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Professor Anderson is a labor economist whose research explores the consequences of the economic transition on households in Central Asia. Her research examined changes in living standards and poverty, education and health, and employment from 1993 to the present. Current projects examine gender gaps in employment and wages following the 2010 Revolution, the impact of wage policy changes in Kyrgyzstan on the income of teachers and health care professionals, and education policy in China. Professor Anderson is a research associate for: the Institute for the Study of Labor in Bonn, Germany (IZA); CASE, Warsaw, Poland; and the Institute for Policy and Public Administration, University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. She served on the Board of Trust for the Southern Economic Association, the Association of Comparative Economic Studies, and the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP). She was Vice President for the Southern Economic Association, 2006–2008. She received her Bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Kentucky and her Ph.D. degree in economics from North Carolina State University; she was a post-doctoral fellow at the Economic Growth Center at Yale University. She joined the economics department at Vanderbilt in 1980.
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 – 8:30  Registration and Light Breakfast (DSU 3rd floor)
            *Breakfast generously sponsored by Pearson*

8:30 – 9:45  Session I

9:50 – 11:05 Session II

11:10 – 12:25 Session III

12:30 – 1:15  Lunch (DSU 3024-3025)

1:15 – 2:00  Awards and Speaker (DSU 3020)
            *Kathryn Anderson - Distinguished Kentucky Economist*

2:00 – 3:00  Panel: Kentucky Tax Reform. (DSU 3020)
            Panelists:
            - *Jim DeCesare, State Rep. (House District 17), Co-Chair of the House Economic Development and Workforce Investment Committee*
            - *William Hoyt, Gatton Professor of Economics, UK*
            - *Frank O’Connor, Professor, EKU, Consensus Forecasting Group*

3:15 – 4:15  KEA Business Meeting (DSU 3018)

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Session I

Session I-A  Labor Economics
Room:       DSU 3005
Chair:      David Zimmer

Presenters: Christopher R. Bollinger, University of Kentucky
            *Trouble in the Tails? What We Know about Earnings Nonresponse Thirty Years after Lillard, Smith, and Welch*

            Daniel Duncan, University of Kentucky
            *Occupational Following in the PSID and the Influence of Fatality Risk*
David Zimmer, Western Kentucky University
"The Effect of Hearing Impairments on Wage Earnings: Evidence from a Copula-Based Spline Selection Model"

Discussants:  David Zimmer, Western Kentucky University
Stephen Locke, Western Kentucky University
Aaron Gamino, Middle Tennessee State University

Session I-B  Resource and Environmental Economics
Room:  DSU 3002
Chair:  Volker Grzimek

Presenters:  Elham Darbandi, University of Kentucky
_U.S. Beef Market and Climate Change_

Kara Shah, University of Kentucky
_Rebuilding after a Natural Disaster_

Patrick Kennedy, LG&E and KU
_Forecasting adoption of electric technologies_

Discussants:  Volker Grzimek, Berea College
Daniel Kanyam, University of the Cumberlands
Gary Stratton, Kentucky State University

Session I-C  Economic Policy
Room:  DSU 3007
Chair:  Sebastian Leguizamon

Presenters:  Jacob Burgdorf, University of Louisville
_The Strategic Impact of Mandated vs. Voluntary Vertical Policy and Misallocation: Evidence from China's Manufacturing Sectors_

Guowen Chen, University of Kentucky
_Monetary Policy and Credit Flows_

Timothy Bianco, University of Kentucky

Discussants:  Sebastian Leguizamon, Western Kentucky University
Darshak Patel, University of Kentucky
Christopher Biolsi, Western Kentucky University
Session I-D  Economic Efficiency and Innovation
Room: DSU 3006
Chair: Paul Hamilton

Presenters: Mel Evans, KCTCS
What's up with Water?
Gary Stratton, Kentucky State University
Frankfort Innovation Index: Measuring the Capital Cities Innovativeness
Paul Hamilton, Asbury University
Is Saving Rural Kentucky Communities Worth It?

Discussants: Paul Hamilton, Asbury University
Mel Evans, KCTCS
Matt Schendstock, University of Kentucky

Session II

Session II-A  Health Economics
Room: DSU 3005
Chair: Alex Lebedinsky

Presenters: Aaron Gamino, Middle Tennessee State University
Bad Case of the Blues? Effects of For-Profit Conversions on Health Insurance Markets and Care Delivery
Cody Vaughn, University of Kentucky
Welfare Reform and Children's Health
Nicholas Moellman, University of Kentucky
Healthcare and Hunger: Impacts of the Affordable Care Act on Food Insecurity in America

Discussants: Christopher R. Bollinger, University of Kentucky
Alex Lebedinsky, Western Kentucky University
Susane Leguizamon, Western Kentucky University
Session II-B  Economic Education
Room: DSU 3002
Chair: Martin Milkman

Presenters: Martin Milkman, Murray State University
An Analysis of Mathematics Requirements and Recommendations for PhD Programs in Canada and the United States

Christopher Biolsi, Western Kentucky University
Inequality in Public School Expenditures across Space and Time

Gail Hoyt, University of Kentucky
A New Look at Lake Wobegone: Report Bias and Student Performance

Discussants: Gail Hoyt, University of Kentucky
David Eaton, Murray State University
Jacob Burgdorf, University of Louisville

Session II-C  Industry Studies
Room: DSU 3007
Chair: Cathy Carey

Presenters: Willie B. Bedell, University of Kentucky
Hedonic Pricing of Chocolate Quality Characteristics: Is there A Structural Change for Fruit or Nut Chocolate?

Stephen Locke, Western Kentucky University
Paying for a Name? Estimating the Value of Franchised Real Estate Brokerage Firms

Abdelaziz Lawani, University of Kentucky
Impact of reviews on price: Evidence from sentiment analysis of Airbnb reviews in Boston

Discussants: Paul Hamilton, Asbury University
Daniel Duncan, University of Kentucky
Cathy Carey, Western Kentucky University
Session II-D  Undergraduate Session
Room: DSU 3006
Chair: TBA

CJ Skinner, Bellarmine University
*Economic Growth Through Financial Globalization: Spain’s FDI Outflows in Latin American Countries*

Matt Frey, Jacob Koors, Northern Kentucky University
*Analysis of the relationship between financial literacy and financial behaviors relative to 2009*

Christina Cheung, University of British Columbia
*Eliminating the Penny in Canada: An Economic Analysis of Penny-rounding on Grocery Items*

Rachel Kopecky, Murray State University
*Preference Aggregation: Can an Alternative Voting Mechanism Make a Difference?*

Session III

Session III-A  Sports and Crime
Room: DSU 3005
Chair: Dennis Wilson

Presenters: David Eaton, Murray State University
*Gender Differences in NCAA Non-Revenue Sports: An examination of Coaching Salaries*

Lucas Taulbee, University of Kentucky
*Night Crimes: The Effects of Evening Daylight on Criminal Activity*

Discussants: Dennis Wilson, Western Kentucky University
Tom Creahan, Morehead University

Session III-B  Microeconomics
Room: DSU 3002
Chair: Christopher Biolsi

Presenters: Wisarut Suwanprasert, Middle Tennessee State University
*Import Tariffs and Export Subsidies in the WTO: A Small-Country Approach*
Susane Leguizamon, Western Kentucky University
*Neighborhood Inequality Spillover Effects of Gentrification*

Alejandro Dellachiesa, University of Kentucky
*The Long-run Impact of Energy Use, Income and Trade on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Mercosur Member States: A Panel Cointegration Analysis*

Discussants: Susane Leguizamon, Western Kentucky University
Christopher Biolsi, Western Kentucky University
Wisarut Suwanprasert, Middle Tennessee State University

**Session III-C**  
**Political Economy**

**Room:** DSU 3007  
**Chair:** Stephen Locke

**Presenters:** Matthijs (Matt) Schendstok, University of Kentucky
*The Road to Equality*

Daniel Kanyam, University of the Cumberlands
*A Wait-And-See Approach To Investments: Do Elections Play A Role?*

Andrew Jonelis, University of Kentucky
*An Empirical Investigation of Legislatures and Growth*

Discussants: Stephen Locke, Western Kentucky University
Andrew Jonelis, University of Kentucky
Alan Bartley, Transylvania University

**Session III-D**  
**Undergraduate Session**

**Room:** DSU 3006  
**Chair:** TBA

R. Jacob Applin, Murray State University/Western Kentucky University
*Review Embargoes as a Signal of Video Game Quality*

Larry D. Foley, Eastern Kentucky University
*Hedonic Regression Analysis Chevrolet Car Values Tri-Five Era: 1955–1957*

Nathan Reihmer, Eastern Kentucky University
*International Variation in the Phillips Curve*
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