Not too late! 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. Logistics, conference program, registration can be found here: https://bit.ly/2LjWFYm

Kalee Burns (Georgia State) Awarded CES Dissertation Mentorship
Kalee's research is entitled, "Social Capital and Entrepreneurship." The project explores the roles that individual and community social capital play in the decision to become an entrepreneur and what type of entrepreneurial activity is pursued. Kalee's project combines restricted Decennial Census and Current Population Surveys with an external restricted dataset the measures individual's social capital activities -- the Social Capital Community Benchmark Survey of 2000.

CES assists doctoral candidates who are actively engaged in dissertation research in economics, sociology, demography, or a related field using Census Bureau microdata at a Research Data Center. One or more CES staff economists are assigned as mentors and advise the participant. Awardees also visit CES where they meet with staff economists and present research in progress. More information about the program is available online here.

Meet Your New ARDC Research Assistant - Tongyang Yang
Tongyang is a 4th year Ph.D. student in economics at Georgia Institute of Technology. Her primary area of research is international trade. She earned a BA from Heilongjiang University and a Master's degree from University of Georgia before starting her studies at Tech. She is familiar with Demographic, Economic, and Trade data in the RDC and is currently working on her own project (with her advisor, Seunghoon Lee). Please contact Melissa Banzhaf if you could use Tongyang's assistance.

NSF Awards Latest Research Data Center - Wasatch Front
The National Science Foundation granted an award for the establishment of a Research Data Center at the University of Utah. The Wasatch Front Research Data Center (WFRDC) is supported by a consortium of institutions including University of Utah, Utah State University, Brigham Young University, Huntsman Cancer Institute, departments within the Utah state government, and the University of Utah Health Sciences Center. Ken Smith, Ph.D, will be the executive director of the WFRDC. The WFRDC will become the 31st RDC location.
Approved and Active Projects

See the ARDC web site ([http://atlantardc.org](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.

**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 (U of KY)

"Consequence of Earnings Nonresponse in CPS"
Barry Hirsch; Chris Bollinger, Charles Hokayem, Jim Ziliak (U of KY)

"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?”
Jaesang Sung and Charles Courtemanche (U of KY)

“Impacts of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Utilization”
James Marton, Pelin Ozluk; Benjamin Ukert (Univ. of PA), Charles Courtemanche (U of KY)

“The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on High-Risk Tobacco Users”
Michael Pesko

“Effect of Paid Sick Leave Laws on Labor and Health Outcomes”
Michael Pesko

“Do Supercenters Affect Diet Quality?”
Joseph Garuccio and Charles Courtemanche (U of KY)

“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)

“Social Capital and Entrepreneurship”
Kalee Burns and Carlianne Patrick; Julie Hotchkiss (FRBA) and Anil Rupasingha (USDA ERS)

**University of Tennessee-Knoxville:**

"Improving the Connection Between the Spatial and the Survey Sciences"
Nicholas Nagle; David Folch, James Gaboardi (FSU); Seth Spielman (U of CO), and Chris Fowler (Penn State)
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 (Indiana University)

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

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

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)
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 and Tong Xu (Emory)

Other:
“Dynamic Effects of Wage Setting: Evidence from the National War Labor Board” Chris Vickers
   and Nicholas Ziebarth (Auburn University); Ethan Kaplan (University of Maryland)

is coming to Atlanta!
http://www.dragoncon.org/
Aug 30 -Sep 3, 2018 (Labor Day weekend)

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