

21st Annual Social Security Administration Research Consortium Meeting

Schedule

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Names of presenters are in bold followed by an asterisk.

8-8:30 a.m. Registration and coffee

8:30-8:45 a.m. Welcome and introduction of center directors:

Mark J. Warshawsky, Deputy Commissioner, Retirement and Disability Policy,
Social Security Administration

8:45-10:15 a.m. Panel 1: Trends, Informing Long-term Forecasts

Session moderator: **John Laitner**, Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center

“Trends in Disability and the Use of Disability Insurance”

John Bound (University of Michigan), HwaJung Choi (University of Michigan), Robert Schoeni (University of Michigan), **Timothy Waidmann*** (Urban Institute)

“The Impact of the Great Recession on SSDI Awards: A Birth Cohort Analysis”

Michael Anderson* (Mathematica), Yonatan Ben-Shalom (Mathematica), David Stapleton (Boston College), and Emily Roessel (SSA)

“Changing Labor Markets and Mental Illness: Impacts on Work and Disability”

Richard Frank* (Harvard University), Sherry Glied (New York University), Keith Marple (Harvard and Brandeis)

“Forecasting Survival by Socioeconomic Status and Implications for Social Security Benefits”

Péter Hudomiet (RAND), **Michael Hurd*** (RAND), Susann Rohwedder (RAND)

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-noon Panel 2: Program and Policy Interactions and Incentives

Session moderator: **Jason Fichtner**, Johns Hopkins

“The Impact of the Minimum Wage on DI Participation”

Gary Engelhardt* (Syracuse University)

“The Effect of the Delayed Retirement Credit on Social Security Claiming and Employment”

Mark Duggan* (Stanford), Irena Dushi (SSA), Gina Li (Stanford), Sookyo Jeong (Stanford)

“Does Student Loan Forgiveness Drive Disability Application?”

Philip Armour* (RAND) and Melanie Zaber (RAND)

“A Meta-analysis of the Decline in the Labor Force Participation Rate”

Ananth Seshadri* (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Noon-12:30 p.m.

Break: Box lunches will be available in the lobby.

12:30 p.m.

Lunchtime speaker: **Ron Haskins**, Brookings Institute, *“The Evidence-Based Policymaking Act”*

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Panel 3: Measurement of Well-being in Retirement

Session moderator: **Irena Dushi**, Social Security Administration

“Trends in Retirement Income Adequacy: Evidence from IRS Tax Data”

John Beshears (Harvard), **James J. Choi*** (Yale), David Laibson (Harvard),
Shanthi Ramnath (U.S. Department of the Treasury)

“The Impacts of Payday Loan Use on the Financial Well-being of OASDI and SSI Beneficiaries”

Haydar Kurban* (Howard University), Nyanya Browne (Howard University),
Bahareh Eftekhari (Howard University)

“Inattentive Households and Consumption Declines during Retirement”

Sheng Guo (Florida International), **Jonathan Skinner*** (Dartmouth),
Stephen P. Zeldes (Columbia University)

“Pension Reform and Return to Work Policies”

Maria Fitzpatrick* (Cornell University)

3-4:30 p.m.

Panel 4: International Data

Session moderator: **Ben Danforth**, Social Security Administration

“The Changing Nature of Work and Public Pension Coverage: Evidence from the U.S. and Europe”

Axel Börsch-Supan (Max Planck), **Courtney Coile*** (Wellesley College), Jonathan Cribb (Inst. for Fiscal Studies), Carl Emmerson (Inst. for Fiscal Studies), Yuri Pettinicchi (Max Planck)

“Public Pension Design and Household Retirement Decisions: Cross-national Comparisons”

David Knapp* (RAND), Jinkook Lee (University of Southern California), Maciej Lis (OECD),
Drystan Phillips (University of Southern California)

“The Effect of Relabeling and Incentives on Retirement: Evidence from a Pension Reform”

Jonathan Gruber* (MIT), Ohto Kanninen (Labor Institute for Economic Research)

“Interest Rate Trends in a Global Context: Expanding the Evidence Base for Forecasting”

Dmitriy Stolyarov* (University of Michigan), Linda Tesar (University of Michigan)

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8:30-10 a.m. Panel 5: Preparation for Retirement

Session moderator: **John Sabelhaus**, Federal Reserve Board

“Why Are 401(k)/IRA Balances Substantially Below Potential?”

Andrew G. Biggs (American Enterprise Institute), Alicia H. Munnell (Boston College),

Anqi Chen* (Boston College)

“Auto-enrollment Retirement Plans for the People: Choices and Outcomes in OregonSaves”

John Chalmers (University of Oregon), Olivia S. Mitchell (University of Pennsylvania),

Jonathan Reuter (Boston College), Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher (Boston College), **Mingli Zhong*** (University of Pennsylvania)

“Debt Stress and Mortgage Borrowing in Older Age: Implications for Economic Security in Retirement”

Donald Haurin (Ohio State), Cäzilia Loibl (Ohio State), **Stephanie Moulton*** (Ohio State)

“Measuring Racial/Ethnic Retirement Wealth Inequality”

Wenliang Hou (Boston College), **Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher*** (Boston College)

10-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:45 a.m. Panel 6: SSI and SSDI

Session moderator: **Manasi Deshpande**, University of Chicago

“Housing Assistance and SSI Participation”

Erik Hembre* (University of Illinois–Chicago), Carly Urban (Montana State University), Lucie Schmidt (Williams)

“Incentives for Home- and Community-based Care Under the Affordable Care Act: Implications for Supplemental Security Income Receipt”

Mary Hamman (University of Wisconsin–La Crosse), Brooke Helppie-McFall (University of Michigan), **Daniela Hochfellner*** (New York University)

“Grading Medicaid: Fiscal Federalism and Social Insurance in the United States”

Timothy Layton* (Harvard), Nicole Maestas (Harvard), Daniel Prinz (Harvard), Mark Shepard (Harvard), Boris Vabson (Harvard)

“Economic Opportunity and Spatial Variation in Self-Reported Disability and Receipt of SSI & SSDI ”

Rourke O’Brien* (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Break: Box lunches will be available in the lobby. A poster session featuring research by RDRC-sponsored fellows takes place in the Holeman Lounge. See below for more information.

12:15 p.m. Lunchtime speaker: **Andrew Biggs**, American Enterprise Institute, *“Now Is Your Time: The Need for Experts to Weigh in on the Retirement Policy Debate”*

1-2:30 p.m. Panel 7: Opioids, Work Capacity

Session moderator: **Kate Bent**, Social Security Administration

“Trends in Opioid Use Among Social Security Disability Insurance Applicants”

April Yanyuan Wu (Mathematica), **Denise Hoffman*** (Mathematica), Paul O’Leary (SSA)

“Is the Rise in Illicit Opioids Affecting Labor Supply and Disability Claiming Rates?”

Sujeong Park (RAND), **David Powell*** (RAND)

“Socioeconomic Status, Perceptions of Pain, and the Gradient in Disability Insurance”

David Cutler* (Harvard), Ellen Meara (Dartmouth), Susan Stewart (NBER)

“Latent Work Capacity and Retirement Expectations”

Italo Lopez Garcia (RAND), Nicole Maestas (Harvard), **Kathleen Mullen*** (RAND)

2:30 p.m. Closing comments

Note: Summary conference papers are posted to bit.ly/2019RDRCpapers.

Lunchtime Poster Sessions

Joelle Abramowitz (Boston), *“New Insights on Self-employment among Older Adults in the United States”*

Briana Ballis (Boston), *“The Long-Run Impacts of Special Education”*

Martha Susana Jaimes (Boston), *“Are the Social Security’s Actuarial Adjustments Regressive? The Effect of Differential Mortality Rates by Claim Age”*

Christian Morales (Boston), *“Identifying Working-aged Populations with Disabilities: Implications for Measuring Health Disparities”*

Michael Stepner (NBER), *“The Long-Term Externalities of Short-Term Disability Insurance”*

Melody Waring (Boston), *“Women, Work, and Caring for Aging Parents: Modeling Difference by Education in the Panel Study of Income Dynamics”*

Kevin Wood (Boston), *“Health Insurance Reform and Retirement: Evidence from the Affordable Care Act”*