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 A. Darity, Jr. (Duke); Illenin Kondo (Minnesota Federal Reserve); Samuel L. Myers, Jr. (Minnesota); Teega H. Zeida (Brock)

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

   WI23-02 “Disparities by Race and Gender in SS(D)I Applications and Awards”
   Yang Wang (UW-Madison); Muzhe Yang (Lehigh)

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 Drop in Disability Insurance Rolls from 2015 to 2019?”
   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, Doerte Junghaenel, and Tabasa Ozawa (University of Southern California)

UM23-06: “Racial and Ethnic Differences in Job Characteristics and Disability Retirement”
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

NB23-05: “Measuring Well-Being and the Effects of Transfers Using Linked Consumer Expenditure and Administrative Data”
Bruce D. Meyer and Aaron Hong (University of Chicago); James X. Sullivan (University of Notre Dame); Derek Wu (University of Virginia)

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: “Administrative Burdens and Disability Savings Program Enrollments”
Guglielmo Briscese, Harold Pollack, and Patricia Van Hissenhoven (The University of Chicago); Michael Levere (Colgate)

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)

Jean-Pierre Aubry (Boston College)
BC23-04: “Understanding the Characteristics and Needs of Tribal Community Members for Social Security Delivery”
Jonathan Schwabish and Barbara Butrica (Urban Institute); Stipica Mudrazija (University of Washington)

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

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

Karen E. Smith and Richard W. Johnson (Urban Institute)

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

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