

# government programs, distribution & equity

*An academic conference exploring the link between  
government programs and policies, and  
the resulting effects on distribution and equity.*

**OCTOBER 30, 2009 • 8:00 AM–5:00 PM**

**AYS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**7TH FLOOR, ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL**

**14 MARIETTA STREET, NW, ATLANTA, GA**



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# PROGRAM

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8:00

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

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8:25

## WELCOME

David Sjoquist GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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8:30

## SESSION 1. FISCAL REDISTRIBUTION: UNITED STATES

Chair: W. Bartley Hildreth GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

### PAPER

“Redistribution at the State and Local Level:  
Consequences for Economic Growth”

Howard Chernick HUNTER COLLEGE

Discussant: Willis Sheftall MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

### PAPER

“The Redistributive Effect of Selected Federal Transfer  
and Tax Provisions”

Thomas Hungerford CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Discussant: James Marton GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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10:00

## BREAK

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## SESSION 2. FISCAL REDISTRIBUTION: INTERNATIONAL

Chair: Jorge Martinez-Vazquez GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

### PAPER

“The Redistributive Effects of Tax Benefit Systems  
in the Enlarged EU”

Clemens Fuest OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Judith Niehues UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

Andreas Piechl IZA-BONN

Discussant: Mark Rider GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

### PAPER

“Tax Progressivity and Income Inequality”

Denvil Duncan GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Klara Peter GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Discussant: Luc Noiset KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SESSION 3. URBAN PROGRAMS

Chair: Dennis Young GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

### PAPER

“Local Expenditures and Urban Wage Structure”

Patricia Beeson UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Lara Shore-Sheppard WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Tara Watson WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Discussant: Christopher Cunningham  
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA

### PAPER

“Bus Transit in Small Cities: Economic  
Development Strategy and/or Social Service?”

Dagney Faulk BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Michael Hicks BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Discussant: Andrew Hanson GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## BREAK

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3:00

## SESSION 4. SOCIAL ISSUES

Chair: Erdal Tekin GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

### PAPER

“The Cost Effectiveness and Poverty Reducing Effects  
of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007”

John Formby UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

John Bishop EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Hoseong Kim UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Discussant: Barry Hirsch GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

### PAPER

“Academic Achievement: Does More Spending Ease  
the Effects of Poor Health?”

Tami Gurley-Calvez UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Amy Higginbotham UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Discussant: David Frisvold EMORY UNIVERSITY

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4:30

## CLOSING REMARKS

David Sjoquist