Illinois Economics Association

Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting
Friday and Saturday,
October 21-22, 2005

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University of Illinois at Chicago

The Meeting is hosted by the Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago

Location: Student Center East (formerly Chicago Circle Center)
University of Illinois at Chicago
750 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60607
(1 block south of Harrison Street)

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Friday, October 21, 2005

8:30am-3:30pm  Registration  6th Fl., SCE
8:30am-9:00am  Continental Breakfast  605 SCE

9:00am-10:30am  Concurrent Session A

A-1  APPLIED MACROECONOMICS  603 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair: Georgios Karras, University of Illinois at Chicago

PAPERS:
1. Carol Diane Tallarico, Dominican University.
   "Does Simultaneity Matter? The Relationship between Economic Growth, Income Inequality, Corruption, and Political Instability"

2. Jaejoon Woo, DePaul University.
   "The Behavior of Fiscal Policy: Cyclicality and Discretionary Decisions."

3. Agust Eiriksson, Hanover College.

4. George Karras, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   "A Global Currency? Costs and Benefits for Countries Large and Small."

A-2  ECONOMIC EDUCATION  611 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair: Helen Roberts, University of Illinois at Chicago

PAPERS:
1. Sebastien Gay, University of Chicago
   "Pre Education Under Scrutiny: Critique on the Perry Preschool."

2. Angela C. Lyons, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   Yunhee Chang, University of Mississippi and Eric Scherpf, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   "Translating Financial Education into Behavior Change for Low-Income Populations."

3. Helen Roberts, University of Illinois at Chicago
   "The Effects of Career and Technical Education on High School Performance: Chicago Public Schools Class of 2004."

   Discussant: Daniel Condon, Dominican University

A-3  INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION  613 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair: Richard Peck, University of Illinois at Chicago

PAPERS:
1. Joshua Linn, University of Illinois at Chicago
   "Stock Prices and the Cost of Environmental Regulation."

2. Michael Wenz, University of Illinois at Chicago

3. Richard Peck, University of Illinois at Chicago
   "The Role of Prices and Promotions in Determining Cigarette Brand Market Shares."
Concurrent Session B

10:45am-12:15pm  Research Opportunities at the Chicago RDC  603 SCE

Session Organizer & Chair: Gale Boyd, Argonne National Laboratory

PAPERS:

1. Allan Collard-Wexler, Northwestern University.  
   "Plant Turnover and Demand Fluctuations in the Ready-Mix Concrete Industry."

   "Location of Financial Services."

   "Research on Confidential Plant and Household Level Census Data: The new 'Gold-Standard' for Empirical Economics."

B-2  DERIVATIVES  611 SCE

Session Organizer & Chair: Peter Alonzi, Dominican University

PAPERS:

1. Jeffrey Williams and Hiroaki Suenaga, University of California, Davis.  
   "Natural Number of Forward Markets for Electricity."

   "Greenhouse Gas Markets; Worldwide Update."

3. Leo Murphy, Chicago Board of Trade.  
   "Credit Derivative Issues."

Discussants: David Mirza, Loyola University  
Tassos Malliaris, Loyola University  
Peter Alonzi, Dominican University

B-3  ECONOMIC DETERMINANTS OF ELECTIONS  613 SCE

Session Organizer & Chair: Ali T. Akarca, University of Illinois at Chicago

PAPERS:

1. Ali T. Akarca, University of Illinois at Chicago and Aysit Tansel, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.  

2. Albert Klumpp, McDermott Will & Emery.  
   "Socioeconomic and Other Characteristics of Judicial Retention Voters."

3. Ali T. Akarca, University of Illinois at Chicago and Dimitri Andrianacos, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities.  

Discussants: Frank Tachau, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Barry Rundquist, University of Illinois at Chicago

12:20pm-1:45pm       LUNCH

Speaker: Steven D. Levitt  
Stanley G. Harris Professor in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago  
"Do Child Car Seats Save Lives?"
C-1 ECONOMETRICS 603 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair: Houston H Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago

PAPERS:
1. Lon-Mu Liu, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   "Analysis of Housing Markets Using the Segmented Time Series Method."
2. Houston H. Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   "The Sensitivity of Econometric Results to Alternative Implementations of Least Squares."
3. Narsid Golic, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   "Preliminary Investigation into the Dynamics of Adjustment in the Foreign Exchange Market."
   Discussants: Lon-Mu Liu, University of Illinois at Chicago
                Laurence Marsh, Notre Dame University
                Houston H. Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago

C-2 MIDWEST PUBLIC FINANCE 611 SCE
Session Organizers & Chairs: David Merriman, Loyola University Chicago
Judy Temple, Northern Illinois University

PAPERS:
   "All Together Now: An Empirical Study of the Voting Behaviors of Homeowner Association Members in St. Louis County."
2. Nathan Anderson, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   "Taxing Business: The Effects of Commercial Property on Local Expenditure."
3. Tammy Batson and Judy Temple, Northern Illinois University.
   "The Effects of a "Controlled Choice" School Assignment Policy on Housing Prices in Rockford, IL."

C-3 ECONOMICS OF IMMIGRATION 613 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair: Alicia Adsera, University of Illinois at Chicago

PAPERS:
   "Is There Something Rotten in the State of Denmark? Examining the Danish Immigrant-Trade Link."
2. Alicia Adsera, University of Illinois at Chicago and Barry R. Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   "Are There Gender Differences in Immigrant Labor Market Outcomes Across European Countries?"
3. Davide Furceri, University of Illinois at Chicago
   "Does Labor Respond to Cyclical Fluctuations? The Case of Italy."
   Discussants: Elizabeth Bass,
                Jidong Huang, University of Illinois at Chicago

3:15pm-3:30pm Coffee Break 605 SCE
3:30pm-5:00pm  Concurrent Session  D

D-1 ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS  603 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair:  Carol Tallarico, Dominican University

PAPERS:
1. Richard Peck, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   “The Economics of Nitrogen Farming.”
2. Houston Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago & Carol Tallarico, Dominican University.

Discussants: Brian Scott, University of Alabama-Birmingham
Richard Peck, University of Illinois at Chicago
Houston Stokes, University of Illinois at Chicago

D-2 CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS  611 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair:  Cornelius Hofman, The GEC Group

PAPERS:
   “Interstate Earnings: An Analysis of Earnings from Idaho to Illinois.”
2. Craig Clarke, Cornelius Hofman and Cache Miller, The GEC Group.
   “Using Yield and Price Indexing to Analyze the Productivity of Farming Operations: A Look at the Midwest Farmer.”
3. Threetep Nopkhun, Northern Illinois University.

D-3 HEALTH ECONOMICS  613 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair:  John Tauras, University of Illinois at Chicago

PAPERS:
1. Lorens Helmchen, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   “On the Economic Foundations of Medical Care Productivity and Specialization: The Case of Hospitalists.”
2. Lisa Powell, University of Illinois at Chicago.
   “Access to Fast Food and Food Prices: The Relationship with Fruit and Vegetable Consumption and Overweight Status Among Adolescents.”
3. Philippe Fevrier, University of Chicago and Sebastien Gay, University of Chicago.
   “Informed Consent Versus Presumed Consent the Role of the Family in Organ Donations.”

Discussants: Chris Auld, University of Calgary
Harold Pollack, University of Chicago
Thomas Smith, University of Illinois at Chicago

5:00pm-6:00pm  Wine and Cheese Reception  605 SCE
Please join us after the last session for wine and appetizers sponsored by Prentice Hall Publishers
Saturday, October 22, 2005

10:00am-10:45am  Continental Breakfast  605 SCE

10:45am-12:00pm  Session E

E-1  Doctoral Student Presentations  613 SCE
Session Organizer & Chair: Stephen Karlson, Northern Illinois University

Finalists:
1. Sebastien Gay, University of Chicago.  
   “Pre Education Under Scrutiny: Critique on the Perry Preschool.”

2. Narsid Golic, University of Illinois at Chicago.  
   “Cointegration, Error Correction Model, and Future Spot Rates.”

3. Threetep Nopkhun, Northern Illinois University.  

Judges:
   Hilarie Lieb, Northwestern University
   Nancy Scannell, University of Illinois at Springfield
   Marc Hayford, Loyola University Chicago

12:00pm-12:15pm  Coffee Break  605 SCE

12:15pm  Doctoral Student Presentation
Prize Announcement

Prizes sponsored by Thomson Learning

12:20pm  Annual Meeting of IEA Trustees  605 SCE
Open to all interested members.