

ACRDC Newsletter

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A report of activities of the Atlanta Census Research Data Center

2013 Annual RDC Conference Hosted by ACRDC

The 2013 National RDC Research Conference was held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, September 17, 2013. Roughly 120 people attended the conference. Participants were treated to plenary addresses by Dr. Mark Doms, Undersecretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs for the Department of Commerce, who spoke about the value of government data, and by Dr. Martha Bailey, University of Michigan, who presented her research using restricted data to explore the impact of early childhood interventions.



Both presentations (PowerPoints and Video) are available on the ACRDC website (http://aysps.gsu.edu/acrdc/rdc_annual_conf2013.html). The agenda and many of the papers are available from the conference web site, as well.

Federal Government Shutdown Closes all RDCs

All Research Data Centers are considered "non-essential" U.S. Census Bureau facilities and are therefore impacted by the failure of Congress to reach a budget agreement. As of October 1, 2013, the Atlanta RDC is closed -- the door is locked, badges will not work, and researchers cannot access their accounts. In addition, Melissa Banzhaf, the ACRDC Administrator, will not be available. Questions and concerns should be directed to Julie Hotchkiss, ACRDC Executive Director.

Projects and Proposals

See the ACRDC web site (aysps.gsu.edu/acrdc) for information and links for writing proposals. The list below reflects only those projects that are active or are under review. There are many more in production.

Emory University:

- "Soft Drink Taxes and Childhood Obesity"
by David Frisvold, Jason Fletcher, and Nathan Tefft Active
- "Trends in the Determinants of Race/Ethnic Disparities in Child Health"
by Neil Mehta, Hedy Lee, and Kelly Ylitalo Active
- "The Contribution of Obesity to International Differences in Life Expectancy"
by Neil Mehta Active
- "The Distributional Effects of Tobacco Control Policies on Smoking Outcomes"
by Erik Nesson Active
- "Food Allergen Labeling Mandates: Optimal Design of Risk Information Policies"
by Maria Vyshmya Aslam Pending

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:

- "The Role of Social Capital in Labor Markets, Migration, and Survey Response"
by Julie Hotchkiss and Anil Rupasingha Pending
- "Immigrant Entrepreneurship with a Focus on Latino Entrepreneurship"
by Myriam Quispe-Agnoli, Anil Rupasingha, Craig Carpenter (Michigan State),
and Scott Loveridge (Michigan State) Pending

Georgia State University:

- "Determinants of Educational and Developmental Outcomes among Adopted and Non-adopted Children" by Regina Werum (Emory), Tomeka Davis (GSU), Irene Browne (Emory), and Simon Cheng (U of CT) Active
- "Place, Race/Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship in the Global Era: A Comparative Analysis"
by Cathy Yang Liu, Xi Huang, and Qingfang Wang (UNC-Charlotte) Active
- "An Econometric Framework for Causal Analysis of Obesity Policy Alternatives"
by Chuck Courtemanche Pending
- "The Long-run Determinants of Social, Demographic, and Economic Characteristics and Processes" by Spencer Banzhaf, Melissa Banzhaf (Census), Martha Bailey (U of Michigan), and Janet Currie (Princeton) Pending
- "Comparison of the distributions of Production and Energy Efficiency in Manufacturing" by Gale Boyd (Duke) and Mark Curtis Pending
- "Identifying Agglomeration Spillovers: New Evidence from Large Plant Openings"
by Carlianne Patrick and Mark Partridge (Ohio State) Pending

University of Georgia:

- "LEHD Infrastructure Project" by Ian Schmutte and others at Cornell U Active
"Employee Risk Tolerance and Corporate Decisions"
by Jack He and Tao Shu Pending
"Home Equity Lending and Small Business: Relaxing Constraints in Texas"
by Ian Schmutte, Chadi Abdallah, and William Lastrapes Pending

University of Tennessee-Knoxville:

- "Imputing Small Area Sample Weights for Public Use Microdata: Increasing the Geographic Scope of the PUMS" by Nicholas Nagle, Barbara Buttenfield (U of CO), and Stefan Leyke (U of CO) Active
"Contextual Effects of Community Characteristics on Health Care Behaviors among Older Foreign-born Individuals" by Sunha Choi Active
"Access to Healthcare among Asian Subgroups in the U.S.: Examining the Interaction between Community- and Individual-level Characteristics using Multilevel Modeling" by Sunha Choi Pending
"Improving the Connection Between the Spatial and the Survey Sciences" by Nicholas Nagle and Seth Spielman (U of CO) Pending

Georgia Institute of Technology:

- "Evaluating the Long-term Effect of NIST MEP Services on Establishment Performance" by Jan Youtie, Sanjay Arora, Cliff Lipscomb (Greenfield Advisors), and Andy Krause (Greenfield Advisors) Pending
"Organizations in the Digital Economy: Information Technology Use, Complementary Investments, and Their Impacts on Firm Outcomes" by Chris Forman, Kristina McElheran (Harvard), Lynn Riggs (Baylor), Naomi Hausman (NBER), and Robert Bray (Northwestern) Pending

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