Welcome University of Alabama!
The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa joins Emory University, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville as a member of the Atlanta RDC. Alabama has one active project and one well-developed proposal.

Save the Dates

- **National RDC Conference, September 14, UCLA**
  This conference provides an opportunity to interact with both RDC researchers from around the U.S. and Census staff. Information about the UCLA RDC can be found [here](http://atlantardc.org). The Call for Papers will come later this spring.

- **Atlanta RDC Research Conference, October 13, GSU**
  A smaller, more intimate conference offers a full day of local RDC Research and networking. This year's conference will be held in the Andrew Young School on the Georgia State University campus. This will be the 4th RDC Research conference hosted by the Atlanta RDC.

New Data Available

- **Tobacco Use Supplement of the Current Population Survey**
  This individual-level survey of tobacco use is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and has been included in the CPS approximately every 3-4 years since 1992-93. The 2014-2015 series includes major new content, and was co-sponsored with the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Tobacco Products (FDA-CTP). More information can be found [here](http://atlantardc.org).

- **UMETRICS (available April 2017)**
  The UMETRICS data contains information on university researchers employed by grants, vendors paid using grant disbursements, and finally on the grants themselves. These data permit researchers to model the impact of science funding at levels ranging from individual scientists to entire industries. Including data from 20 universities, the data contain information on over 200,000 individual employees, 300,000 vendors, and 4.5 million research grants. Also provided are two Census-generated crosswalks to link the UMETRICS data to internal Census data products.
Approved and Active Projects

See the ARDC web site (http://atlantardc.org) for information and links for writing proposals. The list below reflects only those projects that are active, or are approved but not yet started.

University of Alabama:
"Disability Insurance and Employment Decisions"
Susan Chen; Tanya Byker, John Bound, Peter Hudomiet, Ann Rodgers, Bryan Stuart, Desmond Toohey (University of Michigan); and Angela VanDerwerken (University of Albany)

Georgia Institute of Technology:
"Analyzing the Long-term Effectiveness of Business Assistance on Firm Productivity and Survival"
Jan Youtie and Sanjay Arora; Cliff Lipscomb and Andy Krause (Greenfield Advisors)
"Organizations in the Digital Economy: Information Technology Use, Complementary Investments, and Their Impacts on Firm Outcomes"
Patricia Angle; Kristina McElheran (U of Toronto); Chris Forman (Cornell), Lynn Riggs (Baylor), Naomi Hausman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem); Robert Bray (Northwestern); and Mercedes Delgado (Temple University)
“Searching, matching, and the transfer of information in international trade relationships” Seunghoon Lee; Jackie M. L. Chan (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Emory University:
"Assess the Effect of Indoor Tanning on Melanoma"
Yang Liu
"Business Cycles and the Behavior of Constrained and Unconstrained Firms"
Kaiji Chen, Anne Hannusch, and Tong Xu; and Patrick Higgins and Tao Zha (FRBA)
"The Roles of Health Condition, Health Behaviors and Socioeconomic Factors in Racial Disparities in Sepsis"
Jordan Kempker, Greg Martin, Michael Kramer, and Lance Waller
“The Impact of Pain Management Drugs after Joint Replacement on Health Costs and Outcomes”
Kenneth Thorpe and Peter Joski
“Understanding Medicaid Coverage Discontinuity”
Xu Ji, Janet Cummings, Benjamin Druss, and Adam Wilk

Florida State University:
"Improving the Connection Between the Spatial and the Survey Sciences"
David Folch, James Gaboardi; Nicholas Nagle and Parmanand Sinha (UT-Knoxville); and Seth Spielman (U of CO), Chris Fowler (Penn State)
“Should My Car Move or Should I? A Model of Residential and Commuting Choices”
Christopher Clapp
Georgia State University:
"Racial Preference in Real Estate Transactions and Its Impacts on Neighborhood"
   Vincent Yao; Geng Li (Federal Reserve Board of Governors), Danielle Sandler (Census)
"The Effect of Medical Marijuana Laws on Prescription Drugs"
   Pelin Ozluk and Charles Courtemanche
"Consequence of Earnings Nonresponse in CPS"
   Barry Hirsch; Chris Bollinger, Charles Hokayem, Jim Ziliak (U of KY)
"Determinants of Educational and Developmental Outcomes among Adopted and Non-adopted Children"
   Tomeka Davis, Regina Werum (Emory), Irene Browne (Emory), and Simon Cheng (U of CT)
"Geospatial Factors and Impacts II"
   Lee Mobley and Tzy-Mey Kuo (UNC-Chapel Hill)
"An Econometric Framework for Causal Analysis of Obesity Policy Alternatives"
   Charles Courtemanche
"Estimating Long-run Determinants of Social, Demographic, and Economic Characteristics" by Spencer Banzhaf, Melissa Banzhaf (Census), Martha Bailey (U of Michigan), Janet Currie (Princeton), and W. Reed Walker (UC – Berkeley)
"Identifying Agglomeration Spillovers: New Evidence from Large Plant Openings"
   Carlianne Patrick and Mark Parridge (Ohio State U)
"Do Big Box Grocers Improve Food Security?"
   Charles Courtemanche
"The Effect of Regulating Meals and Gifts to Prescribers"
   J. Dustin Tracy
   "Did the Great Recession ‘Great Recession of 2008-2009’ Modify the Health Status of US Adults?" Charles Courtemanche, Jaesang Sung, and Doug Roblin
   "Disparities in Smoking-Related Mortality Among African Americans" Pratibha Nayak, Terry Frank Pechacek, John Wesley Heath; Paul D. Mowery (Biostatistics, Inc.)

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:
"An Empirical Study of Entry and Exit with Multiple Firm Types"
   Tim Dunne, Shawn Klimek (Census), Mark Roberts (Penn State), Yi Xu (Duke)
"Research on Regional Economic Indicators and Current Business Dynamics"
   Tim Dunne; Javier Miranda and Emin Dinlersoz (Census); Kimberley Bayard and John Stevens (Fed Board of Governors)
"The Role of Social Capital in Labor Markets, Migration, and Survey Response"
   Julie Hotchkiss, Anil Rupasingha (USDA); Tom Qu and Kalee Burns (GSU)
"Developing Historic Data on U.S. Manufacturing"
   Tim Dunne; Randy Becker and Cheryl Grim (Census)
   "Wage Rigidity and the Cross-Sectional Stock Returns"
   Bin Wei, Lei Fang; Vivian Yue (Emory)
University of Tennessee-Knoxville:
"Tuskegee & Disparities in Healthcare and Health Outcomes"
Marianne Wanamaker and Marcella Alsan (Stanford)
"Imputing Small Area Sample Weights for Public Use Microdata: Increasing the Geographic Scope of the PUMS"
Nicholas Nagle, Kevin Krivacsy; and Barbara Buttenfield and Stefan Leyke (U of CO)
"Contextual Effects of Community Characteristics on Health Care Behaviors among Older Foreign-born Individuals"
Sunha Choi

University of Georgia:
"The Impact of Health Insurance Coverage on the Labor Supply of Welfare Recipients"
Vincent Pohl
"LEHD Infrastructure Project"
Ian Schmutte and others at Cornell University
"Employee Risk Tolerance and Corporate Decisions"
Jack He, Tao Shu; Lei Li (University of Kansas)
"Home Equity Lending and Small Business: Relaxing Constraints in Texas"
Ian Schmutte, William Lastrapes, and Chadi Abdallah (Miami University)

Other:
“Top-coded Earnings”
Zhiqi Zhao and Chungsang Tom Lam (Clemson University)

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