



Western Regional Science Association

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Newsletter

Our 55th Annual Meeting: Aloha, Hawai'i!

Hilton Waikoloa Village, Big Island of Hawai'i, February 14–17, 2016

Is there a bigger thrill than planning for a conference in Hawaii, in February? Possibly. But this one should surely rank in everyone's top 10: in February 2016, the WRSA returns to the Big Island of Hawaii and the Hilton Waikoloa Village for its 55th annual meeting. Those who attended our last meeting at this resort in 2008 will recall that this is a large property, with something for everyone. It is equally nice for individuals, couples, and families! Those who've attended our Hawaii meetings in the past will also recall that these are among our larger meetings and that, given the popularity of Hawaii in the winter months, advance planning is desirable.

The main selling point of the WRSA annual meeting—aside from the delightful setting and good company—is its signature 45-minute paper slot, with ample time for authors to present their research and still have time left over for discussant remarks and general discussion. The collegial seminar atmosphere prioritizes interaction and the sharing of ideas.

Another strength of the WRSA meeting is that all papers on the program have been vetted by the Program Committee. Invitations to present at the conference are issued on the basis of full papers only, although it is fine for submissions to be in draft format so long as the final version is uploaded by the end of the year, in time to be sent to discussants. Keep in mind the traditional **October 15** paper submission deadline!

For those hoping to make their travel plans over the summer, here is the meeting overview. Our meeting will open Sunday afternoon, February 14, with the 6th Annual Lay James Gibson Plenary Session and will be followed by our Welcoming Reception. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (February 15 to 17) feature three full days of sessions. The 4th Annual Getis-Ord Plenary will be held on Monday (see Page 2 story), and the Presidential Address, Banquet Luncheon, and President's Reception are scheduled for Tuesday.



View from the Hilton Waikoloa Village

Useful Preliminary Meeting Information...

The Hilton Waikoloa is already accepting room reservations under our room block. We have negotiated rates for several room types: \$205 per night for resort view rooms, and \$260 and \$280 for partial or full ocean view rooms, respectively. This rate does not include applicable room taxes, but does come with complimentary parking, room internet, and fitness center access. All other resort services will be charged on an à la carte basis. The Hilton has also agreed to honor our room rate, pending availability, from February 11th to the 21st. After **January 13, 2016**, the resort is longer obliged to honor this excellent room rate. As noted earlier, be sure to book early! Reservation instructions can be found on the WRSA website (www.wrsa.info).

Our website also has instructions for online paper submission. Those wanting to organize sessions or volunteer to discuss papers or chair sessions are invited to contact Rachel Franklin.

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2016 Getis-Ord Lecture: Edward Glaeser to Speak

Edward Glaeser, Professor of Economics at Harvard University and highly regarded regional scientist and urban economist, will give the 4th annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis at the WRSA's 55th annual meeting next February on the Big Island of Hawaii. He will speak on the subject of politics and transportation. Further details will be announced as the meeting approaches.

Tucson: Annual Meeting Recap

Our 54th annual meeting in Tucson, Arizona was a sunny success, with just under 180 participants and over 35 sessions, including organized sessions from AUBER and the Remote Regions group. Many thanks to the student volunteers and to members of the Program Committee for their hard work in helping the meeting come together.



WRSA President, Bruce Newbold, gives his Presidential Address

The plenary addresses help set the tone for the annual meeting and this year we were lucky to have another great group of speakers. Vera Pavlakovich-Kochi and George Hammond from the University of Arizona opened the meeting with the Lay James Gibson Plenary, with talks on the economic health of the state of Arizona. Harry Kelejian gave the 4th annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis (see Page 3 story), and Bruce Newbold gave his Presidential Address during Tuesday's Annual Banquet Luncheon. The title of Newbold's talk was, "Population Aging: What Role for Regional Science?" The discussant for his address was WRSA Board member, Jouke van Dijk, from the University of Groningen.

See stories on the following pages for other meeting highlights, namely prize winners and additions to the WRSA Board. A selection of meeting photos can be found on pages 6–7 (with a many more available on the WRSA website).

29th Charles M. Tiebout Prize Awarded to Sungyup Chung

The 29th Tiebout Prize was awarded in Tucson to Sungyup Chung, graduate student in Economics and the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL) at the University of Illinois. Chung's paper, titled, "Assessing the Regional Business Cycle Asymmetry in a Multi-level Structure Framework: A Study of the Top 20 U.S. MSAs," was supervised by longtime WRSA member and Past President, Geoff Hewings. Congratulations to Chung and Hewings!



Sungyup Chung (far left), this year's Tiebout winner, along with Finalists (from left) Kijin Kim, Thom Malone, and Sofia Wixe, and Chair of the Reading Committee, Peter Gordon

The Tiebout Reading Committee this year also selected three Finalists, in recognition of their strong submissions:

- Kijin Kim, University of Illinois, supervised by Geoff Hewings, for his paper, "The Extended Regional Econometric Input-Output Model With Heterogeneous Household Demand System"
- Thom Malone, University of Southern California, supervised by Christian Redfearn, for his paper, "There Goes the Neighborhood: Does Tipping Exist Amongst Income Groups?"
- Sofia Wixe, Jönköping International Business School, supervised by Johan Klaesson, for her paper, "Firm Knowledge, Neighborhood Diversity and Innovation"

This year's Reading Committee was chaired by Peter Gordon and included Henk Folmer, Bob Stimson, and Hans Westlund. Thank you to all those who submitted papers and to the Reading Committee for their thoughtful evaluation of the papers!

Graduate students and supervisors: the 30th Tiebout Prize deadline is coming up. See enclosed Call for Submissions for further details.

Winners of the Tiebout Prize

- 29th** (2015): **Sungyup Chung**, University of Illinois
28th (2014): **Zhenhua Chen**, George Mason University
27th (2013): **Douglas Wrenn**, Ohio State University
26th (2012): **Carlianne Patrick**, Ohio State University
25th (2011): **Pengyu Zhu**, University of Southern California
24th (2010): **Colleen Donovan**, University of California, Berkeley
23rd (2009): **Yiming Wang**, University of Southern California
22nd (2008): **Haifeng Qian**, George Mason University
21st (2007): **Michael Wenz**, Winona State University
20th (2006): **Rocco R. Huang**, The University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
19th (2005): **Shaoming Cheng**, George Mason University
18th (2004): **Sandy Dall’Erba**, Université de Pau, France
17th (2003) (Co-winners): **Chokri Dridi**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and **Bhanu Yerra**, University of Minnesota
16th (2002): **Tracy Gordon**, University of California, Berkeley
15th (2001): **Brian Mikelbank**, Ohio State University
14th (2000): **Arno van der Vlist**, Free University of Amsterdam
13th (1999): **Kara Kockelman**, University of Texas, Austin
12th (1998): **Alexander C. Vias**, University of Arizona
11th (1997): (Co-winners) **Seong Woo Lee** and **Woo Suk Zhee**, University of Southern California
10th (1996): **Steven P. Raphael**, University of California, Berkeley
9th (1995): **David M. Levinson**, University of California, Berkeley
8th (1994): **Ricardo Gazel**, University of Illinois
7th (1993): (Cowinners) **Hsin-Ping Chen**, University of California, Irvine and **Alastair McFarlane**, University of Michigan
6th (1992): **Henry Buist**, University of Pennsylvania
5th (1991): **Katherine M. O’Regan**, University of California, Berkeley
4th (1990): **T. Wong**, University of Manitoba
3rd (1989): **Scott Campbell**, University of California, Berkeley
2nd (1988): **Stephen J. Appold**, University of North Carolina
1st (1987): **Timothy J. Fik**, University of Arizona

Happy 30th Birthday, Tiebout Prize!

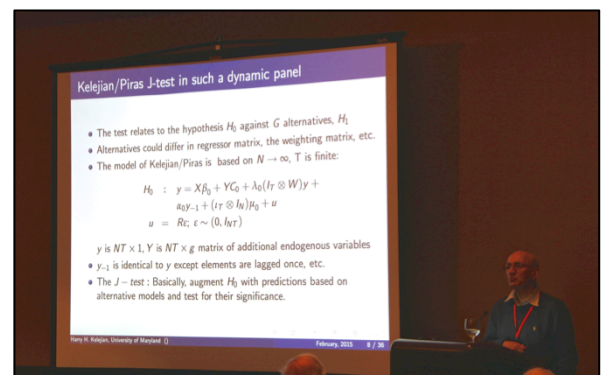
One of the hallmarks of the WRSA is the Tiebout Prize, given at the annual meeting each year for excellent research by a graduate student. This coming year in Hawaii the 30th Tiebout Prize will be awarded and what better time to help guarantee the next three decades of the Prize?

The current Prize, which provides \$1,000 to the winner (who must attend the annual meeting to receive the award), is paid from an endowment fund housed at the University of Arizona. Some years, the fund produces enough that smaller amounts can also be provided to Tiebout Finalists. Every small contribution helps! If you’ve ever nurtured the development of a graduate student—or even were yourself, once upon a time, among the students honored in one of the previous 29 competitions—please consider contributing to the Tiebout fund. Donation instructions can be found on the WRSA website.

The Tiebout Prize is named in honor of Charles Tiebout, who is remembered for his mentorship of graduate students and his lasting contributions to the field of regional science. Thanks to the continuing generosity of donors, the Tiebout Prize has become one of the pre-eminent awards in regional science, and one of just a few that recognize the contributions of the next generation of regional scientists.

The 3rd Annual Getis-Ord Lecture

Harry Kelejian, an economist at the University of Maryland, gave the 3rd annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis at the Tucson annual meeting. His talk was titled, “Issues Relating to Spatial Models” and addressed several important aspects of model estimation that all researchers, not just spatial econometricians, should consider. Following his presentation, Raymond Florax and Henk Folmer offered thoughtful responses to Kelejian’s talk.



Harry Kelejian gives the 3rd Annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis

Keisuke Kondo Wins Springer Prize

The Springer Prize is awarded to a young researcher in regional science (PhD within the past five years) for a paper presented at the annual meeting. This year's winner of the 19th Springer Prize was Keisuke Kondo, of the Research Institute for Economy, Trade, and Industry in Japan. Kondo's paper was titled, "Disentangling the Channels of Agglomeration Impacts on Individual Wages: The Case of the Mexican Banking Sector." He was awarded the Prize at the Annual Banquet Luncheon in Tucson.

Springer Prize submissions are judged by the three editors of the WRSA's official journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*, Martin Andersson, Euijune Kim, and Janet Kohlhase. Winners receive a certificate and a book voucher for \$500 in Springer books. See the WRSA website for details on the 2016 competition.



Martin Andersson and Janet Kohlhase, Annals editors, present the Springer Prize to Keisuke Kondo

Updates from the WRSA Board

Alan Murray Named Vice President



One of the chief tasks of the WRSA Board when it meets during the annual conference is to select a new Vice President, as well as to add new members of the Board and Fellows. This year the Board unanimously selected Alan Murray as its next Vice President. Murray is a

longtime member of the WRSA and has served on the Board for a decade. In the past, he has often helped organize locational analysis sessions at the WRSA and at the North American Meetings of the RSAI (NARSC). He is currently Professor in the College of Computing & Informatics, as well as in the School of public Health, at Drexel University.

Our President-Elect: David Plane!

At this year's annual meeting in Tucson, Vice President, David Plane (whom many will remember as longtime fearless leader of this association), became our new President-Elect. In this role, Plane's primary duty is to give his Presidential Address at next year's meeting in Hawaii. He will also host the President's Reception next year.

New Board Members

At its annual business meeting the Board also selected two new members. Mark Brown from Statistics Canada and Michel Dimou, University of Toulon, France, join the Board this year. In selecting Brown and Dimou, the Board cited not only their strong academic reputations but also the valuable international connections they bring to the organization.



Mark Brown enjoys a laugh with WRSA President, Bruce Newbold



Michel Dimou (center), in lively conversation with Mark Partridge and Brigitte Waldorf

Our New WRSA Fellow



Richard Morrill, geographer at the University of Washington and longtime WRSA stalwart was wholeheartedly chosen to be a WRSA Fellow at this year's Board meeting. Morrill was selected for his long and distinguished career and

contributions to the fields of regional science and geography. He is also cherished as a charming and entertaining meeting participant (as here, at the 2012 WRSA annual meeting on Kauai).

Job Opportunity: Post-Doctoral Researcher

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University seeks a Post-doctoral Researcher in Space, Health and Population Economics. The successful candidate will possess talents and expertise in one or more of the following areas: regional and urban economics, population and labor market economics, spatial and space-time modeling, (spatial) econometrics, and regional development. Preferably, the ideal candidate has experience in programming and using advanced statistical software packages as well as utilizing geographic information systems.

This position is intended to strengthen the research program conducted in the Space, Health and Population Economics (SHaPE) research group under the direction of Dr. Raymond Florax, in close partnership with the Purdue Center for Regional Development (PCRD), other existing research clusters at Purdue University, and the Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (ERS/USDA).

Qualified candidates will hold a doctoral degree (in economics, geography, or a related discipline) and possess an interdisciplinary background in the understanding of economic and social dimensions of urbanization and regional policy modeling. The candidate is expected to work on a project focusing on intergenerational transfer of poverty in the United States. Strong analytical and (spatial) modeling capabilities are expected as well as good writing skills. Evidence of strong publication potential and ability to assist with generating external funding is essential.

The position will pay \$40,000–45,000 per year plus benefits, depending on qualifications. It will be based in the Department of Agricultural Economics with an appointment for one full year, potentially renewable depending on performance and funding. Review of applications will begin on June 1, 2015 and will remain open until a suitable candidate is identified. Start date is August 18, 2015.

Applicants should submit their materials via e-mail to Dr. Raymond Florax through Ms. Marsha Pritchard at mpritch@purdue.edu. The materials should include: a cover letter summarizing background, methodological strength, research interests and teaching experience; a curriculum vitae; and the names of 3 references (no letters needed at this point). Please include "Poverty Project Post Doc Application" in the subject line of your e-mail and submit the above materials in a single PDF file. Purdue University is an AA/EOE.

Call for Applications: The Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science

Graduate students enrolled in Ph.D. programs in North America are encouraged to apply for the Sixteenth Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science, administered by the North American Regional Science Council of the Regional Science Association International (NARSC-RSAI). This Fellowship, in support of thesis research in Regional Science, is awarded annually in memory of Dr. Benjamin H. Stevens, an intellectual leader whose selfless devotion to graduate students as teacher, advisor, mentor, and friend had a profound impact on the field.

Eligible students should have completed all degree requirements except for their dissertation by the time the Fellowship commences. A requirement of the Fellowship is that the recipient has no duties other than dissertation research during the Fellowship, although the recipient may hold other fellowships concurrently. Applications from students working in any area or any Ph.D. program are welcome as long as their dissertation research addresses a research question in Regional Science.

The Fellowship consists of a stipend in the amount of \$30,000 (U.S.), paid over a twelve-month period. Applications for the 2016–2017 Fellowship should be sent electronically by the applicant to the Selection Committee Chair, Professor Laurie A. Schintler, and received by **February 15, 2016**.

Applications and questions should be directed to Professor Laurie A. Schintler at lschintl@gmu.edu. Submission details can be found on the NARSC website, www.narsc.org/newsite/. For information about RSAI, go to www.rsai.org.



*Photo highlights from the Tucson Annual Meeting
follow on Pages 6 and 7...*

Pictures from the 2015 WRSA Annual Meeting in Tucson

(see WRSA website for many more photos!)



Scenes from the lively Welcoming Reception...



And from the Annual Banquet Luncheon...



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Regional Science Meeting Calendar

24th Pacific Conference of the RSAI

Viña del Mar, Chile, August 5–8, 2015

http://www.socherchile.cl/prsco_2015/index.php/en/

55th European Congress of the RSAI

Lisbon, Portugal, August 25–28, 2015

<http://www.ersalisbon2015.org/>

62nd North American Meetings of the RSAI

Portland, Oregon, November 11–14, 2015

<http://www.narsc.org/newsite/conference/>

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Big Island of Hawai'i, February 14–17, 2016

(See article, Page 1, this *Newsletter*)

<http://www.wrsa.info>

11th World Congress of the RSAI

Istanbul, Turkey, April 17–20, 2016

http://www.regionalscience.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=itemlist&layout=category&task=category&id=165&Itemid=859

News Contributions Welcomed!

The WRSA *Newsletter* is published twice yearly and welcomes contributions from members and friends.

Please feel free to send along news, employment opportunities, research updates, calls for papers, brief reviews of published work, or related items.

We especially appreciate updates from our peer regional science associations!

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