

ARDC Newsletter

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A report of activities of the Atlanta Research Data Center

TIME RUNNING OUT- Register for the Atlanta RDC Research Conference, Oct. 9

Six papers, presented by researchers from around the Atlanta RDC Consortium will be presented at GA Tech on Friday, October 9, 2015. The 3rd annual ARDC Research Conference offers a full day of local RDC Research and networking. Agenda and registration can be found [here](#).

New Data Available in the RDC

➤ **Decennial Census back to 1950**

In July, an internal version of the 1950 Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) was made available to qualified researchers working on approved projects. This dataset extends the coverage of decennial census data available for research from 1950-2010, and two decennial census microdata files available in the RDCs, 1950 and 1960, contain harmonized coding.

➤ **CPS Fertility Supplements 1998, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012**

The Current Population Survey is a monthly labor force survey of about 70,000 households. Every other year, women aged 15-44 in these households are asked a series of questions about fertility. The supplement provides data on the these women's number of children and on the children's characteristics.

Obama Administration Targets Access to Administrative Data for Research Purposes in his Budget Priorities

"A significant focus in this year's Budget is improving access to administrative data for purposes of evaluation, accountability and transparency, performance management, and other research and analytic purposes."

(p.65) *Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2016*, [Chapter 7](#)

National RDC Research Conference Largest Ever

Roughly 250 people attended the September 18 research conference held at Stanford University. 34 papers were presented, as well as three plenary presentations by Matthew Snipp, Nick Bloom, and Mark Cullen. A distinguished panel, including Erica Groshen, Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, discussed the future of administrative data. Pictured to the right is your own Atlanta RDC Administrator, Melissa Banzhaf, networking during a break. The agenda can be found at this link: <https://sites.stanford.edu/researchdatacenter/conference-agenda>



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. There are many more in production.

Florida State University:

- "Improving the Connection Between the Spatial and the Survey Sciences"
David Folch; Nicholas Nagle and Parmanand Sinha (UT-Knoxville); and Seth Spielman (U of CO)
- "Should My Car Move or Should I? A Model of Residential and Commuting Choices"
Christopher Clapp

University of Georgia:

- "Food Allergen Labeling Mandates: Optimal Design of Risk Information Policies"
Maria Vyshmya Aslam
- "The Impact of Health Insurance Coverage on the Labor Supply of Welfare Recipients"
Vincent Pohl
- "LEHD Infrastructure Project"
Ian Schmutte and others at Cornell U
- "Employee Risk Tolerance and Corporate Decisions"
Jack He, Tao Shu, Huan Yang
- "Home Equity Lending and Small Business: Relaxing Constraints in Texas"
Ian Schmutte, William Lastrapes, and Chadi Abdallah (Miami University)
- "Immigrant Entrepreneurship with a Focus on Latino Entrepreneurship"
Myriam Quispe-Agnoli (Mercer), Anil Rupasingha (USDA), Craig Carpenter (Michigan State) and Scott Loveridge (Michigan State)

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, Ephraim Love; 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
- "Access to Healthcare among Asian Subgroups in the U.S.: Examining the Interaction between Community- and Individual-level Characteristics using Multilevel Modeling"
Sunha Choi

Georgia State University:

- "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 Partridge (Ohio State U)
- "Do Big Box Grocers Improve Food Security?"
Charles Courtemanche
- "The Effect of Regulating Meals and Gifts to Prescribers"
J. Dustin Tracy

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"
Chris Forman and Patricia Angle; Kristina McElheran (Harvard); Lynn Riggs (Baylor), Naomi Hausman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem); Robert Bray (Northwestern); and Mercedes Delgado (Temple University)

Emory University:

- "Assess the Effect of Indoor Tanning on Melanoma"
Ying Zhou; Yang Liu (Emory)
- "Costs and Productivity Losses Associated with Chronic Migraine"
Kenneth E. Thorpe and Peter J. Joski
- "The Contribution of Cardiovascular Risk Factors to Health Expectancies and Medicare Costs Among U.S. Adults"
Neil Mehta and David Frisvold (U of Iowa)
- "Business Cycles and the Behavior of Constrained and Unconstrained Firms"
Kaiji Chen, Anne Hannusch, Zhao Li, and Tong Xu; and Patrick Higgins and Tao Zha (FRBA)

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), and Tom Qu (GSU)

"Developing Historic Data on U.S. Manufacturing"

Tim Dunne; Randy Becker and Cheryl Grim (Census)

Other:

"Disability Insurance and Employment Decisions"

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



The view of Atlanta these days...

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