

54th Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association

Conference Overview¹



The 54th Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association was organized by SRSA and sponsored by the Review of Regional Studies (the official journal of the Southern Regional Science Association), IMPLAN, C2ER and RUTGERS. The Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) is an association for the advancement of regional analysis and related spatial and areal studies. It operates as an objective, scientific organization without political, social, financial, or nationalistic bias. Its main objectives are to foster the exchange of ideas and to promote studies focusing on regional topics and issues and utilizing tools, methods, and theoretical frameworks specifically designed for regional analysis as well as concepts, procedures, and analytical techniques of the various social and other sciences. The Association supports these objectives by promoting acquaintance and discussions among its members and with scholars in related fields, by stimulating research, by encouraging the publication of scholarly studies, and by performing services to aid the advancement of its members and the field of regional science. The 54th Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association venue was the Battle House Renaissance Hotel Mobile, Alabama, from 26 to 28 March 2015.

The President of the conference was Steven Deller, University of Wisconsin, Madison. The President-elect and Program Chair was Santiago M. Pinto, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and the Immediate Past President Michael L. Lahr, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Co-executive Directors were John Sporing, Jr., Secretary, Administrative Office of the United States Courts and Amanda Ross, Treasurer, West Virginia University. Nominations Chair was Dan Rickma, Oklahoma State University and Honors Chair and Graduate Student Papers was Douglas P. Woodward, University of South Carolina, and Columbia. Council Members were Tony Grubestic, Oregon State University; Carlianne Patrick, Georgia State University; Susane Leguizamon, Tulane University; William Bowen, Cleveland State University; Leslie Dunn, Washington and Jefferson College and Shaoming Cheng, Florida International University.

The Conference was separated into following special sessions: Local Foods And Community Economics; States Forecasts; Spatial Analysis Of Location Decisions; Economic Valuation Of Goods And Amenities; Education And Economic Development; Internal Migration, Mobility And Population Growth; Economic Development Policies; Issues In Political Economy; Issues In Education; State And Local Government; Interregional Models; Regional Economic Analysis I; Regional Economic Impact Of Shale Gas; Immigration; Applied Topics In Economic Development; Transportation Infrastructure; Economics Of Agglomeration; Spatial Analysis Of Flood Disasters And Water Environment; Innovation And Poverty; Regional Economics And Labor Markets; Regional Economic Analysis II; Publishing In Regional Economics; Health And Well-Being; Energy Economics; Social Sustainability And Economic Well-Being; Issues On Entrepreneurship And Voter Turnout and Growth And Economic Development

Many scientists and researchers from all around the world participated in the 54th Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association who discussed about the issues facing the global economy and the new situations.

It is obvious that this Meeting raised a lot of problems, which found their answer during the presentations.

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