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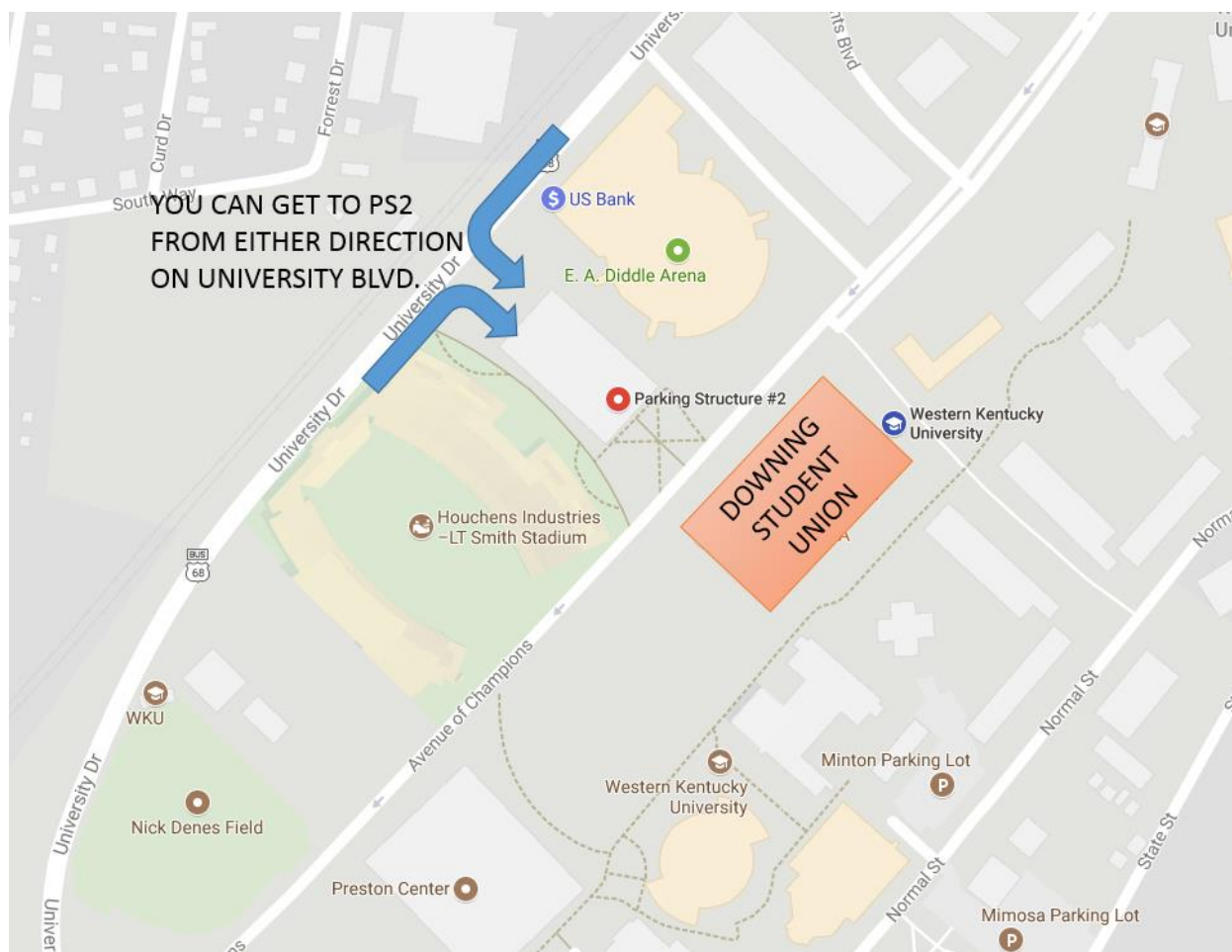
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2017 KENTUCKY DISTINGUISHED ECONOMIST

Kathryn H. Anderson

Professor of Economics and Director of the Graduate Program in Economic Development, Vanderbilt University



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, EKV, 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](#)

Guowen Chen, University of Kentucky
[Policy and Misallocation: Evidence from China's Manufacturing Sectors](#)

Timothy Bianco, University of Kentucky
[Monetary Policy and Credit Flows](#)

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

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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

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Presenters: David Eaton, Murray State University

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Lucas Taulbee, University of Kentucky

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Tom Creahan, Morehead University

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Chair: Christopher Biolsi

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Alejandro Dellachiesa, University of Kentucky
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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

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Larry D. Foley, Eastern Kentucky University
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Charles Haywood	1982	W. Kip Viscusi	2006
Charles Hultman	1983	Ralph d'Arge	2007
James Thompson	1984	John Whitehead	2008
Lawrence Lynch	1985	Glenn Blomquist	2009
Stephen Lile	1986	Jeffrey Lacker	2010
Roy Bahi	1990	Amitabh Chandra	2011
Jaunita Kreps	1991	James J. Heckman	2012
Ray Marshall	1992	Jerry R. Skees	2013
Paul McCracken	1993	Paul A. Coomes	2014
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