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A Conference Honoring Eugene Smolensky
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2003

7:50am Shuttle departs from Claremont Hotel
7:55am Shuttle departs from Hotel Durant
8:00am-8:30am Buffet Breakfast and Registration.

SESSION I Chair: Frank Levy
8:30am-10:30am Massachusetts Institute of Technology

1. Poverty among the Elderly.

Author: Jonathan Gruber Gary Engelhardt
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Syracuse University

Discussants: Ronald Lee David Card
University of California, Berkeley University of California, Berkeley

2. The Socioeconomic Status of Black Males: The Increasing Importance of Incarceration.

Author: Steven Raphael
University of California, Berkeley

Discussants: Robert Plotnick Michael Stoll
University of Washington University of California, Los Angeles

10:30am-10:45am Refreshments
SESSION II  
Chair: Siobhan Reilly  
Mills College  

10:45am-12:45pm

3. What did the 1990s Welfare Reforms Accomplish?

Author: Rebecca Blank  
University of Michigan  

Discussants: Hillary Hoynes  
University of California, Davis  
Robert Haveman  
University of Wisconsin


Author: Janet Currie  
University of California, Los Angeles

Discussants: Sheldon Danziger  
University of Michigan  
Irwin Garfinkel  
Columbia University

12:45pm-2:00pm  
Lunch: Deli Sandwiches
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SESSION III
Chair: Marcus Alexis
2:00pm-3:00pm Northwestern University

5. Public Assistance, Mortality, and Morbidity: Can We Learn Anything from History?

Author: Dora Costa
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Matthew Kahn
Tufts University (Stanford University)

Discussants: Peter Lindert
University of California, Davis
Barbara Wolfe
University of Wisconsin

3:30pm Shuttle to hotels departs from Alumni House
5:45pm Shuttle departs Claremont Hotel
5:55pm Shuttle departs Hotel Durant
6:00pm-9:00pm Carneros Wine Tasting and Italian Buffet Dinner
Lipman Room, Barrows Hall
9:15pm Shuttle to hotels departs from Barrows Hall.
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8:50am Shuttle departs from Claremont Hotel
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9:00am-9:30am Buffet Breakfast

SESSION IV Chair: John Ellwood
9:30am-10:30am University of California, Berkeley

6. The Distributional Effects of Environmental Regulation.
   Cancelled

7. Medicare Growth, Technological Advances, and the Distribution of Health Care Benefits
   Author: Jonathan Skinner
   Dartmouth College
   Discussants: Victor Fuchs Julian Le Grand
   Stanford University London School of Economics

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SESSION V  Chair: Nathan Rosenberg
10:45am-12:45pm  Stanford University

8. Government Programs and Social Outcomes from an International Perspective.

   Author: Timothy Smeeding
   Syracuse University

   Discussants: Joel Slemrod  David Wise
   University of Michigan  Harvard University


   Author: Emmanuel Saez
   University of California, Berkeley

   Discussants: Roger Gordon  Karl Scholz
   University of California, San Diego  University of Wisconsin

12:45pm-2:00pm  Lunch: Salad Bar

2:00pm  Shuttle to hotels departs from Alumni House

6:45pm  Shuttle departs Claremont Hotel

6:55pm  Shuttle departs Hotel Durant

7:00pm-10:00pm  Reception and Dinner
   Morrison Room, Doe Library

10:15pm  Shuttle to hotels departs from Doe Library.