



Western Regional Science Association

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Newsletter



All Aboard for Our 56th Annual Meeting...

La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe, New Mexico, February 15–18, 2017

Santa Fe, New Mexico, possesses all the attributes of the ideal WRSA meeting venue: a smallish city with a unique culture and vibe; great food and drink options; a lovely historic hotel; and all in an eminently walkable location. For its 56th annual meeting, the WRSA returns to Santa Fe and to the La Fonda on the Plaza hotel. Many will remember both, as the WRSA met here in 2006 and also hosted the 1998 North American Meetings of the RSAI at this hotel. If we're going back a third time, you know it must be good.

For those hoping to get started early with travel planning, our 2017 meeting will open on a Wednesday (the 15th), with the Lay James Gibson plenary and Welcoming Reception. Three full days of paper sessions and social activities follow, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The La Fonda is already accepting reservations for our room block. Our negotiated room rate is

\$149/night, plus taxes, and includes internet and parking. The hotel has agreed to honor our room rate three days prior to and following our official meeting dates, for those who would like to extend their visit to Santa Fe a bit. Reservation instructions can be found on our website (www.wrsa.info). After January 13, 2017, or as soon as our room block fills, the hotel is no longer obliged to honor this excellent room rate. Book early!

And although our traditional paper submission deadline isn't until **October 15**, our online submission portal is also already up and running. As soon as you have those draft papers completed, we're ready to accept them! Remember, as always, only full papers will be considered for inclusion on the program and all submissions are reviewed by a member of the Program Committee before invitations are issued. Papers in draft format at the time of submission are acceptable, however.

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Our 55th Annual Meeting: Hawaiian Highlights

Our Hawaii meetings are typically among our most popular, and for good reason. The remote, tropical locale lends itself well to the sharing of intellectual ideas and the building of disciplinary camaraderie. The fact that all this takes place in February, a cold and dreary time of the year for many of our participants, doesn't hurt either.

This year's annual meeting, on the Big Island of Hawaii, was no exception. It attracted over 200 participants from about 20 different countries. The program featured 41 paper or panel sessions, including the long-running Remote Regions sessions and the Western States Economic Outlook session.

Plenary speakers are always a high point of the meeting. This year Peter Fuleky and Makena Coffman from the University of Hawaii got the meeting off to a strong start at the 6th Annual Lay James Gibson Plenary Opening Session. Attendance was strong, too, at Monday's Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis. This year's lecture, the fourth, was given by noted urban economist Edward Glaeser, from Harvard University. Glaeser spoke on the subject of urbanization and economic development.



Ed Glaeser and Art Getis enjoy the Getis-Ord Lecture reception, following Glaeser's talk

The apex of the annual meeting is the Annual Banquet Luncheon, during which prizes are awarded (see separate stories in this *Newsletter*) and the WRSA President gives his or her address. This year's President, David Plane from the University of Arizona, spoke on the subject of "Regional Science in a More/Less World," with discussant remarks given by his longtime colleague, Gordon Mulligan.



David Plane gives his Presidential Address

The Annual Banquet Luncheon is also a time for socializing and catching up with friends old and new. This year, the luncheon also benefited from a musical interlude, provided by WRSA Fellow and Past President, T. John Kim, on the harmonica. See Pages 5–6 of this *Newsletter* for a selection of photos from the luncheon and receptions.

Finally, no rundown of the annual meeting would be complete without an expression of gratitude to all those who helped make the conference a success: members of the Program Committee, who review each and every submission; session organizers, particularly Lee Huskey and Greg Protasel for the Remote Regions Sessions and Rich Wobbekind for the Western States Economic Outlook panel; and finally, our student assistants, who keep the registration desk running so smoothly. Thank you!



Looking out to sea from the Hilton Waikoloa

Xian Fang Bak Wins Tiebout Prize

This year's Tiebout Prize, the 30th, was awarded to Xian Fang Bak from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, for her paper titled, "Measuring Foreclosure Impact Mitigation: Evidence from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in Chicago." Bak's research was supervised by Geoff Hewings.

The Tiebout Prize Reading Committee also selected one finalist this year, Esteban Lopez Ochoa, for his paper, "Urban Renewal, Residential Mobility and Location Choice as the Product of Housing Displacement: An Ex-ante Analysis." Lopez Ochoa's advisor is Geoff Hewings, as well. Congratulations to both winners!

The Tiebout Prize is given in memory of Charles Tiebout and his contributions to regional science, in particular his mentoring of graduate students. Winners of the Prize receive \$1,000 to help defray the costs associated with attending the annual meeting. See related story on Page 4 of this *Newsletter* for information about next year's competition!

Every year, the Tiebout Prize Reading Committee, comprised of past WRSA Presidents, evaluates a large pool of submissions. This year's Committee was chaired by Hans Westlund and also included Sandy Dall'Erba (filling in for Warren Gill), Peter Gordon, and Serge Rey. A big thank you for all your hard work!

Interested in contributing to the Tiebout Prize endowment fund? Donations ensure the long-term financial health of the Prize and every dollar helps! The Tiebout Prize fund is managed by the University of Arizona Foundation. Donations can be made easily online. See the WRSA website for instructions.



Tiebout Prize Reading Committee Chair, Hans Westlund, with winner, Xian Fang Bak (center), and finalist, Esteban Lopez Ochoa

Springer Prize Goes to Karl Geisler

Every year Springer, publishers of the WRSA's official journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*, offers a prize for the best paper given at the meeting by a junior scholar (doctoral degree received within the past five years). The Springer Prize comes with a \$500 book voucher and a certificate. This year's 20th Prize was awarded to Karl Geisler, from the University of New Mexico, for his paper, "Tourism, Las Vegas, and The Hangover: Quantifying a Major Motion Picture's Impacts on Visitor Volume."

Submissions were judged by the three co-editors of the *Annals*, Martin Andersson, Euijune Kim, and Janet Kohlhase. For details on next year's competition, see related story on Page 4 or the WRSA website.



Karl Geisler receives his Springer Prize certificate from the Annals co-editors and the representative from Springer, Johannes Glaeser

WRSA Board Updates

Matthias Ruth Named Vice President



The WRSA Board meets each year during the annual meeting. One of its principal tasks is to decide on future leadership, including Vice President, additional Board members, and, occasionally, new Fellows.

At this year's meeting, the Board agreed unanimously to select Matthias Ruth as the incoming Vice President. Ruth has long been a member of the Association and has served on the Board for over a decade. He is a professor at Northeastern University in Boston, where he directs the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs.

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President Elect: Alan Murray

At the annual meeting in Hawaii, Alan Murray, current Vice President, assumed the role of President-Elect. At next year's meeting in Santa Fe, Murray will give his presidential address and will host the Presidential Reception.

Three New Board Members Announced

The Board added three new members to its ranks this year: Makena Coffman, Janet Kohlhasse, and Daoqin Tong. Welcome to all!



Makena Coffman

Coffman is a faculty member in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. In addition to assisting with the opening plenary in years when the WRSA meets in Hawaii, she is a longtime WRSA member.



Janet Kohlhasse

Janet Kohlhasse, an economist at the University of Houston, has served on the WRSA Board in an *ex officio* capacity as co-editor of the *Annals* for several years. In light of her ongoing contributions to the Association, the Board felt it appropriate that Kohlhasse join the Board officially.

The third addition to the WRSA Board is Daoqin Tong, a longtime WRSA member who has been very active in the field of regional science. Tong is a faculty member in the School of Geography and Development at the University of Arizona.



Daoqin Tong

Changes to Tiebout and Springer Prize Submission Processes

At its annual business meeting, the WRSA Board agreed to update the submission processes for both the Tiebout and Springer Prizes. Effective immediately, submissions for both prizes will be integrated into the existing online paper submission portal.

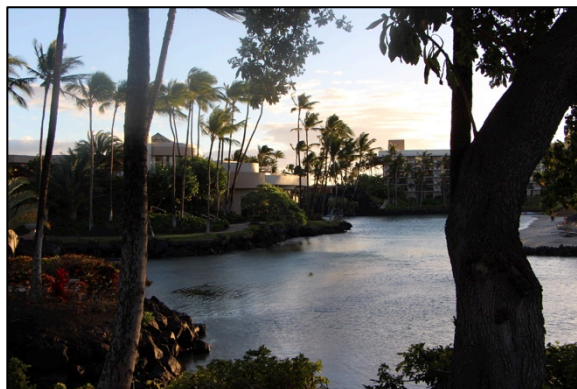
The Tiebout Prize is awarded for the best paper submitted by a current (or recently finished) doctoral student in the field of regional science. Further information about the Tiebout Prize is available on the WRSA website. Those wishing to have their papers considered for the 31st annual Tiebout Prize should upload their papers to the WRSA system and be sure to check the appropriate box for the Tiebout Prize (see graphic below). The required cover sheet information should be included as part of the manuscript pdf. Paper copies should no longer be mailed to the WRSA office!

The Springer Prize is awarded to early career scholars (those who completed their degrees within the past five years) presenting a paper at the WRSA conference. To be considered for this award, simply check the "Springer Prize" option during the usual submission process (see below).

Additional Information	
Keywords:	Select at least 1 and up to 3 keywords that describe your paper
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Awards:	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider my paper for the Tiebout Prize <input type="checkbox"/> Consider my paper for the Springer Prize
Presenting Author: (the author that will present the paper at the meeting)	<div>Select the presenting author</div> <div>Select the presenting author</div> <div>Rachel S. FRANKLIN, Brown Univ., Providence, Rhode Island, USA</div>

Pictures from the 2016 WRSA Annual Meeting on the Big Island of Hawaii

(Many more photos available on the WRSA website!)



Assorted reception photos...



And a few from plenaries and the Annual Banquet Luncheon...



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Regional Science Meeting Calendar

47th Annual Conference of the MCRSA

Charlotte, North Carolina, June 9–11, 2016

<http://www.mcra.org/conference.html>

14th Summer PRSCO Institute

Bangkok, Thailand, June 27–29, 2016

<http://www.prsc2016.com/index.html>

56th European Congress of the RSAI

Vienna, Austria, August 23–26, 2016

<http://vienna.ersa.org>

63rd North American Meetings of the RSAI

Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 9–12, 2016

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

56th Annual Meeting of the WRSA

Santa Fe, New Mexico, February 15–18, 2017

(See article, Page 1, this Newsletter)

<http://www.wrsa.info>

56th Annual Meeting of the SRSA

Memphis, Tennessee, March 30–April 1, 2017

<http://www.srsa.org/conference.htm>

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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