

17th Annual RRC Conference
National Press Club, Washington, DC 20045
August 6-7, 2015

Thursday, August 6th

8:00-8:30 am COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

8:30-8:45 am WELCOME: VIRGINIA P. RENO, Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy
Social Security Administration

INTRODUCTION OF CENTER DIRECTORS

John Laitner, University of Michigan Retirement Research Center
Alicia H. Munnell, Center for Retirement Research at Boston College
David A. Wise, NBER Retirement Research Center

MORNING SESSION CHAIR: David Wise, NBER Retirement Research Center

8:45-10:15 PANEL 1: RETIREMENT INCENTIVES

The Effects of Increasing the Early Retirement Age on Employment of Older Workers

Dayanand Manoli (University of Texas, Austin) and Andrea Weber (University of Mannheim)

Discussant: Debra Whitman, AARP

What Causes Workers to Retire Before They Plan?

Alicia H. Munnell, **Geoffrey Sanzenbacher**, and Matthew Rutledge (Boston College)

Discussant: John Scott, Pew Trusts

Does Eliminating the Earnings Test Increase Old-Age Poverty of Women?

Theodore Figinski (U.S. Department of the Treasury) and **David Neumark** (UCI and IZA)

Discussant: Howard Iams, Social Security Administration

10:15-10:30 BREAK

10:30-12:00 PANEL 2: ASSET ACCUMULATION

What Determines End-of-Life Assets? A Retrospective View

James Poterba (MIT), Steven Venti (Dartmouth), and David Wise (Harvard)

Discussant: John Sabelhaus, Federal Reserve System

Do Tax Incentives Increase 401(k) Retirement Saving? Evidence from the Adoption of Catch-Up Contributions

Matthew Rutledge (Boston College), April Yanyuan Wu (Mathematica Policy Research) and Francis Vitagliano (Boston College)

Discussant: Patrick Purcell, Social Security Administration

The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on the Labor Supply, Savings, and Social Security of Older Americans

Eric French (University College of London), Hans-Martin von Gaudecker (University of Bonn) and John Bailey Jones (SUNY at Albany)

Discussant: Paul N. Van de Water, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Thursday, August 6th (continued)

12:00 **BOX LUNCH**

12:30 **LUNCHEON SPEAKER: JASON FURMAN**, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers

AFTERNOON SESSION CHAIR: Alicia Munnell, Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

1:15-2:45 **PANEL 3: HEALTH**

Mortality-Income Gradients in the United States: New Evidence from Tax Records

Raj Chetty (Harvard University), Sarah Abraham (MIT), and Shelby Lin (Harvard University), Michael Stepler (MIT), **Nicholas Turner** (US Department of the Treasury), and Augustin Bergeron (Harvard University)

Discussant: Jeffrey Liebman, Harvard Kennedy School

Do Working Conditions at Older Ages Shape the Health Gradient?

Lauren Schmitz, Dissertation Fellow (New School for Social Research)

Discussant: Barbara Bovbjerg, US Government Accountability Office

The Impact of Social Security Income on Cognitive Function at Older Ages

Padmaja Ayyagari, Steven H. Sandell Scholar and David Frisvold (University of Iowa)

Discussant: Nancy Altman, Social Security Works

2:45-3:00 **BREAK**

3:00-4:30 **Panel 4: IMMIGRATION**

The Labor Supply of Undocumented Immigrants: Towards an Assessment of the Impact of Status Regularization

George Borjas (Harvard Kennedy School)

Discussant: Stephen Goss, Social Security Administration

The Comprehensive Wealth of Immigrants and Natives

David Love and Lucie Schmidt (Williams College)

Discussant: María E. Enchategui, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute

Social Security Contributions and Return Migration Among Older Mexican Immigrants

Emma Aguila (University of Southern California) and Alma Vega (University of Pennsylvania)

Discussant: Dalmer Hoskins, Social Security Administration

Friday, August 7th

8:00-8:30 Registration and Coffee

MORNING SESSION CHAIR: John Laitner, University of Michigan Retirement Research Center

8:30-10:00 Panel 5: EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT

Non-Monetary Job Characteristics and Employment Transitions at Older Ages

Marco Angrisani, Arie Kapteyn and Erik Meijer (University of Southern California)

Discussant: David R. Weir, University of Michigan

The Great Recession, the Social Safety Net, and Economic Security for 50+ Americans

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

Discussant: Paul Davies, Social Security Administration

Changing Work Demands and Compositional Changes in Occupations: Effects on Expected Retirement

Brooke Helppie McFall, Amanda Sonnega, and Robert Willis (University of Michigan)

Discussant: Joshua Mitchell, U.S. Census Bureau

10:00-10:15 BREAK

10:15-11:45 Panel 6: HEALTH REFORM AND RETIREMENT

How Would Social Security Changes Affect Medicare Costs and Seniors' Out-of-Pocket Spending?

Melissa Favreault (Urban Institute)

Discussant: Jason Fichtner, George Mason University Mercatus Center

Does Age-Related Decline in Ability Correspond with Retirement Age?

Anek Belbase and **Geoffrey Sanzenbacher** (Boston College)

Discussant: Padmaja Ayyagari, Steven H. Sandell Scholar

The Effect of Health Reform on Retirement

Helen Levy, Thomas C. Buchmueller and Sayeh Nikpay (University of Michigan)

Discussant: Kevin Whitman, Pew Trusts

11:45 BOX LUNCH

Luncheon Speaker: JOSEPH F. COUGHLIN, Massachusetts Institute of Technology AgeLab

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AFTERNOON SESSION CHAIR: David Wise, NBER Retirement Research Center

1:00-2:30 Panel 7: SAVING BEHAVIOR

The Role of Time Preferences and Exponential-Growth Bias in Retirement Savings

Gopi Shah Goda (Stanford University); Matthew Levy (London School of Economics);

Colleen Manchester and **Aaron Sojourner** (University of Minnesota); and

Joshua Tasoff (Claremont Graduate University)

Discussant: Melissa A. Z. Knoll, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Do Households Increase Their Savings When the Kids Leave Home?

Irena Dushi (Social Security Administration) and Alicia H. Munnell, Geoffrey Sanzenbacher, and

Anthony Webb (Boston College)

Discussant: William Gale, Brookings Institution

Who is Easier to Nudge?

John Beshears (Harvard), **James Choi** (Yale), and David Laibson and Brigitte Madrian (Harvard),

and Sean Wang (NBER)

Discussant: Jack VanDerhei, Employee Benefit Research Institute

2:30 CLOSING REMARKS: David Wise

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