Day 1: Thursday, August 3, 2023

Noon – 12:15 p.m. — Introduction/welcome

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. — Panel 1: Disparities by Race and Ethnicity

Moderator: Malcolm Williams, RAND

William Darity (Duke); Illeenin O. Kondo (Minnesota); Samuel L. Myers Jr. (Minnesota); Teegawenda H. Zeida (Brock University)

Taha Choukhmane (MIT); Jorge Colmenares (MIT); Cormac O’Dea (Yale); Jonathan Rothbaum (US Census Bureau); Lawrence Schmidt (MIT)

1:15 – 1:30 p.m. — Break

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. — Panel 2: Decline in SSDI and SSI Applications

Moderator: Jeffrey Hemmeter, Social Security Administration

BC23-14: “What Factors Explain the Decline in DI Awards from 2010 to 2020?”
Laura D. Quinby and Siyan Liu (Boston College)
UM23-08: “Mixed-methods Study on Work-disabled Adults Who Do Not Apply for Social Security Disability Benefits”
Lila Rabinovich and Doerte U. Junghaenel (University of Southern California)

UM23-06: “Racial and Ethnic Differences in Job Characteristics and Patterns in Disability Retirement and Social Security Retirement Wealth”
Amanda Sonnega (University of Michigan); Dawn Carr (Florida State)

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. — Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m. — Panel 3: Improving Communication and Outreach
Moderator: Denise Hoffman, Mathematica

WI23-15: “Analyzing SSA Communication, Outreach and Service Delivery in a Laboratory of State Pension Fund Members: Comparisons of Best Practices for ASRS and SSA, Pre- and Post-Pandemic”
Dennis Hoffman and Anthony Evans (Arizona State)

NB23-12: “Utilizing Online Services to Proactively Support Beneficiaries in Underserved Communities”
Dayo Oyeleye (Bowie State)

Lila Rabinovich and Francisco Perez-Arce (University of Southern California)
Day 2: Friday August 4, 2023

Noon – 12:35 p.m. — Dr. William A. Darity Jr.
Samuel DuBois Cook Distinguished Professor of Public Policy, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

12:35 – 1:35 p.m. — Panel 4: Economic Security of SSA Beneficiaries
Moderator: Olivia S. Mitchell, University of Pennsylvania

Bruce D. Meyer (University of Chicago)

*UM23-02: “Medical Spending Risk among the Elderly by Race and Gender”*
Karolos Arapakis (Boston College); Eric French (University of Cambridge); John Bailey Jones (Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond); Jeremy McCauley (University of Bristol)

*WI23-10: “Improving Financial Security for People with Disabilities through ABLE Accounts”*
Michael Levere (Haverford); Guglielmo Briscese (Inclusive Economy Lab); Harold Pollack (University of Chicago)

1:35 – 1:50 p.m. — Break

1:50 – 2:50 p.m. — Panel 5: Improving Service Delivery
Moderator: Robert Weathers, Social Security Administration

*BC23-05: How Did Suspending In-Person Services Affect DI and SSI Applications and Allowances?*
Michael Anderson, Monica Farid, and Gina Freeman (Mathematica); Chris Earles (Social Security Administration)

*BC23-03: “How Do the Disadvantaged Assess Their Claiming Experience?”*
Jean-Pierre Aubry (Boston College)
BC23-04: “How Can SSA Improve Service Delivery to Tribal Communities?”
Barbara Butrica, Stipica Mudrazija, and Jonathan Schwabish (Urban Institute)

2:50 – 3:50 p.m. — Panel 6: Informing Trust Fund Projections
Moderator: John Sabelhaus, The Brookings Institution

NB23-10: “Understanding the Closing of Racial Mortality Gaps”
Raj Chetty (Harvard); John N. Friedman (Brown); Nathan Hendren (Harvard); Michael Stepner (University of Toronto)

Hanke Heun-Johnson (University of Southern California); Darius Lakdawalla (University of Southern California); Julian Reif (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign); Bryan Tysinger (University of Southern California)

BC22-06: “How Might Workers Respond If Social Security’s Revenue Base Were Broadened?”
Karen Smith and Richard Johnson (Urban Institute)

3:50 – 4 p.m. — Closing Remarks: John Laitner, University of Michigan