The First Annual Research Conference for the Atlanta Census Research Data Center
University of Georgia, Athens, GA
October 18-19, 2012

Thursday, Oct. 18

12:30-1:30 Box Lunch and Welcome
Julie Hotchkiss, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Jeffrey Dorfman, UGA

1:30-2:30 John Haltiwanger, U Maryland
“Workplace Concentration of Immigrants”

2:45-3:45 Demographic Research in the ACRDC
Tomeka Davis, GSU
“How Adoption Context Influences Parental Investment and Educational Outcomes of Children”

Erik Nesson, Ball State/Emory
“Heterogeneity in Adult Smokers’ Responses to Tobacco Control Policies: A Quantile Regression Approach”

4:00-4:30 Break

4:30-6:00 Economic Research in the ACRDC
Jie (Jack) He, UGA
“The Exit Choices of Entrepreneurial Firms”

Mark Curtis, GSU

Cliff Lipscomb, Greenfield Advisors/GA Tech
“Anticipating Methodological Issues in Evaluating the Long-term Effect of NIST MEP Services on Establishment Performance”

6:30 Reception

7:00 Dinner
Friday, Oct. 19

7:30-8:00    Breakfast Buffet

8:00-9:00    Health Research in the ACRDC
*David Frisvold*, Emory
“Soft Drink Taxes and Obesity”

*Neil Mehta*, Emory
“Mortality and Morbidity Attributable to Obesity in the United States”

9:15-9:45    Break

9:45-10:45   Economic Research in the ACRDC
*Paige Ouimet*, UNC-Chapel Hill
“Employee Stock Ownership Plans: Employee Compensation and Firm Value”

11:00-12:00  Economic Research in the ACRDC
*Ian Schmutte*, UGA
“Why It Matters Who You Know: Evidence on the Role of Job Information Networks”

*Chris Forman*, GA Tech
“Information Technology and (Downstream) Vertical Integration: Evidence from Plant-level Data”

12:30        Lunch and Q & A All Participants
Presentation and Moderated by *Melissa Banzhaf*, ACRDC Administrator

2:00         Adjourn

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