

What do we know?

MOVING FORWARD WITH TAX REFORM

What do we need to know?

**42nd Annual Spring Symposium
10th Annual State-Local Tax Program
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REGISTRATION - Columbia Foyer
Thursday, May 17, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday, May 18, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

All sessions will meet in the **COLUMBIA BALLROOM**

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THURSDAY, May 17

8:45 – 9:00 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Janet McCubbin, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of Treasury

9:00 – 10:30 AM

The Policymaking Horizon: A Roundtable Discussion

Moderator: *Matthew N. Murray, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and President, National Tax Association*

Panelists: *Lily Batchelder, U.S. Senate Committee on Finance*

George Callas, U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means

Jason Furman, National Economic Council

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum

10:30 – 10:45 AM BREAK

10:45 – 12:15 PM

Who Bears the Tax Burden? Who Should?

Moderator: *Laura Kawano, U.S. Department of Treasury*

Edward Harris and Frank Sammartino, U.S. Congressional Budget Office—Trends in the Distribution of Household Income Between 1979 and 2007

Julie-Anne Cronin and Emily Lin, U.S. Department of Treasury—Should Distribution Tables Adjust for Family Size? Does It Matter When Considering Tax Reform?

Scott Winship, Brookings Institution—How Much Mobility? Impact of Taxes, Fertility Differentials, and Reference Populations

Discussants: *Thomas Hungerford, U.S. Congressional Research Service*

David Kamin, New York University School of Law

12:30 – 1:45 PM LUNCHEON - DISCOVERY BALLROOM

Speaker: *Bruce Bartlett, author, "The Benefit and the Burden: Tax Reform—Why We Need It and What It Will Take"*

Presentation of Davie-Davis Award for Public Service to Dennis Zimmerman

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Tax Treatment of the Modern Family

Moderator: *Donald J. Bruce, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

Elaine Maag, C. Eugene Steuerle and Caleb Quakenbush, Urban Institute—Understanding Combined Marginal Tax Rates of Tax and Transfer Programs for Low-Income Families

Adam Stevenson, University of Michigan—The Labor Supply and Tax Revenue Consequences of Federal Same-Sex Marriage Legalization

Emily Lin and Patricia Tong, U.S. Department of Treasury—Marriage and Taxes: What Can We Learn from Tax Returns Filed by Cohabiting Couples?

Discussants: *Nada Eissa, Georgetown University*

Sara LaLumia, Williams College

Lori Stuntz, U.S. Joint Committee on Taxation

3:30 – 3:45 PM BREAK

3:45 – 5:15 PM

Taxes and Capital Income: Impacts and Estimates

Moderator: *John Stell, PricewaterhouseCoopers*

Timothy Dowd, U.S. Joint Committee on Taxation, Robert McClelland and Athiphat Muthitacharoen, U.S. Congressional Budget Office—New Evidence on the Tax Elasticity of Capital Gains

Kevin Moore, U.S. Federal Reserve Board of Governors—Effect of Tax Rates on Small Business Income Realizations

Leonard E. Burman, Syracuse University, Norma Coe, Boston College, Michael Dworsky, Stanford University and William Gale, Brookings Institution—Effects of Public Policies on the Disposition of Pre-Retirement Lump-Sum Distributions: Rational and Behavioral Influences

Discussant: *James Poterba, MIT and NBER*

5:15-6:15 PM RECEPTION - DISCOVERY BALLROOM

FRIDAY, May 18

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8:45 – 10:15 AM

Not Only Congress Makes Tax Law

Moderator: *Dennis Zimmerman, American Tax Policy Institute*

Roberta Mann, University of Oregon—Chief Counsel's Role in the Regulatory Process – Insight and Impact

Leandra Lederman, Indiana University Maurer School of Law—The Judiciary's Role in Making Tax Law

Ellen Aprill, Loyola School of Law—The Implications for Tax Reform of Administrative Guidance and Judicial Review

Discussants: *Michael Udell, Ernst & Young*

Joshua Odintz, Baker & McKenzie

Leonard E. Burman, Syracuse University

10:15 – 10:30 AM BREAK

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

The Reporting Environment and International Corporate Tax Issues

Moderator: *Jeff Larrimore, U.S. Joint Committee on Taxation*

Caitlin Bokulic, U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Erin Henry and George A. Plesko, University of Connecticut—Reconciling Global Financial Reporting with Domestic Taxation

Timothy L. Gibbs, CPA, Gary McGill, University of Florida, and Edmund Outslay, Michigan State University—Penetrating the Fog of APB 23

Steve Edge, Slaughter & May, London—The UK's Transition to Territoriality – Success Plucked from the Jaws of Defeat?

Discussants: *Casey Schwab, University of Georgia*

David Lenter, U.S. Joint Committee on Taxation

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STATE-LOCAL TAX PROGRAM Competitiveness-What Does it Mean for State and Local Governments?

John Anderson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, PROGRAM CHAIR

12:00 – 1:30 PM **LUNCHEON – DISCOVERY BALLROOM**

Speaker: Jeff Chapman, Research Manager, Pew Center on the States—Evaluating Tax Incentives for Economic Development

1:30 – 2:45 PM

Tax Competition

Moderator: John E. Anderson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

John E. Anderson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln—State Tax Rankings: What Do They and Don't They Tell Us?

Robert Cline and Andrew Phillips, Ernst and Young LLP—Competitiveness of State and Local Business Taxes on New Investment

Robert Chirinko, University of Illinois—Chicago, and Daniel Wilson, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco—State Tax Competition among U.S. States: Racing to the Bottom or Riding on a See-Saw?

2:45 – 3:00 PM **BREAK**

3:00 – 4:15 PM

Competitive Impacts and Policy Responses

Moderator: Daphne Kenyon, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Daphne A. Kenyon, Adam H. Langley and Bethany P. Paquin, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy—Property Tax Incentive Pitfalls

Shawn M. Rohlin, University of Akron, and Jeffrey P. Thompson, University of Massachusetts at Amherst—The Effect of Sales Taxes on Employment: New Evidence from Cross-Border Panel Data

Jon Rork, Reed College, and Karen Conway, University of New Hampshire—The Genesis of Senior Income Tax Breaks

Seth Giertz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Mehmet S. Tosun, University of Nevada-Reno—The Elasticity of Taxable Income and the Ability of States to Redistribute Income

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