX ENFORCEMENT POLICY IN PRACTICE LOCATION: BOYLSTON ROOM

Session Chair: Ugo Troiano, University of Michigan

- An Experimental Evaluation of Notification Strategies to Increase Property Tax Compliance, *Robert Inman*, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- The Effect of the VAT Rate on Tax Evasion: Evidence from the Restaurant Industry in Greece, *Nikolaos Artavanis*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Committing to Discretion: How a Detection-Based Audit Intensity Strategy Affects and Explains Tax Evasion and Enforcement Patterns, *Mark Phillips*, University of Southern California
- Tax Debt Enforcement: Theory and Evidence from a Field Experiment in the United States, *Ugo Troiano*, University of Michigan and *Ricardo Perez-Truglia*, Microsoft Research
- **Discussants:** *Michael Hallsworth*, Imperial College and *Benjamin Lockwood*, University of Warwick

#### **NEW PERSPECTIVES ON OPTIMAL TAX #1** LOCATION: BEACON HILL ROOM

Session Chair: Kory Kroft, University of Toronto

- The Welfare Cost of Commodity Taxation in the Presence of a Taste for Variety, *Kory Kroft*, University of Toronto and *Matthew Notowidigdo*, Northwestern University
- Household Bargaining, Spouses' Consumption Patterns and the Design of Commodity Taxes, *Helmuth Cremer* and *Jean-Marie Lozachmeur*, University of Toulouse and *Kerstin Roeder*, University of Augsburg
- Optimal Redistribution with a Shadow Economy, *Pawel Doligalski* and *Luis Rojas*, European University Institute
- Optimal Taxation under Regional Inequality, *Sebastian Kessing* and *Malte Zoubek*, University of Siegen and *Vilen Lipatov*, Goethe University Frankfurt
- **Discussants:** Andreas Peichl, University of Mannheim and Casey Rothschild, Wellesley College

#### TAX INCENTIVES, FRICTIONS, AND INATTENTION LOCATION: NEWBURY ROOM

Session Chair: Dayanand Manoli, University of Texas at Austin

- Unwilling, Unable or Unaware? The Role of Different Behavioral Factors in Responding to Tax Incentives, *Tuomas Kosonen* and *Tuomas Matikka*, VATT, Government Institute for Economic Research
- Inattention & Tax Benefits: Third-Party Reporting and IRS Outreach to Low-income Nonfilers, *John Guyton, Michael Sebastiani,* and *Brenda Schafer*, Internal Revenue Service, and *Dayanand Manoli*, University of Texas at Austin
- Preference Identification under Inconsistent Choice, *Jacob Goldin*, Stanford Law School, and *Daniel Reck*, University of Michigan
- Attention Variation and Welfare: Theory and Evidence from a Tax Salience Experiment, *Alex Rees-Jones*, University of Pennsylvania and *Dmitry Taubinsky*, Harvard University
- **Discussants:** Damon Jones, University of Chicago, Dmitry Taubinsky, Harvard University, and Jacob Goldin, Stanford University

#### GOVERNANCE AND TAXES LOCATION: WHITTIER ROOM

Session Chair: Andrew Bird, Carnegie Mellon University

- Analyst Monitoring, Information Asymmetry, and Tax Planning Activities: Evidence from a Natural Experiment, *Terry Shevlin*, University of California, Irvine
- Governance and Taxes: Evidence from Regression Discontinuity, Andrew Bird and Stephen Karolyi, Carnegie Mellon University
- Tax Avoidance and DuPont Measures of Future Performance, Sharon Katz, Columbia University and Andrew Schmidt, North Carolina State University
- **Discussants:** *Mihir Desai*, Harvard University and *Thomas Ruchti*, Carnegie Mellon University

# NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE TAXATION OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### LOCATION: WHITE HILL ROOM

Session Chairs: Kazuki Onji, Osaka University

- Comparing the New View of Dividend Taxation with the Lock-in Effect of Capital Gains Taxation, *David Weisbach*, University of Chicago
- Between Scylla and Charybdis: Taxing Corporations or Shareholders (or Both), *David Schizer*, Columbia Law School
- The Effect of Corporate Taxes on Incentives for Horizontal Mergers: Evidence from the 2003 Dividend Tax Reform, *Nathan Seegert*, University of Utah and *Christopher Stanton*, London School of Economics
- A Nation Without a Corporate Income Tax: Evidence from Century Japan, *Kazuki Onji*, Osaka University and *John Tang*, The Australian National University
- **Discussants:** *Alan Auerbach*, University of California, Berkeley and *Li Liu*, University of Oxford

#### TAXATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LOCATION: TREMONT ROOM

Session Chair: Nada Eissa, Georgetown University

- Technology, Enforcement, and Tax Compliance: Electronic Billing Machines in Rwanda, *Nada Eissa*, Georgetown University
- Social Recognition and Tax Compliance: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Bangladesh, *Raj Chetty*, Stanford University, *Ahmed Mobarak*, Yale University and, *Monica Singhal*, Harvard University and NBER
- Tax Farming Redux: Experimental Evidence on Performance Pay for Tax Collectors, *Asim Khwaja*, Harvard University, *Benjamin Olken*, MIT, and *Adnan Khan*, London School of Economics
- Consumers as Tax Auditors, *Joana Naritomi*, London School of Economics and Political Science
- **Discussant:** *Leonard Burman*, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center

LUNCHEON NOON – 1:30 PM GEORGIAN (W/ARLINGTON) ROOM

SPEAKER: James Poterba, Mitsui Professor of Economics at MIT and President and Chief Executive Officer, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:45 – 3:15 PM** 

#### **STATE GOVERNMENT POLICY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP** LOCATION: STUART ROOM

Session Chair: Mehmet Tosun, University of Nevada-Reno

Economic Freedom and Racial Differences in Entrepreneurship: Evidence from US States, *John Deskins* and *Amanda Ross*,

West Virginia University

- The Varied Effect of Different Types of Corruption on Entrepreneurial Activity, *Kanybek Nur-tegin*, Florida Atlantic University
- Business Entity Choice, Entrepreneurship, and State Tax Policy, *Elena Tchigiaeva, Mehmet Tosun* and *Sonja Pippin*, University of Nevada-Reno
- **Discussants:** Donald Bruce, University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Mehmet Tosun, University of Nevada-Reno

#### LOCAL PUBLIC FINANCE ABROAD

#### LOCATION: ST. JAMES ROOM

Session Chair: David Agrawal, University of Kentucky

Is Highway Access Good for the Tax Base?, *Raphael Parchet*, University of Lugano (USI) and *Stephan Fretz*, University of St. Galen

Inter-municipal Cooperation and Local Taxation: The Case of France, *Marie-Laure Breuille, INRA, Pascale Duran-Vigneron,* Université de Lorraine – BETA and *Anne-Laure Samson,* Universite Paris, Dauphine

- Does Fiscal Oversight Matter?, *Desiree Christofzik* and *Sebastian Kessing*, University of Siegen
- Changing the Climate for Banking: The Economic Effects of Credit in a Climate-Vulnerable Area, *Daniel Da Mata* and *Guilherme Resende*, Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA)
- **Discussants:** *Timothy Goodspeed*, Hunter College, CUNY and *Daniel Shoag*, Harvard University

#### PROPERTY TAXES AND PROPERTY VALUES LOCATION: STATLER ROOM

**Session Chair:** *David Merriman,* University of Illinois at Chicago The Dynamics of Housing Price and Land Price in Urban versus

- Rural Contexts, *Ping Zhang*, Fudan University
- What Determines the Level of Business Property Taxes?, David Merriman, University of Illinois
- Is Anybody Home? The Impact and Taxation of Non-resident Buyers, *Michael Suher*, New York University
- Does the Strength of Incentives Matter for Elected Officials? A Look at Tax Collectors, *Sutirtha Bagchi*, Villanova University
- **Discussants:** *Rishi Sharma*, University of Michigan, *Sutirtha Bagchi*, Villanova University, *Fan Fei*, University of Michigan, and *Sebastien Bradley*, Drexel University

#### TAXATION AND SOCIAL POLICY LOCATION: BOYLSTON ROOM

Session Chair: Benjamin Leff, American University

- Social Enterprise and the Law, *Dana Brakman Reiser* and *Steven Dean*, Brooklyn Law School
- Improperly Burdened: The Uncertain and Sometimes Unfair Application of Tax Penalties, *Del Wright, Jr.*, Valparaiso University Law School
- Can Sharing Be Taxed?, *Shu-Yi Oei*, Tulane Law School and *Diane Ring*, Boston College Law School, and *Diane Ring*, Boston College Law School

Tax Learning, Emily Satterthwaite, University of Toronto

**Discussants:** Benjamin Leff, American University and James Repetti, Boston College Law School

# CORPORATE TAX EVASION IN LATIN AMERICA

Session Chair: Dina Pomeranz, Harvard University

Not(ch) Your Average Tax System: Corporate Taxation in a Middle Income Country, *Pierre Bachas*, University of California, Berkeley, and *Mauricio Soto*, IMF

- Small Firms, Tax Regimes, and Presumptive Taxes in Chile: Tax Avoidance and Equity, *Claudio Agostini*, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez
- Evaluating Transfer Pricing Reforms: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Chile, *Sebastian Bustos* and *Dina Pomeranz*, Harvard University
- Taxation, Information, and Withholding: Evidence from Costa Rica, Anne Brockmeyer, World Bank, and Marco Hernandez

#### NEW PERSPECTIVES ON OPTIMAL TAX POLICY #2 LOCATION: NEWBURY ROOM

**Session Chair:** *Florian Scheuer*, Stanford University Complementarities in Labor Markets and Optimal Taxes, *Ali* 

Shourideh, University of Pennsylavnia The Taxation of Superstars, Florian Scheuer, Stanford University and Ivan Werning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Income Taxation with Frictional Labor Supply, *Nicolas Werquin*, Yale University

Optimal Taxation and R&D policies, *Stefanie Stantcheva*, University Harvard, *Ufuk Akcigit*, University of Pennsylvania, and *Douglas Hanley*, University of Pittsburgh

**Discussants:** *Nicolas Werquin*, Yale University and *Alan Auerbach*, University of California, Berkeley

**Discussants:** Joana Naritomi, London School of Economics and Francois Gerard, Columbia University

#### ELASTICITY OF TAXABLE INCOME #2 LOCATION: WHITTIER ROOM

Session Chair: Sebastian Siegloch, University of Mannheim

- The Elasticity of Taxable Income at the Very Top, *Katharina Jenderny*, Umeå University
- The Impact of State Taxes on Small Businesses: Evidence from the 2012 Kansas Income Tax Reform, *Jason DeBacker*, Middle Tennessee State University, *Bradley Heim*, Indiana University, *Shanthi Ramnath*, U.S. Department of the Treasury and *Justin Ross*, Indiana University
- Bunching in the Presence of Deduction Possibilities: Real and Reporting Responses of Wage Earners to a Rigid Kink, *Joerg Paetzold*
- **Discussants:** Seth Giertz, University of Texas at Dallas, and Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan

#### TAXATION AND HOUSEHOLD LABOR SUPPLY

#### LOCATION: WHITE HILL ROOM

**Session Chair:** *Dayanand Manoli*, University of Texas at Austin Women's Wages and Family Formation: Evidence from Admin-

- istrative Tax Data, *Norma Coe*, University of Washington, *Shanthi Ramnath* and *Patricia Tong*, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Can Removing the Tax Cap Save Social Security?, Shantanu Bagchi, Towson University
- SSDI & Spousal Labor Supply, *Dayanand Manoli*, University of Texas at Austin and *Shanthi Ramnath*, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Discussants:** Lesley Turner, University of Maryland, Damon Jones, University of Chicago, and Laura Kawano, U. S. Department of the Department

# TAX PREFERRED RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

#### LOCATION: TREMONT ROOM

- **Session Chair:** *Robert Weinberger*, Aspen Institute Initiative on Financial Security
- The Impact of Leakages from 401(k)s and IRAs, *Alicia Munnell*, Boston College and *Anthony Webb*, Boston College
- Tax-Free Savings Accounts: Who Uses Them and How?, Adam Lavecchia, University of Toronto and Michael Smart, University of Toronto
- Do Tax Incentives Increase 401(k) Saving? Evidence from the Adoption of Catch-up Contributions, *Matthew Rutledge* and *Francis Vitagliano*, Boston College, and *April Yanyuan Wu*, Mathematica Policy Research
- The Evolution of Retirement Wealth, *Alice Henriques, John Sabelhaus,* and *Sebastian Devlin-Foltz*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- **Discussants:** *Kevin Moore*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, *Joseph Rosenberg*, The Urban Institute, *Wojciech Kopczuk*, Columbia University

# LOCAL AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES TO FEDERAL SUBSIDIES

### LOCATION: BERKELEY/CLARENDON ROOM

Session Chair: Andrew Hayashi, University of Virginia

- Effects of the 2008 Federal Stimulus Payments on Tax Return Filings, *Andrew Hayashi*, University of Virginia
- The First-time Homebuyer Tax Incentives: Did They Work?, Amelia Biehl, University of Michigan-Flint
- Federal Tax Policy and Local Revenue Response, *David Coyne*, University of California, San Diego
- The Effect of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Initiative on Educational Outcomes, *Dongwoo Kim*, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

**Discussants:** *Gilbert Metcalf*, Tufts University, *David Rapport*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and *Warren Hrung*, Bank for International Settlements

🔅 COFFEE BREAK 3:15 – 3:30 PM 🛛 GEORGIAN FOYER

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 - 5:00 PM

#### FISCAL FEDERALISM AND FISCAL COMPETITION LOCATION: STATLER ROOM

Session Chair: William Hoyt, University of Kentucky

Economic Integration and Local Tax Mimicking, Axel von Schwerin and Carolin Holzmann, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

Demand for New Cities: Capitalization of Municipal Incorporation, *Carlianne Patrick*, Georgia State University and *Christopher Mothorpe*, College of Charleston

- Absorbing Shocks: The Role of Rainy Day Funds and Transfers in a Fiscal Union, *Timothy Goodspeed*, Hunter College, CUNY
- The Assignment and Division of the Tax Base in a System of Hierarchical Governments, *William Hoyt*, University of Kentucky
- **Discussants:** Raphael Parchet, University of Lugano (USI) and Robert Inman, University of Pennsylvania Wharton

#### SALES TAXES

LOCATION: BERKELEY/CLARENDON ROOM

Session Chair: Steven Sheffrin, Tulane University

- Sales Taxes in an e-Commerce Generation, *David Agrawal*, University of Kentucky and *William Fox*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- The Success of SNAP (Food Stamps) and the Desirability of Taxing Food, *Steven Sheffrin* and *Anna Johnson*, Tulane University
- How Accurate Are the IRS Sales Tax Look-up Tables? Evidence from Aggregate Collections, *Yulianti Abbas* and *Bradley Heim*, Indiana University
- Efficiency Gains from Comprehensive Sales Tax Reform, Andre Barbe, U.S. International Trade Commission and George Zodrow, Rice University
- **Discussants:** John Brooks, Georgetown University Law Center and Juan Carlos Suarez Serrato, Duke University

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#### BUILDING TAX ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY LOCATION: BOYLSTON ROOM

Session Chair: Francois Gerard, Columbia University

- Compliance Behavior in Networks: Evidence from a Field Experiment, *Christian Traxler*, Hertie School of Governance
- Tax Enforcement Capacity and Tax Revenues in Uganda, *Miguel Almunia*, University of Warwick, *Francois Gerard* and *Jonas Hjort*, Columbia University
- Rise of Employees and Growth in Tax Capacity, Anders Jensen, London School of Economics
- "Don't Blame the Messenger," A Field Experiment on Delivery instead of Message for Increasing Tax Compliance, *Carlos Scartascini*, Inter-American Development Bank
- **Discussants:** Claudio Agostini, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez and Sebastian Bustos, Harvard University

## FIRM TAXATION AND INVESTMENT

#### LOCATION: TREMONT ROOM

Session Chair: Dina Pomeranz, Harvard University

- Incorporation for Investment, *Li Liu* and *Michael Devereux*, University of Oxford
- The Impact of Tax Credits on SME Investment: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design in Chile, *Sebastian Bustos* and *Dina Pomeranz*, Harvard University
- Tax incentives and R&D: An Evaluation of the 2002 UK Reform Using Micro Data, *Irem Guceri*, University of Oxford
- Do Transfer Pricing Rules Distort R&D Investment Decisions?, *Tobias Bornemann*, Vienna University of Economics and Busin Incorporation for Investment
- **Discussants:** Eric Ohrn, Grinnel College and Molly Saunders-Scott, Congressional Budget Office

# TAXATION, CONSUMPTION, AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES

#### LOCATION: STUART ROOM

Session Chair: Michael Gelman, University of Michigan

- Cash on Hand and Demand for Credit, Can Cui, University of Texas at Austin
- The 2011 Payroll Tax Cut and Household Spending Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment, *Naveen Singhal*, Congressional Budget Office
- How Individuals Smooth Spending: Evidence from the 2013 Government Shutdown Using Account Data, *Michael Gelman*, *Matthew Shapiro* and *Dan Silverman*, University of Michigan, *Shachar Kariv* and *Steven Tadelis*, University of California, Berkeley
- **Discussants:** Jonathan Lanning, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Michael Gelman, University of Michigan, and Dimityr Taubinsky, Harvard University

#### TAXES, WAGES, AND WORK AT LOW INCOMES LOCATION: ST. JAMES ROOM

Session Chair: Dayanand Manoli, University of Texas at Austin

- Income Inequality, Tax Policy and Economic Growth, Siddhartha Biswas, Indrandeel Chanraborty and Rong Hai, University of Chicago
- The Impact of the HIRE Act on Unemployment, *Patricia Tong*, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- What Drove the Decline in Taxpaying?, *Bradley Heim*, Indiana University, and *Ithai Lurie and James Pearce* U.S. Department of the Treasury
- The Minimum Wage, Earned Income Tax Credit and Labor Supply, *Dayanand Manoli*, University of Texas at Austin, *Ankur Patel* and *Nicholas Turner*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

**Discussants:** Gerald Auten, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Ugo Troiana, University of Michigan, and Jeffrey Clemens, University of California at San Diego

#### THE LAW AND MACROECONOMICS OF FISCAL POLICY LOCATION: WHITE HILL ROOM

Session Chair: Yair Listokin, Yale University

- Stealth Fiscal Policy via the Income Tax Code, *Yair Listokin*, Yale University
- How Income Taxes Should Change during Recessions, *Zachary Liscow*, Yale University

The Constitution and Fiscal Politics: An Institutional Critique, *Peter Conti-Brown*, University of Pennsylvania

**Discussants:** Gabriel Shobe, Weil, Gotschal and Manges, LLP, Jacob Goldin, Stanford Law School, and Thomas Brennan, Harvard University

#### NEW APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENTAL ENERGY POLICY LOCATION: WHITTIER ROOM

Session Chair: David Schizer, Columbia University

- The Economic and Environmental Effect of China's Green Credit Policy on Polluting Firms, *Junxiu Sun*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Perception of Gasoline Taxes and Driver Cost: Implications for Highway Finance, *Ronald Fisher*, Michigan State University and *Robert Wassmer*, California State University, Sacramento
- Energy Taxes and Subsidies: Worthy Goals, Competing Priorities, and Flawed Institutional Design, *David Schizer*, Columbia Law School
- Does Market Power Allow Firms to Pass on More of the Tax Burden to Consumers? Evidence from Gasoline Tax Reforms in Austria, *Clemens Fuest, Dominik Schober,* and *Oliver Woll,* Center for European Economic Research (ZEW)

Discussants: David Weisbach, University of Chicago and TBA

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#### INTERNATIONAL TAXATION, LOCKOUT, AND JURISDICTIONAL COMPETITION LOCATION: BEACON HILL ROOM

Session Chair: Fadi Shaheen, Rutgers University-Newark

Manufactured Arbitrage: An Exploratory Analysis of State Administration of International Tax Avoidance, *Omri Marian*, University of California, Irvine School of Law

- Foreign or Domestic Tax Havens: The Location Decision for Intangible Property by U.S. Firms, *Brad Lindsey*, North Carolina State University and *Wendy Wilson*, Texas Christian University
- Unknown Beneficial Owners: Tax Treaty Shopping with Incomplete Information, *Sunghoon Hong*, Korea Institute of Public Finance
- Understanding Lockout, *Fadi Shaheen*, Rutgers University-Newark **Discussants:** *Diane Ring*, Boston College Law School and *Harry*

*Grubert*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

# FRONTIERS OF PUBLIC FINANCE: 2015 NTA OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AWARD WINNERS

LOCATION: NEWBURY ROOM

**Session Chair:** *Monica Singhal*, Harvard University and NBER Essays on Retirement, Savings and Health, *Itzik Fadlon*, Harvard University

Essays in Policy Evaluation, *Patrick Button*, University of California, Irvine

Discussants: TBD

#### GENERAL SESSION 5:00 - 6:00 PM TERRACE ROOM

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, Alan Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: DISSERTATION AWARD, RICHARD MUSGRAVE PRIZE, and REFEREE OF THE YEAR AWARD

RECEPTION 6:15 - 7:15 PM STATLER ROOM In Honor of John Mikesell, 2015 Steven D. Gold Award Recipient

## **G** FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

## LOCAL RESPONSES TO TAXES

#### LOCATION: CAMBRIDGE ROOM

Session Chair: Heather Stephens, West Virginia University Do Federal Incentive Programs Increase Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Economically Disadvantaged Areas?,

- Kaitlyn Harger, and Amanda Ross, West Virginia University and Heather Stephens, West Virginia University
- Do Tax Breaks for the Elderly Promote Economic Growth?, *Ben Brewer* and *Karen Conway*, University of New Hampshire and *Jonathan Rork*, Reed College
- Shops and the City: Evidence on Local Externalities and Local Government Policy from Big-box Bankruptcies, *Daniel Shoag*, Harvard University and *Stan Veuger*, American Enterprise Institute
- Responsiveness of Income to Local Income Taxes: Evidence from Indiana, *Bradley Heim* and *Kate Yang*, Indiana University
- **Discussants:** *Daniel Wilson*, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and *Sebastian Siegloch*, University of Mannheim

#### THE EFFECTS OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE LOCATION: BEACON HILL ROOM

Session Chair: Sarah Miller, University of Michigan

Childhood Medicaid Coverage and Later Life Health Care Utilization, *Sarah Miller*, University of Michigan

- Optimal Guidelines and Physician Decision-making, *Jason Abaluck*, Yale University, *Leila Agha*, Boston University and *David Chan*, Stanford University
- Patient Cost-sharing and Health Care Utilization in Early Childhood: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design, *Tzu-Ting Yang*, Academia Sinica, *Hsing-Wen Han*, Tamkang University, and *Hsien-Ming Lien*, National Chengchi University
- **Discussants:** Jason Abaluck, Yale University, Adam Sacarny, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Timothy Layton, Harvard Medical School

#### TAX LAW AND TAX POLICY

#### LOCATION: BERKELEY/CLARENDON ROOM

Session Chair: John Brooks, Georgetown University Law Center Choosing between the Estate Tax and Basis Carryover Regime of 2010, Robert Gordon, Twenty-first Securities, David

*Joulfaian*, U.S. Department of the Treasury and *James Poterba*, MIT and NBER

- Treasury's Retroactivity, Kristin Hickman, University of Minnesota Law School
- The Limited Liability Tax, *Michael Simkovic*, Fordham University School of Law and Seton Hall University School of Law
- The Definitions of Income, *John Brooks*, Georgetown University Law Center
- **Discussants:** David Hasen, University of Colorado, Michael Simkovic, Fordham University and Seton Hall University Law School, and Mirit Eyal-Cohen, University of Alabama

## FOREIGN CASH AND EARNINGS

#### LOCATION: BOYLSTON ROOM

- Session Chair: Petro Lisowsky, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Implicit Taxes of U.S. Domestic and Multinational Firms over the Past Quarter-Century, *James Chyz, LeAnn Luna* and *Hanna Smith*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Income Shifting under Losses, Arnt Ove Hopland, Norwegian School of Economics, Petro Lisowsky, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Mohammed Mardan, ETH Zurich, and Dirk Schindler, Norwegian School of Economics
- Do Foreign Cash Holdings Influence the Cost of Debt? *Dan Dhaliwal, Matthew Erickson, Nathan Goldman,* University of Arizona, and *Linda Krull*, University of Oregon
- Are Firms Stockpiling Foreign Earnings?, Margot Howard, College of William and Mary
- **Discussants:** Andrew Bird, Carnegie Mellon University and Sonja Rego, Indiana University



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## **CLEAN ENERGY TAX POLICY**

#### LOCATION: NEWBURY ROOM

Session Chair: Joseph Aldy, Harvard University

- The Implications of Heterogeneity for the Regulation of Energy-Consuming Durable Goods, *Christopher Knittel*, MIT
- Offsetting Carbon Tax Burdens on Low-income Households through EITC Expansions, *Aparna Mathur*, American Enterprise Institute and *Adele Morris*, Brookings Institution
- Protecting U.S. Manufacturing Competitiveness under a Carbon Tax: Policy Design Options and Impacts of a Border Tax Adjustment, John Agan and Joseph Aldy and Wesley Look, Harvard University and Gilbert Metcalf, Tufts University
- Capital versus Output Subsidies: Implications of Alternative Incentives for Wind Investment, *Joseph Aldy and Todd Gerarden and Richard Sweeney*, Harvard University
- **Discussants:** *Richard Sweeney*, Boston College and *Kelsey Jack*, Tufts University

#### INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE TAX POLICY LOCATION: TREMONT ROOM

Session Chair: Kimberly Clausing, Reed College

- Destination-Based Cash-Flow Taxation: A Critical Appraisal, *Wei Cui*, University of British Columbia
- Corporate Tax Incidence with Excess Profits, *Jennifer Gravelle*, Congressional Budget Office
- Shifting the Burden of Taxation from the Corporate to the Personal Level and Getting the Corporate Tax Rate Down to 15 Percent, *Harry Grubert*, U.S. Department of the Treasury and *Rosanne Altshuler*, Rutgers University
- The Crossroads versus the Seesaw: Getting a "Fix" on Recent International Tax Policy Developments, *Daniel Shaviro*, NYU School of Law
- **Discussants:** Alan Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley and Stephen Shay, Harvard Law School

#### U.S. WEALTH INEQUALITY MEASUREMENT LOCATION: WHITTIER ROOM

- Session Chair: Emmanuel Saez, University of California Berkeley
- Wealth Inequality in the United States since 1913: Evidence from Capitalized Income Tax Data, *Emmanuel Saez*, University of California Berkeley and *Gabriel Zucman*, London School of Economics
- Measuring Income and Wealth at the Top Using Administrative and Survey Data, *Jesse Bricker, Alice Henriques, Jacob Krimmel* and *John Sabelhaus*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- What Do We Know about the Evolution of Top Wealth Shares in the United States? *Wojciech Kopczuk*, Columbia University
- A New Look at Personal Wealth: Leveraging New Data on the Longevity of High Wealth Individuals, *Brian Raub and Barry Johnson*, Internal Revenue Service
- **Discussants:** *Wojciech Kopczuk*, Columbia University, *Brian Raub*, Internal Revenue Service, *John Sabelhaus*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and *Emmanuel Saez*, University of California, Berkeley

#### STATE BUSINESS TAXATION

#### LOCATION: WHITE HILL ROOM

Session Chair: David Merriman, University of Illinois, Chicago

- State Taxation and the Reallocation of Business Activity: Evidence from Establishment-Level Data, *Xavier Giroud*, MIT and *Joshua Rauh*, Stanford University
- To Cut or Not to Cut? On the Impact of Corporate Taxes on Employment and Income, *Alexander Ljungqvist*, New York University, and *Michael Smolyansky*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- State Taxes and Spatial Misallocation, *Pablo Fajgelbaum*, UCLA, *Eduardo Morales*, Princeton University, *Juan Carlos Suarez Serrato*, Duke University and *Owen Zidar*, University of Chicago
- Investment and Employment Responses to State Adoption of Federal Accelerated Depreciation Policies, *Eric Ohrn*, Grinnell College
- **Discussants:** David Merriman, University of Illinois, Chicago and *Xavier Giroud*, MIT

#### NEW PERSPECTIVES ON OPTIMAL TAX POLICY #3 LOCATION: STUART ROOM

Session Chair: Matthew Weinzierl, Harvard University

- Popular Acceptance of Morally Arbitrary Luck and Widespread Support for Classical Benefit-Based Taxation, *Matthew Weinzierl*, Harvard University
- Well-being Poverty and Labor Income Taxation, *Francois Maniquet* and *Dirk Neumann*, CORE, Université Catholique de Louvain
- Jointly Optimal Income Taxes for Different Types of Income, Johannes Hermle, University of Bonn and Andreas Peichl, University of Mannheim
- Screening with Endogenous Preferences, *Lizi Chen*, MIT and *Casey Rothschild*, Wellesley College
- **Discussants:** Stefanie Stantcheva and Matthew Weinzierl, Harvard University

## **DESIGN OF THE EITC**

#### LOCATION: ST JAMES ROOM

Session Chairs: Stephen Holt, HoltSolutions

- Getting Ahead Versus Getting By with the Earned Income Tax Credit, Sarah Halpern-Meekin, University of Wisconsin, Laura Tach, Cornell University and Kathryn Edin, Johns Hopkins University
- Alternatives to the Lump Sum: New Developments in Crafting an EITC Periodic Payment Option, *Stephen Holt*, HoltSolutions
- Reimagining the Earned Income Tax Credit An Evaluation of the Chicago Earned Income Tax Credit Periodic Payment Pilot, *Ruby Mendenhall*, University of Illinois at Urbana– Champaign

Are In-work Tax Credits Effective in the Presence of Generous Public Assistance? Evidence from the 1975 Earned Income Tax Credit, *Jacob Bastian*, University of Michigan

**Discussant:** Dylan Bellisle, University of Chicago, and Samara Gunter, Colby College

🔅 COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:15 AM 🛛 GEORGIAN FOYER

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 – 11:45 AM**

#### LOCAL PUBLIC FINANCE

#### LOCATION: STUART ROOM

Session Chair: François Vaillancourt, Université de Montréal

- The Effect of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on Voluntary Contributions to Public Schools, *Ashlyn Nelson*, Indiana University
- Incidence, Optimal Use, and Rationale of Place-based Job Creation Programs, *Sachiko Kazekami*, Chukyo University
- Local Government Fiscal Deficit and Strategic Public Asset Management in Developing Countries: Evidence from China, *G. Nathan Dong* and *Zigan Wang*, Columbia University
- Incidence of Taxes and Government Expenditures at the Subnational Level; Evidence for Quebec in 2007, *François Vaillancourt*, Université de Montréal
- **Discussants:** François Vaillancourt, Université de Montréal, Enda Hargaden and Daniel Reck, University of Michigan, and Andrew Hayashi, University of Virginia

# LAW AND ECONOMICS OF TAX RULES

#### LOCATION: CAMBRIDGE ROOM

- Session Chair: David Walker, Boston University
- Beyond Head of Household: Rethinking the Taxation of Single Parents, *Jacob Goldin*, Stanford Law School and *Zachary Liscow*, Yale University
- Revisiting the Taxation of Fringe Benefits, *Jay Soled*, Rutgers University and *Kathleen Thomas*, University of North Carolina School of Law
- Googling a Free Lunch: The Taxation of Fringe Benefits, *Yehonatan Givati*, Hebrew University
- Rational Decisions under Legal Uncertainty, *Alex Raskolnikov*, Columbia University
- **Discussants:** Alex Raskolnikov, Columbia University, David Walker, Boston University, Jacob Goldin, Stanford Law School, and Conor Clarke, Yale University

#### FISCAL RULES, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY LOCATION: BEACON HILL ROOM

- Session Chair: Bo Zhao, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Transparency in Public Debt Disclosure under GASB 44: An Empirical Analysis of Discrepancy in Reported U.S. State Debt, Bo Zhao, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and Wen Wang, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis
- Do Troubled Times Invite Cloudy Budget Reporting? The Determinants of General Fund Expenditure Share in U.S. States, Nancy Hudspeth, California State University Stanislaus, David Merriman, Richard Dye and Andrew Crosby, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Consequences of State Balanced Budget Restrictions: Fiscal Constraints or Accounting Manipulations?, Anna Costello, Reining Petacchi and Joseph Weber, MIT
- New Indicators of Fiscal Transparency: A Database Derived from Government Finance Statistics, *Rachel Wang*, IMF
- **Discussants:** Justin Ross, Indiana University, and James Alt, Harvard University

#### POLICYMAKING IN THE FACE OF UNCERTAINTY LOCATION: BERKELEY/CLARENDON ROOM

Session Chair: David Kamin, New York University

In Good Times and Bad: Designing Legislation That Responds to Fiscal Uncertainty, *David Kamin*, New York University

Fiscal Uncertainty and How to Deal with It, *Alan Auerbach*, University of California, Berkeley

Political Uncertainty in the Law, Jason Oh, UCLA School of Law

- The Uncertainty of Long-Term Budget Projections, *Benjamin Page*, Congressional Budget Office
- **Discussants:** Daniel Shaviro, New York University and Donald Marron, The Urban Institute

#### **MEASURING INEQUALITY**

#### LOCATION: BOYLSTON ROOM

- Session Chair: Gerald Auten, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Changes in the Distribution of After-tax Wealth: Has Income Tax Policy Increased Wealth Inequality?, *Kevin Moore*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors and *Adam Looney*, Brookings Institution
- Use and Misuse of Tax Data to Measure Income Inequality and Mobility, *Gerald Auten*, U.S. Department of the Treasury, *David Splinter*, Joint Committee on Taxation, and *Joseph Sullivan*, Harvard Law School
- Family Income Inequality Dynamics in the United States 1967-2007: Disentangling Impacts of Earnings Correlation, Joint Labor Supply and Assortative Mating, *Koen Decancq*, University of Antwerp, *Andreas Peichl*, University of Mannheim and *Philppe Van Kerm*, Luxemberg Institute of Socio-Economic Research
- **Discussants:** Alice Henriques and John Sabelhaus, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and Ricardo Perez-Truglia, Microsoft Research

#### TOPICS IN SCHOOL FINANCE LOCATION: TREMONT ROOM

Session Chair: Eric Brunner, University of Connecticut Fiscal Centralization, School District Employment, and

- Property Values, *John Foster*, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville and *Eugenia Toma*, University of Kentucky
- The Impact of Immigrant Inflows on Public Education Spending, *Qinping Feng*, University of Illinois at Urbana– Champaign
- How Do School Districts Respond to Statewide Finance Reform? Evidence from Pennsylvania, *Matthew Steinberg*, University of Pennsylvania
- The Impact of Local Option Sales Taxes on School Infrastructure Spending and Long-term Debt: Evidence from Georgia, *Eric Brunner* and *David Schwegman*, University of Connecticut
- Discussants: Kim Rueben, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center and John Mikesell, Indiana University

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## PROBLEMS WITH POOLS: CROSS-SUBSIDIES, UNIVERSAL SERVICE, AND POLITICAL ECONOMY

Session Chair: Brian Galle, Georgetown University Law Center

- When Are Cross-subsidies Efficient?, *John Brooks* and *Brian Galle*, Georgetown University Law Center
- Price Subsidies, Social Insurance, and the Design of Redistributive Policies, *Helmuth Cremer*, University of Toulouse
- Using Participant Behavior to Measure the Value of Social Programs: The Case of Medicaid, *Trevor Gallen*, University of Chicago

**Discussants:** *Itzik Fadlon,* Harvard University, *Louis Kaplow,* Harvard University, and *Keith Ericson,* Boston University

# NEW EVIDENCE ON TAX POLICY FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

#### LOCATION: WHITTIER ROOM

Session Chair: John Friedman, Brown University and NBER

- Behavioral Responses to Taxation: Preliminary Evidence from the 2013 Tax Increase, *Emmanuel Saez*, University of California, Berkeley
- How Sensitive Are Taxpayers to Marginal Tax Rates? Evidence from Income Bunching in the United States, *Andrew Whitten* and *Jacob Mortenson* Georgetown University & Joint Committee on Taxation
- The Impact of Income Volatility on Measured Cross-section Inequality, *Michael Parisi*, Internal Revenue Service, *John Sabelhaus*, and *Jeffrey Thompson*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- Who Panicked During the Crash of 2008-9? Evidence from Tax Return Data on Daily Sales of Stock, *Jeffrey Hoopes*, The Ohio State University, *Patrick Langetieg*, Internal Revenue Service, *Stefan Nagel, Daniel Reck, Joel Slemrod*, and *Bryan Stuart*, University of Michigan

Discussant: John Friedman, Brown University and NBER

#### TAX COMPLIANCE

#### LOCATION: ST. JAMES ROOM

- **Session Chair:** *Yulia Paramonova*, National Research University Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg
- How Taxing Is Tax Filing? Leaving Money on the Table because of Compliance Costs, *Youssef Benzarti*, University of California, Berkeley
- Collateral Tax Sanctions: A Way to Correlate Punishment with Ability, *Yulia Paramonova*, National Research University Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg
- The Use of Field Experiments to Increase Tax Compliance, *Michael Hallsworth*, Imperial College London
- **Discussants:** *Miguel Almunia,* University of Warwick, *Mark Phillips,* University of Southern California, and *Carlos Scartascini,* Inter-American Development Bank

#### NTA: THE NEXT GENERATION LOCATION: NEWBURY ROOM

**Session Chair:** *Carlianne Patrick*, Georgia State University

- Federal Matching Grants for State-Provided Adoption Assistance and Adoption from Foster Care, *Margaret O'Rourke*, Michigan State University
- The Incidence of Consumption Taxes on Workers, Firm Owners and Consumers: Evidence from a VAT Reform in France, *Dorian Carloni*, University of California, Berkeley
- The Effect of State and Federal Mental Health Parity Laws on Working Time, *Jinqi Ye*, Syracuse University
- Impacts of ACA Medicaid Expansions, *Monica Bhole* and *Vilsa Curto*, Stanford University

**Discussants:** Heather Stephens, West Virginia University, Tuomas Kosonen, VATT, Government Institute for Economic Research, Jeffrey Clemens, University of California at San Diego, and Marika Cabral, University of Texas at Austin

#### LUNCHEON NOON – 1:30 PM GEORGIAN (W/ARLINGTON) ROOM Speaker: Martin Feldstein, George F. Baker Professor of Economics at Harvard University and President Emeritus, NBER

#### GENERAL SESSION 1:45 - 3:15 PM TERRACE ROOM

**Organizers:** John Friedman, Brown University and NBER, and Emmanuel Saez, University of California Berkeley and NBER

Participants: Raj Chetty, Stanford University and NBER, Martin Feldstein, Harvard University and NBER, Barry Johnson, Internal Revenue Service-SOI, and Mark Mazur, Department of the Treasury

#### THE FUTURE OF USING ADMINISTRATIVE DATA FOR RESEARCH (Panel Discussion)

Session Chair: John Friedman, Brown University and NBER

- SCOFFEE BREAK 3:15 3:30 PM TERRACE ROOM
- GENERAL SESSION 3:30 5:00 PM TERRACE ROOM

Session Chair: David Weisbach, University of Chicago Presentations: Alan Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley, Alvin Warren, Harvard Law School, Edward McCaffery, University of Southern California, and David Weisbach, University of Chicago

In Honor of William D. Andrews, Eli Goldston Professor of Law, Emeritus, Harvard Law School, 2015 Holland Award Recipient

#### RECEPTION – 5:15 – 6:15 PM STATLER ROOM

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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:30 - 10:00 AM**

#### VOLATILITY

#### LOCATION: ARLINGTON ROOM

Session Chair: Howard Chernick, Hunter College, CUNY

- Income Taxes, Consumption Taxes, and State Tax Volatility: The Case of the Great Recession, *Howard Chernick*, Hunter College, CUNY
- Examining the Impact of Tax Revenue Volatility on Municipal Financial Slack Accumulation, *Min Su* and *Bart Hildreth*, Georgia State University
- Investments and Maintenance: Easy Targets When Governments Cut Budgets?, *Lars-Erik Borge*, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Form of Government and Spending in the Great Recession, *Evgenia Gorina*, University of Texas at Dallas
- **Discussants:** Nathan Seegert, University of Utah and David Coyne, UCSD

#### **MEDICARE POLICY**

#### LOCATION: STUART ROOM

- **Session Chair:** *Marika Cabral,* University of Texas at Austin Does Privatized Health Insurance Benefit Patients or Producers? Evidence from Medicare Advantage, *Marika*
- Cabral and Michael Geruso, University of Texas at Austin and Neale Mahoney, University of Chicago
- Upcoding or Selection? Evidence from Medicare on Squishy Risk Adjustment, *Michael Geruso*, University of Texas at Austin and *Timothy Layton*, Harvard Medical School
- Did Medicare Part D Reduce Mortality?, Julian Reif, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
- **Discussants:** Sarah Miller, University of Michigan, Julian Reif, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Jeffrey Clemens, University of California at San Diego

# TAX POLICY WITH "BEHAVIORAL" AGENTS: THEORY AND EVIDENCE

#### LOCATION: BERKELEY AND CLARENDON ROOM

Session Chair: Ilyana Kuziemko, Princeton University

- Government Policy and Labor Supply with Myopic or Targeted Savings Decisions, *Louis Kaplow*, Harvard University
- Passive Saving Over the Life Cycle, *Nick Fabrin Nielsen*, U of Copenhagen, and *Daniel Reck*, University of Michigan
- Timing is Money: Does Lump-sum Payment of Tax Credits Induce High-cost Borrowing?, *Katherine Michelmore*, University of Michigan
- Regressive Sin Taxes, *Benjamin Lockwood* and *Dimitry Taubinsky*, Harvard University

Discussant: Stefanie Stancheva, Harvard University

# FISCAL FEDERALISM, MULTILATERALISM, AND TAX LAW DESIGN

#### LOCATION: CAMBRIDGE ROOM

Session Chair: Daniel Shaviro, New York University

- Federal Collection of State Individual Income Taxes, *Daniel Schaffa*, University of Michigan
- Corrective Progressivity, *Eric Kades*, William and Mary Law School
- Fiscal Federalism from the Subnational Government Perspective: Tax Reform for the U.S. States, *David Gamage*, University of California, Berkeley and *Darien Shanske*, University of California, Hastings College of Law
- The New International Tax Diplomacy, *Itai Grinberg*, Georgetown Law
- **Discussants:** Brian Galle, Georgetown University Law Center and Daniel Shaviro, New York University

#### INTERNATIONAL TAX POLICY, REFORM, AND INNOVATION LOCATION: BOYLSTON ROOM

Session Chair: Kevin Markle, University of Iowa

- Territorial Tax Reforms, Tax Sparing Agreements, and Foreign Direct Investment, *Celine Azemar*, University of Glasgow and *Dhammika Dharmapala*, University of Chicago
- Cross-Country Evidence on the Preliminary Effects of Patent Box Regimes on Patent Activity and Ownership, *Sebastien Bradley*, Drexel University, *Estelle Dauchy*, New Economic School, and *Leslie Robinson*, Dartmouth College
- International R&D Sourcing and Knowledge Spillover: Evidence from OECD Patent Owners, *Sophia Chen*, IMF and *Estelle Dauchy*, New Economic School
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#### **GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE THROUGH DIRECT PARTICIPATION** LOCATION: ST. JAMES ROOM

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- Estimating the Effect of Potential Entry on Market Outcomes Using a Licensure Threshold, *Sarah Moshary*, eBay and University of Pennsylvania, and *Gaston Illanes*, MIT
- How do Hospitals Respond to Financial Pain?, *Lori Timmins*, Mathematica
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#### TAX FORMS, PUBLICATIONS, AND COMPLIANCE LOCATION: NEWBURY ROOM

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- Administrative Simplifications and the Tax Law, *Leigh Osofsky*, University of Miami and *Joshua Blank*, NYU School of Law
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- **Discussants:** Larry Zelenak, Duke University School of Law and Kristin Hickman, University of Minnesota Law School

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:15 – 11:45 AM**

#### SOCIAL INSURANCE

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Session Chair: Michael Gideon, U.S. Census Bureau

Household Responses to Severe Health Shocks and the Design of Social Insurance, *Itzik Fadlon*, Harvard University

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- Long-term Care Insurance and the Family, *Corina Mommaerts*, Yale University
- Interstate Differences in Pension Vesting Rules, K-12 Teacher Experience, and Teacher Exit, *Leslie Papke* and *Daniel Litwok*, Michigan State University
- **Discussants:** *Kevin Mumford*, Purdue University, *Nadia Karamcheva*, Urban Institute, and *Trevor Gallen*, University of Chicago

### EFFECTS OF EDUCATION FINANCE POLICIES: NEW EVIDENCE FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

#### LOCATION: WHITTIER ROOM

Session Chair: John Friedman, Brown University and NBER

- The Effects of the Tax Deduction for Postsecondary Tuition: Implications for Structuring Tax-Based Aid, *Caroline Hoxby*, Stanford University and *George Bulman*, University of California, Santa Clara
- The Long-Run Effects of Merit Aid: Evidence from the Cal-Grant, *Eric Bettinger*, *Oded Gurantz*, Stanford University, *Laura Kawano*, U.S. Department of the Treasury, and *Bruce Sacerdote*, Dartmouth College
- Tax Knowledge and College: Do IRS Reminders Affect Tax-Based Aid Use?, John Guyton, Brenda Schafer, and Michael Sebastiani, Internal Revenue Service, Day Manoli, UT-Austin, and Nicholas Turner, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Discussant: David Deming, Harvard University

#### ACCOUNTING RESEARCH AND POLITICAL ECONOMY LOCATION: WHITE HALL ROOM

- Session Chair: Petro Lisowsky, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Can Revenue Authorities Constrain Tax-induced Income Shifting in A Politically Controlled Economy?, *Kenny Lin* and *Yongbo Li*, Lingnan University, *Lillian Mills*, University of Texas at Austin, and *Fang Zhang*, Hong Kong Baptist University
- The Political Economy of Corporate Tax Avoidance, *Qiao Liu* and *Wei Luo*, Peking University, and *Pingui Rao*, Jinan University
- The Role of Political Connections in Mitigating Political Uncertainty: Evidence from Firm Specific Investment, *Laura Wellman*, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Determinants and Economic Consequences of Firm Participation at Policy-related Congressional Hearings, *Vishal Baloria*, Boston College
- **Discussants:** Edmund Outslay, Michigan State University and John Barrick, Brigham Young University

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#### INCOME RESPONSES TO HEALTH COVERAGE

LOCATION: CAMBRIDGE ROOM

- Session Chair: Jeffrey Clemens, University of California, San Diego
- What Costs Come with the Safety Net's Complexity? Evidence from the Medicaid Notch and the Minimum Wage, *Jeffrey Clemens* and *Michael Wither*, University of California, San Diego

Earnings Responses to Incentives in the Affordable Care Act: Evidence from Tax Data, *Bradley Heim*, Indiana University, *Gillian Hunter, Adam Isen, Ithai Luri* and *Shanthi Ramnath*, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Medicaid or Subsidized Commercial Insurance? Evidence from Income Manipulation around the ACA Medicaid Expansion's Eligibility Thresholds, *Keith Ericson*, Boston University

**Discussants:** Marika Cabral, University of Texas at Austin, Keith Ericson, Boston University, and Adam Isen, U.S. Department of the Treasury

#### ASSESSING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF LESSONS FROM AND FOR PUBLIC FINANCE

#### LOCATION: WHITTIER ROOM

**Session Chair:** *Brian Galle*, Georgetown University Law Center Roundtable: Assessing the Affordable Care Act: Lessons from

and for Public Finance, *Katherine Baicker*, Harvard University, and *Casey Mulligan*, University of Chicago

Discussant: David Gamage, University of California, Berkeley

#### ATTITUDES TOWARD TAX PAYMENT AND POLICY LOCATION: BOYLSTON ROOM

#### Session Chair: Raymond Fisman, Boston University

Tax Aversion in Labor Supply, *Judd Kessler*, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

- Distributional Preferences and Political Behavior, *Raymond Fisman*, Boston University
- Should Internalities Be Taxed Like Externalities?, *Donald Marron*, Urban Institute
- Discussants: Brigitte Madrian, Harvard University

#### **INTERNATIONAL TAX PLANNING** LOCATION: STUART ROOM

Session Chair: Susan Morse, University of Texas School of Law

- The Importance of Aggressive Tax Planning to the Diversion of Corporate Resources: Evidence from Chinese Public Firms, Andrew Bauer, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, Junxiong Fang, Fudan University, Jeffrey Pittman, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Yinqi Zhang, American University and Yuping Zhao, University of Houston
- Taxes, Investors, and Managers: Exploring the Taxation of Foreign Investors in U.S. REITs, *Margot Howard*, College of William and Mary, Katherine *Pancak*, University of Connecticut and *Douglas Shackelford*, University of North Carolina

Tax Savings for U.S.-Centered Multinationals with Non-U.S. Incorporation Locations, *Eric Allen*, University of Southern California and *Susan Morse*, University of Texas School of Law

**Discussants:** Eric Ohrn, Grinnel College, Lillian Mills, University of Texas at Austin, and Jeri Seidman, University of Texas

# INTERNATIONAL PROFIT-SHIFTING AND ORGANIZATION PLANNING

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- What Happens to Taxable Income when Firms Become Multinationals? Profit-shifting and Unobserved Firm Specific Effects, *Arnt Hopland*, Norwegian School of Economics (NHH)
- Exploring the Composition of the Cost of Profit Shifting, *Molly Saunders-Scott*, Congressional Budget Office
- Corporate Organization in the Wake of the Homeland Reinvestment Act of 2004: A Longer Term Perspective, *Tim Dowd*, *Paul Landefeld* and *Anne Moore*, Joint Committee on Taxation
- Corporate Tax Havens and Shareholder Value, *Stefan Zeume*, University of Michigan
- **Discussants:** Christine Dobridge, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and Leslie Robinson, Dartmouth College

#### **INCIDENCE OF FIRM TAXES**

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- **Session Chair:** *Clemens Fuest,* Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)
- Cigarette Taxes and Producer Surplus, *Kyle Rozema*, Northwestern University School of Law
- The Incidence of Corporate Income Tax on Wages in Canada, 1997-2013, *François Vaillancourt*, Université de Montréal
- Does Ownership Affect the Impact of Taxes on Firm Behavior? Evidence from China, *Clemens Fuest*, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)
- Firm Types and Heterogeneous Consumption-tax Incidence, Jarkko Harju and Tuomas Kosonen, VATT, Government Institute for Economic Research and Oskar Skans, Uppsala University
- **Discussants:** *Helmuth Cremer*, University of Toulouse, and *Aparna Mather*, American Enterprise Institute

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

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- Session Chair: Kim Rueben, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Financing Higher Education When Students and Graduates Are Internationally Mobile, Marcel Gérard, Université Catholique de Louvain and Silke Uebelmesser, University of Jena
- "Pay It Forward" and Higher Education Subsidies: A Theoretical Model, *Jennifer Delaney* and *Dhammika Dharmapala*, University of Chicago
- Income Based Payment for Higher Education, *Benjamin Leff*, American University
- Improving the Labor Market Outcomes of US Veterans: The Long-run Effect of the Transition Assistance Program, *Xiaoxue Li*, University of New Mexico
- **Discussants:** Caroline Hoxby, Stanford University and Katherine Michelmore, University of Michigan

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

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Session Chair: Sita Slavov, George Mason University

- Does Social Security Continue to Favor Couples?, *Nadia Karamcheva* (CBO), *April Yanyan Wu* (Mathematica), and *Alicia Munnell* (Boston College)
- The Financial Feasibility of Delaying Social Security: Evidence from Administrative Tax Data, *Gopi Goda* and *John Shoven*, Stanford University, *Shanthi Ramnath*, U.S. Department of the Treasury and *Sita Slavov*, George Mason University
- Extensive Margin Responses at Kink Points: Evidence from the Social Security Earnings Test, *Damon Jones*, University of Chicago
- **Discussants:** Matthew Rutledge, Boston College and Dmitry Taubinsky, Harvard University

#### **TAXATION, WORK, AND FAMILIES**

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Session Chair: Nada Eissa, Georgetown University

Does the Income Tax Cause Parents to Spend Too Much Time With Their Children?, *Theodore Seto*, Loyola Marymount University

- Fertility Response Heterogeneity to the Tax Treatment of Children, *Kevin Mumford*, Purdue University
- Using Administrative Tax Data to Estimate Work Participation and Earnings Elasticities of Married Couples, *Emily Lin* and *Patricia Tong*, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Discussants:** Nada Eissa, Georgetown University and Sara LaLumia, Williams College

#### TAX AVOIDANCE AND TAX RISK LOCATION: ARLINGTON ROOM

- Session Chair: Petro Lisowsky, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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- The Effect of Director and Officer Legal Background on Income Tax Risk and Reporting, *Lisa De Simone*, Stanford University and *Bridget Stomberg*, University of Georgia
- Tax Avoidance and Ex Ante Cost of Capital, *Kirsten Cook*, Texas Tech University, *William Moser*, Miami University and *Tom Omer*, University of Nebraska
- **Discussants:** Jaron Wilde, University of Iowa, Justin Hopkins, University of Virginia, and Stephanie Sikes, University of Pennsylvania

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