Welcome Vanderbilt University!

On April 1, 2018, Vanderbilt University (located in Nashville, TN) became the latest member of the Atlanta RDC. Founded in 1873, Vanderbilt is an internationally recognized independent, private research university with combined undergraduate and graduate enrollment of over 12,000 students. The founder, Cornelius Vanderbilt, had a vision of a place that would “contribute to strengthening the ties that should exist between all sections of our common country.” Today that vision has been realized with the University’s strong partnerships among its 10 schools, neighboring institutions, and the community.

Call for Papers - FSRDC Research Conference @ Penn State, Sept. 7

The 2018 Federal Statistical Research Data Centers Annual Research Conference will be held on Friday, September 7, 2018 at Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA.

The deadline for submitting a paper or extended abstract for presentation at the conference is June 8, 2018. See this link for details about the submission: https://bit.ly/2s5obBY

Two Graduate Students Awarded First ARDC Travel Grants

James Gaboardi (Florida State University) and Kimberly Groover (University of Georgia) have received the first travel grants to be awarded by the Atlanta Research Data Center. The ARDC is a consortium of research institutions that spans five states; some researchers incur significant expense to travel to the ARDC to do their research. At its February 2018 meeting, the ARDC Review Board approved grants for researchers to help defray those costs. A new call for travel grant proposals is expected to be issued in January 2019.

Mark your Calendars - Canadian RDC Network 2018 Annual Conference

The 2018 annual conference of the Canadian RDC network will be held in Hamilton, Ontario, October 18-19. Call for papers deadline is June 15, 2018. You can find more information about the upcoming conference at this link: https://bit.ly/2IIRUew

Latest FSRDC Branch to Open in Late 2018

A new branch of the Census Bureau Headquarters Research Data Center will soon open at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The facility will become the 32nd location in the Federal Statistical Research Data Center system that currently supports nearly 300 research projects and over 600 researchers.
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.

**Emory University:**
"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
"The Role of Behavioral Health Conditions in Healthcare Spending Growth 2000-2015 and Projections of Behavioral Health Related Spending"
  Jason Hockenberry and Peter Joski

**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, Tongyang Yang; Jackie M. L. Chan (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

**Florida State University:**
"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 Tennessee-Knoxville:**
"Improving the Connection Between the Spatial and the Survey Sciences"
  Nicholas Nagle and Parmanand Sinha; David Folch, James Gaboardi (FSU); Seth Spielman (U of CO), and Chris Fowler (Penn State)
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"
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)
"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
“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
“Effect of Paid Sick Leave Laws on Labor and Health Outcomes”
Michael Pesko
“Do Supercenters Affect Diet Quality?”
Charles Courtemanche and Joseph Garuccio
“The Impact of Universal Coverage on Healthcare Utilization”
Pelin Ozluk
“Industry Classification Validation for the Economic Census”
Dmitry Zhdanov; Ugochukwu Etudo (University of Connecticut); Sudip Bhattacharjee, John Cuffe and Emin Dinersloz (U.S. Census Bureau)

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:
“Wage Rigidity and the Cross-Sectional Stock Returns”
Bin Wei; 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)
University of Georgia:
"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 Thor Watson
“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)

Other:
“Top-coded Earnings”
   Zhiqi Zhao and Chungsang Tom Lam (Clemson University)
“Dynamic Effects of Wage Setting: Evidence from the National War Labor Board” Chris Vickers and Nicholas Ziebarth (Auburn University); Ethan Kaplan (University of Maryland)

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