GSU Hosts Third Atlanta RDC Research Conference

On Friday the 13th (October), the Atlanta RDC held its third research conference in the Andrew Young School at Georgia State University. In addition to five presentations of current research going on inside the ARDC, Melissa Banzhaf provided information about the new UMETRICS data and Jim Splezter (U.S. Census Bureau) presented his research on the gig economy. Here are just a few things that were learned from the research being presented:

- In states that have adopted medical marijuana laws, there has been a drop in expenditures on prescribed opioids.
- Your "neighbors" may not be who you think they are.
- Average perception of quality of health care services rises during recessions.
- Risky business is associated with greater family income diversification.

If you are interested in seeing what you missed, check out the agenda on the conference website.
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.

**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
“A Polygon-Based Approach to Spatial Network Allocation: Optimal Facility Location Modeling and Network Analysis” James Gaboardi and David Folch

**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:**
"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” Seung hoon Lee; Jackie M. L. Chan (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

**Emory University:**
"Assess the Effect of Indoor Tanning on Melanoma"
Yang Liu
"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
“The Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Outcomes Among Cancer Patients and Survivors”
Xuesong Han
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)
"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
"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.)
"Impacts of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Utilization”
  Charles Courtemanche, James Marton, Pelin Ozluk; Benjamin Ukert (Univ. of PA)
"The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on High-Risk Tobacco Users” Michael Pesko and Marc
  Sleiman

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, Xiao Ren; Lei Li (University of Kansas)
"Home Equity Lending and Small Business: Relaxing Constraints in Texas"
  Ian Schmutte, William Lastrapes, and Chadi Abdallah (Miami University)
“Cyclical Changes in Patient Satisfaction and Prescription Drug Demand”
  Kimberly D. Groover, Meghan Skira, W. David Bradford, and Vincent Pohl
“Volunteering and Community Context”
  Rebecca Nesbit; Laurie Paarlberg (Texas A&M)
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

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:
"The Role of Social Capital in Labor Markets, Migration, and Survey Response"
  Julie Hotchkiss, Anil Rupasingha (USDA); Tom Qu and Kalee Burns (GSU)
“Wage Rigidity and the Cross-Sectional Stock Returns”
  Bin Wei, Lei Fang; Vivian Yue (Emory), Tom Qu (GSU)
"Business Cycles and the Behavior of Constrained and Unconstrained Firms"
  Patrick Higgins and Tao Zha; Kaiji Chen, Anne Hannusch, and Tong Xu (Emory)

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

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