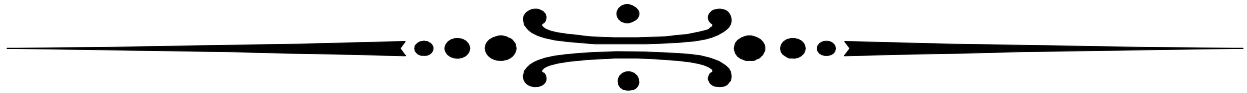


2010 Conference Program



Mid-Continent Regional Science Association 41st Annual Conference

IMPLAN National User's Conference 8th Biennial Conference

June 3 – June 5, 2010

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch
St. Louis, Missouri

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MCRSA / IMPLAN Program Schedule Overview

Thursday

3:00-5:30 **MCRSA Executive Committee** (open invitation)

6:00-8:30 **Registration and All Conference Reception**

Friday

7:30-10:30 **Registration**

8:00-8:20 **All Conference Welcome**

	MCRSA Breakout			IMPLAN Breakout
8:30-10:00	1a 1b 1c 1d			1e

10:00-10:30 **All Conference Break**

10:30-12:00	MCRSA Plenary		2a 2b
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12:00-1:45 **All Conference Lunch, Awards, Speaker**

2:00-3:30	3a 3b 3c		3d 3e
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3:30-3:45 **All Conference Break**

3:45-5:15	4a 4b 4c 4d		4e 4f
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Saturday

7:45-8:45 **All Conference Breakfast Buffet**

8:15 -8:45 **MCRSA Business Meeting – During Breakfast**

9:00-10:30	5a 5b 5c		IMPLAN Plenary
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10:45-12:15	6a 6b 6c		6d 6e
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12:15 p.m. **Conference Adjourns. Safe Travels!**

**2010 ANNUAL MEETING
PROGRAM**

THURSDAY, June 3, 2010

3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

MCRSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**– STERLING STUDIO 8
2ND FLOOR**

Open Invitation

6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE WELCOME RECEPTION

**– GATEWAY EAST
18TH FLOOR**

Complementary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

FRIDAY, June 4

8:00 A.M. – 8:20 A.M.

CONFERENCE WELCOME

**– GRAND BALLROOM F
2ND FLOOR**

Gisele Hamm, President
Mid-Continent Regional Science Association

Scott Lindall, President
Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

FRIDAY, June 4

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

MCRSA SESSION 1A: GROWTH POLICY

**– MILLS STUDIO 1
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: David Sorenson

Growth Hills and Optimal Government Spending: Location and Movement along the Curve

Author(s):

Viktor Khanzhyn, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (*presenting*)

Eric Thompson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (*attending*)

David Rosenbaum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (*non-attending*)

Political Objectives and Legal Strategies

Author(s):

Ragnild Vada, Nord-Trondelag University College, Norway (*presenting*)

The Determinants of Agglomeration in Health Sectors in US Cities

Author(s):

Bhawani P Mishra, University of Missouri (*presenting*)

Discussants:

David Sorenson

Rebekka Dudensing

Koichi Yamaura

FRIDAY, June 4

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

MCRSA SESSION 1B: WIND ENERGY

**– MILLS STUDIO 2
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: Al Myles

Wind Development: Choosing the Site, Turbine and Blade Length

Author(s):

John Lehman, Appalachian State University (*attending*)

Quint David, Appalachian State University (*presenting*)

The Cost of Wind Energy: Comparing Distant Wind Resources to Local Resources

Author(s):

David Hoppock, Duke University (*presenting*)

Dalia Patiño-Echeverri, Duke University (*non-attending*)

Proposed Legislation Limiting Wind Development on the Mountains of North Carolina: The Economic and Policy Effects

Author(s):

John Lehman, Appalachian State University (*presenting*)

Discussants:

Al Myles

Shriniwas Gautam

Arne Kildengaard

FRIDAY, June 4

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

MCRSA SESSION 1C: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

**– MILLS STUDIO 4
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: Hanas Cader

Gateway Communities and Regional Amenity Resources

Author(s):

David Marcouiller, University of Wisconsin-Madison (*presenting*)

The Impact of Social Capital on Environmental Quality in Rural America

Author(s):

Ashleigh Arledge, University of Wisconsin-Madison (*presenting*)

The Role of Local Amenities in the Establishment of Small Businesses

Author(s):

Bjorn Markeson, University of Wisconsin-Madison (*presenting*)

Discussants:

Hanas Cader

Vardges Hovhannisyan

Elizabeth Johnston

FRIDAY, June 4

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

**MCRSA SESSION 1D: PROPERTY TAXES AND HOUSING
– MILLS STUDIO 5
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: Sung Hoon Kang

Who Cares Who Collects? An Economic Analysis of Tax Liens Sales as a Method of Delinquent Property Tax Collection

Author(s):

Joshua Miller, University of Illinois at Chicago (*presenting*)

Property Taxation, Education Finance Reform, and Tax Base Growth

Author(s):

Mark Skidmore, Michigan State University (*attending*)

Laura Reese, Michigan State University (*non-attending*)

Sung Hoon Kang, Michigan State University (*attending*)

Real Estate Cycles, Supply and the Dynamics of Condominium Prices in Milwaukee Wisconsin

Author(s):

James Thorson, Southern Connecticut State University (*presenting*)

Discussants:

Sung Hoon Kang

Matthew Howell

Mark Skidmore

FRIDAY, June 4

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

**IMPLAN SESSION 1E: ESTIMATING THE JOBS IMPACT OF THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) OF
2009 USING IMPLAN AND OTHER INPUT OUTPUT TECHNIQUES
- GRAND BALLROOM F
2ND FLOOR**

**An Issue about Estimating the Jobs Impact from Government Program Expenditures
with an Input Output Multiplier Model**

Author(s):

Kenneth Hanson, U.S. Department of Agriculture (*presenting*)

**Estimating the Impact on Employment of USDA's Field Agency Programs in the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

Author(s):

David Buland, U.S. Department of Agriculture (*presenting*)

**Estimating the Impacts on Employment of USDA's Forest Service Programs in the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

Author(s):

Susan Winters, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (*non-attending*)

Greg Alward, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc. (*presenting*)

FRIDAY, June 4

10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

ALL CONFERENCE COFFEE BREAK

**- GRAND BALLROOM PRE-FUNCTION
4TH FLOOR**

FRIDAY, June 4

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**MCRSA PLENARY SESSION - GRAND BALLROOM F
4TH FLOOR**

Organizers: Gisele Hamm and Norm Walzer

**Economic Development Planning and Practice
in the Greater St. Louis Region**

Three St. Louis economic development professionals will present an overview of economic development planning and activities in the region. The panelist will describe how their organizations work together.

Ruth Sergenian, from the St Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association (RCGA) will describe the RCGA's new economic development strategic plan. Research conducted for the RCGA by Market Street Services identified key industry cluster strengths and challenges. The regional plan, based on People, Prosperity and Place, provides direction for the region moving forward.

Karin Hagaman, of the St. Louis Development Corporation, will discuss current economic development initiatives underway in the City of St. Louis.

Douglas Rasmussen will describe St. Louis County as an economic driver for the State of Missouri. He will provide an overview of the Economic Council and describe how the Council helps companies. Doug will discuss the economy, commercial real estate, lending in the context of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the region.

Ruth Sergenian is the director of Economic Policy and Analysis at the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association. She has over 20 years of real estate market research and economic and community development consulting. Prior to joining the RCGA she was an analyst and project manager with RegionWise, a regional research center at Saint Louis University's School of Education and Public Service.

Karin Hagaman is a Major Project Manager with the St. Louis Development Corporation, the economic development organization for the City of St. Louis. In this role, she manages several multi-dimensional community economic development projects with significant City-wide impact. She has more than 10 years of experience in economic development.

Doug Rasmussen, vice president of business development for St. Louis County Economic Council, is responsible for the attraction, retention and expansion of business within St. Louis County. He has extensive experience in business development in both the public and private sectors. Rasmussen's responsibilities include negotiation of incentives for companies locating in St. Louis County and project management.

FRIDAY, June 4

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

IMPLAN SESSION 2A: IMPLAN APPLICATIONS I

**– MILLS STUDIO 2
4TH FLOOR**

Impact of Base Realignment and Closing on the 11 County Region of North Carolina

Author(s):

Inder Nijhawan, Fayetteville State University (*presenting*)

**Economic Modeling Tool for Estimating Regional Economic Impacts of the Corps
Civil Works Programs**

Author(s):

Wen-Huei Chang, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (*attending*)

Lisa McDonald, The Louis Berger Group (*non-attending*)

Holly Bender, The Louis Berger Group (*attending*)

David Moser, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (*non-attending*)

**Using IMPLAN to Measure the Benefits of Community Farmers' Markets in
Mississippi**

Author(s):

Al Myles, Mississippi State University (*presenting*)

Ken Hood, Mississippi State University (*non-attending*)

FRIDAY, June 4

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

IMPLAN SESSION 2B: USING IMPLAN

**– MILLS STUDIO 4
4TH FLOOR**

Emissions Factors for IMPLAN Models: an Application Using TEAM

Author(s):

Jared Creason, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (*attending*)

Isabelle Morin, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (*non-attending*)

Scott Moore, Moore Data, LLC (*attending*)

Linkalysis: Tools for Smart and Sustainable Economic Development

Author(s):

David Schoen, Ball State University (*attending*)

Nalitra Thaiprasert, Ball State University (*attending*)

**From Hours to Output: Getting Economic Impacts Right in Transportation
Investment Analysis**

Author(s):

Brian Alstadt, Economic Development Research Group (*presenting*)

Glen Weisbrod, Economic Development Research Group (*non-attending*)

FRIDAY, June 4

12:00 NOON - 1:45 P.M.

ALL CONFERENCE LUNCHEON & MCRSA AWARDS

**- GRAND BALLROOM E
4TH FLOOR**

Luncheon Speaker: Jack K. Strauss

What's Next for the Midwest: A "New Normal" or "Bimodal Economy?"

Professor Strauss is the Simon Chair of Economics at St. Louis University and Director of the Simon Center for Regional Forecasting. His experience in forecasting includes publications in top journals including Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Portfolio Management, Econometric Reviews, Journal of International Forecasting, and Journal of Forecasting. Additional research includes more than a dozen publications in exchange rate determination including multiple articles in the Journal of International Money and Finance, Southern Economic Review, Review of International Economics, and Economic Letters on the subject. Professor Strauss further wrote for the Economist Intelligence Unit for several years including more than a dozen economic reports on Ukraine.

His background further includes international policy experience. He has consulted for the Central Bank of Azerbaijan, the Central Bank of Egypt, and the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine. For these government agencies, Professor Strauss modeled and forecasted the international macro-economy as well as trained their staff to implement these models. In Azerbaijan, for instance, his responsibilities included completion of a combination forecast model of both inflation and money demand that outperformed the autoregressive benchmark as well as their own models by more than 40%.

As director of the Simon Center, his responsibilities include organizing conferences for St. Louis University of the regional and national economy, forecasting the local economy of St. Louis and the State of Missouri and contributions to the media. He has been cited more than 150 times recently on local TV, radio, newspapers as well as national outlets including Wall Street Journal, U.S. News & World Report, Voice of America, and more.

FRIDAY, June 4

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

MCRSA SESSION 3A: PRESIDENTIAL SYMPOSIUM

**- MILLS STUDIO 3
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: Russ Kashian, President-Elect

The foreclosure crisis of the last several years is an event of enormous concern to those who promote cities and develop neighborhoods. While healthy housing markets offer a basis for the life of a community, foreclosures often result in an abundance of negative externalities. The investment by families in housing offers an indication that there is confidence in the city's neighborhoods, business and communities. A housing market in crisis, on the other hand, prophesizes city in despair. It foretells of a city of diminishing tax bases and changes in the human makeup of neighborhoods. The papers contained in the Presidential Symposium examine the impact of foreclosures in a neighborhood and their impact on property values.

The Neighborhood Effect of Concentrated Condominium Sheriff Sales on Adjacent Condominium Values

Author(s):

Russ Kashian, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Exploring the Changes in Foreclosure Discounts from Saint Louis County, MO

Author(s):

William H. Rogers, University of Missouri at Saint Louis

Using Cluster Analysis to Understand Neighborhood response to Foreclosures: An Example from St. Louis

Author(s):

William Winter, University of Missouri at Saint Louis

FRIDAY, June 4

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

MCRSA SESSION 3B: HUMAN CAPITAL

**- MILLS STUDIO 2
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: Dave Sorenson

Definitions of the Knowledge Concept and Its Usefulness in Regional Analysis

Author(s):

Hans Siggaard Jensen, University of Aarhus/Copenhagen Campus (*presenting*)

Job Satisfaction Amongst Knowledge Workers

Author(s):

Kjell Age Gotvassli, Nord-Trondelag University College, Norway (*presenting*)

Anne Sigrid Haugset, Trondelag Research and Development Institute, Norway
(*non-attending*)

Service Learning, Studio Teaching and Interdisciplinary Education: Reflections on Experience

Author(s):

Beth Walter Honadle, University of Cincinnati (*presenting*)

Discussants:

Dave Sorenson

Emily Kaye Seawright

Quint David

FRIDAY, June 4

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

**MCRSA SESSION 3C: NATURAL DISASTERS AND ECONOMICS
- MILLS STUDIO 1
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: Eric Manthei

Social Disintegration During Times of Disease: An Examination of Disorder on Large Social Systems

Author(s):

Andrea Mason, Iowa State University (*presenting*)

Development and Application of a County Level Disaster Impact Model for the Texas Gulf Coast

Author(s):

Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University (*presenting*)

James Richardson, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)

Eric Manthei, Texas A&M University (*attending*)

Rural Community Recovery from Natural Disasters

Author(s):

Aaron Lusby, Louisiana Tech University (*presenting*)

Stephanie Tidwell, Louisiana Tech University (*non-attending*)

Discussants:

Eric Manthei

Charles Franklin

Bhawani P Mishra

FRIDAY, June 4

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

IMPLAN SESSION 3D: IMPLAN APPLICATIONS II

**- MILLS STUDIO 4
4TH FLOOR**

Economic and Employment Opportunities from an Expanding Renewable Energy Sector

Author(s):

Burton English, The University of Tennessee (*presenting*)

Jamey Menard, The University of Tennessee (*non-attending*)

Kim Jensen, The University of Tennessee (*attending*)

Daniel G. De la Torre Ugarte, The University of Tennessee (*non-attending*)

Chad Hellwinckel, The University of Tennessee (*non-attending*)

Astronomical Impacts: A Methodology to Highlight the Contribution of a New Telescope over its Expected Life

Author(s):

John Eastwood, Northern Arizona University (*presenting*)

Wayne Fox, Northern Arizona University (*non-attending*)

Ronald Gunderson, Northern Arizona University (*attending*)

Economic Impact of Total Conversion to Dryland Agricultural Production on the Southern High Plains of Texas

Author(s):

Bridget Guerrero, Texas A&M University (*presenting*)

Andrew Wright, Texas Tech University (*non-attending*)

Darren Hudson, Texas Tech University (*non-attending*)

Stephen Amosson, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)

Jeffrey Johnson, Texas Tech University (*non-attending*)

FRIDAY, June 4

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

**IMPLAN SESSION 3E: AMENITIES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
- MILLS STUDIO 5
4TH FLOOR**

The Economic Impact of Wildlife Associated Recreation Expenditures in Southeast US: A General Equilibrium Analysis

Author(s):

Anwar Hussain, Mississippi State University (*presenting*)

Ian Munn, Mississippi State University (*non-attending*)

David Holland, Washington State University (*non-attending*)

Stan Spurlock, Mississippi State University (*non-attending*)

An Economic Impact Analysis of Hunting Operations in South Texas

Author(s):

Erika Dodd, Texas A&M University (*presenting*)

Fred Bryant, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)

Leonard Brennan, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)

Barry Dunn, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)

Charles Gilliland, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)

Ronald Hy, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)

Feasibility of Evaluating the Forward Linkages of US Army Corps of Engineers Business Lines

Author(s):

Lisa McDonald, The Louis Berger Group (*non-attending*)

Holly Bender, The Louis Berger Group (*attending*)

Wen-Huei Chang, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (*attending*)

Dave Moser, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (*non-attending*)

FRIDAY, June 4

3:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M

ALL CONFERENCE COFFEE BREAK

**- GRAND BALLROOM PRE-FUNCTION
4TH FLOOR**

FRIDAY, June 4
3:45 P.M. – 5:15 P.M

MCRSA SESSION 4A: HUMAN CAPITAL & ECONOMIC GROWTH
– MILLS STUDIO 3
4TH FLOOR

Chair: Ron Gunderson

Linking Knowledge to Productivity

Author(s):

Knut Ingar Westeren, Nord-Trondelag University College, Norway (*presenting*)

The Regional and Statewide Impact of the California State University

Author(s):

Elizabeth Johnston, ICF International (*presenting*)

Economic Contribution of a Rural Texas Community College

Author(s):

Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University (*presenting*)

Discussants:

Ron Gunderson

John Leatherman

Bjorn Markeson

FRIDAY, June 4
3:45 P.M. – 5:15 P.M

MCRSA SESSION 4B: ECONOMIC POLICY

– MILLS STUDIO 2
4TH FLOOR

Chair: Norm Walzer

Impact of Alternative Public Policy Options to Address Budget Shortfall in Louisiana

Author(s):

Aloyce R. Kaliba, Southern University and A&M College (*presenting*)
Donald Andrews, Southern University and A&M College (*non-attending*)
Ashagre Yigletu, Southern University and A&M College (*non-attending*)
David Bouras, Lincoln University (*non-attending*)

Pattern Analysis Highlighting Industry Patterns the Drive New Wealth in a Regional Economy

Author(s):

Alan Spell, Missouri Department of Economic Development (*presenting*)

The Economic Impacts of Increased Exports to Cuba: Contributing to the Policy Debate

Author(s):

Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)
Flynn Adcock, Texas A&M University (*non-attending*)
Eric Manthei, Texas A&M University (*presenting*)

Discussants:

Norm Walzer
Yue Zheng
Shahriar Kibriya

FRIDAY, June 4
3:45 P.M. – 5:15 P.M

MCRSA SESSION 4C: ECONOMIC IMPACTS

– MILLS STUDIO 1
4TH FLOOR

Chair: Gisele Hamm

The Economic Impact of Farm to School Lunch Programs: A Central Minnesota Example

Author(s):

Brigid Tuck, University of Minnesota Extension (*presenting*)

Robert King, University of Minnesota (*non-attending*)

Monica Haynes, University of Minnesota (*non-attending*)

Impact of Wal-Mart on the Structure of the Local Retail Sector

Author(s):

Stan Keil, Ball State University (*presenting*)

Lee Spector, Ball State University (*non-attending*)

Michael Hicks, Center for Business Research (*non-attending*)

Economic Impact of Irrigation Water Transfers in Uvalde County, Texas

Author(s):

Melissa Whited, University of Wisconsin-Madison (*presenting*)

Winner: M. Jarvin Emerson Student Paper Competition

Discussants:

Gisele Hamm

Joshua Miller

Bridget Guerrero

FRIDAY, June 4
3:45 P.M. – 5:15 P.M

MCRSA SESSION 4D: TAXATION AND PRICES

– MILLS STUDIO 4
4TH FLOOR

Chair: Russ Kashian

Effect of Gasoline Prices on Vehicle Miles Travelled: An Exploratory Analysis of Northern Virginia Traffic based on Granger Causality

Author(s):

Kingsley Haynes, George Mason University (*presenting*)

Rajendra Kulkarni, George Mason University (*non-attending*)

Roger Stough, George Mason University (*non-attending*)

The Impact of Tax and Expenditure Limits on City Credit Ratings

Author(s):

Steve Deller, University of Wisconsin-Madison (*attending*)

Judith Stallmann, University of Missouri (*non-attending*)

The Economic Impact of Property Tax Rate Limits: A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis

Author(s):

Nalitra Thaiprasert, Ball State University (*presenting*)

Dagney Faulk, Ball State University (*non-attending*)

Michael Hicks, Ball State University (*non-attending*)

Discussants:

Russ Kashian

Steve Vickner

Steve Deller

FRIDAY, June 4
3:45 P.M. – 5:15 P.M

IMPLAN SESSION 4E: GROWTH AND TECHNOLOGY
– MILLS STUDIO 5
4TH FLOOR

Measuring Broadband Internet Effects on Economic Outcomes

Author(s):

Hilal Atasoy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (*presenting*)

Projected Economic Impacts of Green Jobs Development in the Appalachian Region

Author(s):

Kim Jensen, The University of Tennessee (*attending*)

Burton English, The University of Tennessee (*attending*)

Jamey Menard, The University of Tennessee (*non-attending*)

Dayton Lambert, The University of Tennessee (*non-attending*)

Economic Impact and Local Ownership: The Case of Minnesota Wind Power

Author(s):

Arne Kildengaard, University of Minnesota-Morris (*presenting*)

FRIDAY, June 4
3:45 P.M. – 5:15 P.M

IMPLAN SESSION 4F: TEACHING RURAL DEVELOPMENT
– MILLS STUDIO 7
4TH FLOOR

Chair: Aaron Lusby

A Private Sector View: Skill Requirements of IMPLAN Users

Author(s):

Greg Alward, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc. (*presenting*)

Learning in High School Economics Courses: Explaining the Rural Achievement Gap

Author(s):

Eric Thompson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (*presenting*)

Roger Butters, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (*attending*)

Carlos Asarta, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (*non-attending*)

FRIDAY, June 4 EVENING

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS!

25 THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN ST. LOUIS

- Ride to the top of the Gateway Arch 630-feet over the Mississippi River.
- Visit an artistic oasis in the heart of downtown. Citygarden offers a vibrant blending of lush plantings and renowned sculpture.
- Explore Forest Park's 1,300 acres of lakes, walking paths and attractions.
- Drive Old Route 66 and visit some of the "Mother Road's" fascinating stops.
- Enjoy free attractions, including the Art Museum, Zoo, Science Center, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Grant's Farm, and the Missouri History Museum.
- Marvel at the Missouri Botanical Garden, among the world's top public gardens.
- Free your inner child at the Magic House and City Museum.
- Visit an ancient Indian civilization at Cahokia Mounds.
- Cheer for Major League Baseball's St. Louis Cardinals.
- Count the mosaics at the breathtaking Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.
- Flirt with Lady Luck at one of the area's five casinos including: Lumière Place, Harrah's, The President, Ameristar and Casino Queen.
- Experience live blues music in one of the dozens of area clubs and taverns.
- Get your motor running at the Museum of Transportation or Gateway International Raceway.
- Visit the heart of St. Louis through our friendly and charming neighborhoods.
- Take in the art at the Laumeier Sculpture Park, the Contemporary Art Museum, the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts and The Sheldon Concert Hall, Ballroom & Art Galleries.
- Discover American heritage at the Old Courthouse, Black World History Museum and Faust Historic Village.
- Visit the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.
- Satisfy your taste buds at any of our hundreds of one-of-a-kind restaurants.
- Fill an extra suitcase during a shopping trip through major malls and antique and collectible stores.
- Attend one of the area's unique fairs or festivals.
- Explore the final frontier at the Science Center's Space Sciences Center or the Challenger Learning Center.
- Get an adrenaline rush on the world-class roller coasters and thrill rides at Six Flags St. Louis.
- Play Scott Joplin's ragtime tunes at the composer's historic home.
- Talk to the animals at Grant's Farm, Purina Farms, the Wild Canid Survival Center, the World Bird Sanctuary and the St. Louis Zoo.
- Cruise the mighty Mississippi River on the Tom Sawyer or Becky Thatcher paddle wheeler.

SATURDAY, June 5

7:45 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.

**ALL CONFERENCE BUFFET BREAKFAST AND
MCRSA BUSINESS MEETING**

**- GRAND BALLROOM E
4TH FLOOR**

All conference attendees are invited to the conference breakfast buffet and MCRSA business meeting

- Exchange of the gavel
 - State of the Association and business meeting
 - *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy* update
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SATURDAY, June 5

9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

MCRSA SESSION 5A: PRODUCTION FUNCTION I

**- MILLS STUDIO 3
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: Steve Deller

An Examination of Recent Migration to Arizona

Author(s):

Ronald Gunderson, Northern Arizona University (*attending*)

David Sorenson, Augustana College (*attending*)

The Impact of Levy Systems on the Economies and Agricultural Industries of Rural Communities in Louisiana

Author(s):

Aaron Lusby, Louisiana Tech University (*presenting*)

Margaret Hinton, Louisiana Tech University (*non-attending*)

Economic Impacts of Construction Activities, Residential Expenditures, and Collection of TIF Revenues Associated with Lake Oliver, Chatsworth, Livingston County, IL

Author(s):

Robin Hanna, Western Illinois University (*presenting*)

Discussants:

Steve Deller

Andrea Mason

Aaron Lusby

SATURDAY, June 5

9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

MCRSA SESSION 5B: REGIONAL ANALYSIS

**- MILLS STUDIO 2
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: John Leatherman

The New Economy: Will it Help or Leave Rural Areas Further Behind? Evidence from Kansas

Author(s):

Hanas Cader, American University of Kuwait (*attending*)

John Leatherman, Kansas State University (*attending*)

Agricultural Diversification in Iowa: Tracing Declines between 1950-2007

Author(s):

Sara Kaplan, Iowa State University (*presenting*)

Land Reform Policy in Agriculture, China

Author(s):

Yue Zheng, Kansas State University (*presenting*)

Discussants:

Russ Kashian

Stan Keil

John Leatherman

SATURDAY, June 5

9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

MCRSA SESSION 5C: ANALYTIC INSIGHT

**- MILLS STUDIO 4
4TH FLOOR**

Chair: Knut Ingar Westeren

A GIS based Spatial Healthcare Access Index for Missouri

Author(s):

Shriniwas Gautam, University of Missouri-Columbia (*presenting*)

**Componential Changes in the Food and Kindred Products Group Industry: A Class 1
Rail Carrier Origination Market Analysis**

Author(s):

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Financing Saint Louis Metro: The Impact of Proposition A

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IMPLAN PLENARY SESSION 1:

- GRAND BALLROOM F
4TH FLOOR

IMPLAN Version 3.0

Scott Lindall, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

Model Information

Model Year:	2007
Gross Regional Product:	\$6,421,722,800
Total Personal Income:	\$10,094,420,000
Total Employment:	92,018
Number of Industries:	219
Land Area (Square Miles):	392
Area Count:	1
Population:	226,475
Total Households:	84,403
Average Household Income:	\$119,598

Gross Regional Product

Value Added		Final Demand	
Employee Compensation:	\$3,743,281,000	Households:	\$7,976,920,000
Proprietor Income:	\$265,955,100	State/Local Government:	\$1,093,714,000
Other Property Type Income:	\$1,930,064,000	Federal Government:	\$229,474,400
Indirect Business Tax:	\$482,422,500	Capital:	\$934,484,800
		Exports:	\$5,260,987,000
		Imports:	(\$8,705,285,000)
		Institutional Sales:	(\$368,572,600)
Total Value Added:	\$6,421,723,000	Total Final Demand:	\$6,421,723,000

Economic Indicators

Shannon-Weaver Diversity Index: 0.69873

Top Ten Industries (View By: Employment)

Sector	Description	Employment	Labor Income	Output
413	Food services and drinking places	8,337	\$135,593,600	\$422,025,400
438	* Employment and payroll only (state & lo...	5,023	\$265,877,100	\$297,846,200
437	* Employment and payroll only (state & lo...	4,788	\$246,265,800	\$275,876,900
99	Wood windows and doors and millwork ...	3,425	\$300,812,400	\$870,637,600
394	Offices of physicians, dentists, and other ...	3,285	\$214,411,800	\$363,061,300
329	Retail Stores - General merchandise	3,174	\$64,980,600	\$146,470,500
360	Real estate establishments	2,336	\$47,675,640	\$310,782,900
425	Civic, social, professional, and similar org...	2,259	\$39,534,620	\$96,984,180
319	Wholesale trade businesses	2,220	\$171,475,700	\$444,007,400
324	Retail Stores - Food and beverage	2,192	\$59,862,060	\$128,801,500

Areas in the Model: Minnesota, Washington County

Your IMPLAN Model is constructed through the Regional Multipliers and is complete.

Scott will demonstrate the new features of IMPLAN Version 3 and talk about the development process. He will also introduce some future development plans for the IMPLAN system.

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IMPLAN PLENARY SESSION 2:

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Multi-Regional Input-Output (MRIO) Modeling with IMPLAN

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IMPLAN V3 currently has the capability to link models of individual economies into MRIO networks of models that incorporate the commodity import supply-chain linkages between models. MRIO networks can have a geographic granularity as small as an individual county or any combination of counties. Sub-county network granularity is not available at this time, nor do the networks include income feedbacks.

Import trade flow linkages to build MRIO systems come from the IMPLAN Trade Flow Model. This formulated as a doubly-constrained gravity or entropy model estimated annually consistent with the annual IMPLAN data sets. IMPLAN trade flows are not currently available as a separate product.

Among options for solving an MRIO system MIG has chosen to partition the MRIO matrix into regional components and solve the system of simultaneous interactions numerically by iteration. As a practical matter, solution times rise exponentially as models are linked together. However, this maintains the most flexibility for users to create custom MRIO networks.

There are many benefits of to be gained from using MRIO networks for impact analysis. Among them is the ability to be explicit about the geographic distribution of impacts which allows for the obvious links to GIS. It also incorporates the asymmetric trade flows of the economic landscape such as those between metropolitan trade centers and hinterland areas. MRIO also demonstrates the role of trade feedbacks in the composition of multipliers.

Some interesting findings have arisen in early applications of MRIO modeling. For example, comparisons of impact results between an MRIO network and both single-region or pairs of single-region models of the same economy (they differ) demonstrate the role of direct-effect component of multipliers. On this point, MRIO networks offer clear and logically superior answers. In a practical sense, the ability to link very small geographic areas into an MRIO network including larger (and more functionally defined) economies avoids the common mistake of building too-small single-region models. Finally, MRIO multipliers clearly illustrate the incremental feedbacks of each linked model to the obvious advantage of a user attempting to explain the spatial distribution of impacts.

As a final conjectural issue, consider the following. If a nation-wide MRIO multiplier model with county-level granularity was available, why would one want to use a single-region model for impact analysis? Let's explore this question a bit together.

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MCRSA SESSION 6A: CITY PLANNING

- MILLS STUDIO 3
4TH FLOOR

Chair: David Sorenson

Community Strategic Visioning Programs: Approaches and Outcomes

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Lines in the Sand; Lines on the Map

Group Formation and the Fragmenting of Urban Local Government

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MCRSA SESSION 6B: PRODUCTION FUNCTION II
- MILLS STUDIO 2
4TH FLOOR

Chair: John Lehman

Which Ambitions of Growth do Female Entrepreneurs Have?

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Market Power of the Japanese Non-GM soybean Import Market

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Do Retailers Exercise Market Power? The Case of Milk

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MCRSA SESSION 6C: POLICY

- MILLS STUDIO 1
4TH FLOOR

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Benefit Cost, Per Unit, and Impact Analysis of Potential Water Saved From the Biological Control of Arundo Donax Along the Rio Grande River

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Institutions of the Underground Rain: Commons Governance on the Ogallala Aquifer

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Urban Bias in Rural Poverty and Inequality: A Case Study of India

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IMPLAN SESSION 6D: ECONOMIC MODELING

– MILLS STUDIO 4
4TH FLOOR

Comparison of Local economic Models, REMI, IMPLAN, and Southern California Inter-County Social Account Matrix (SCI-SAM): Impact Analysis on LA-LB Dual Ports Disruption

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Business Employment Dynamics Analysis

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The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey: Boom and Bust Counties

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IMPLAN SESSION 6E: ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS
– MILLS STUDIO 5
4TH FLOOR

How Can We Measure the Service Sectors' Contribution to Local Economies? A New Methodology with Oregon and Minnesota Examples

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Unplanned Land Development and Land Use Change in Southern California

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The Economic Impact of Women Owned Businesses in the United States

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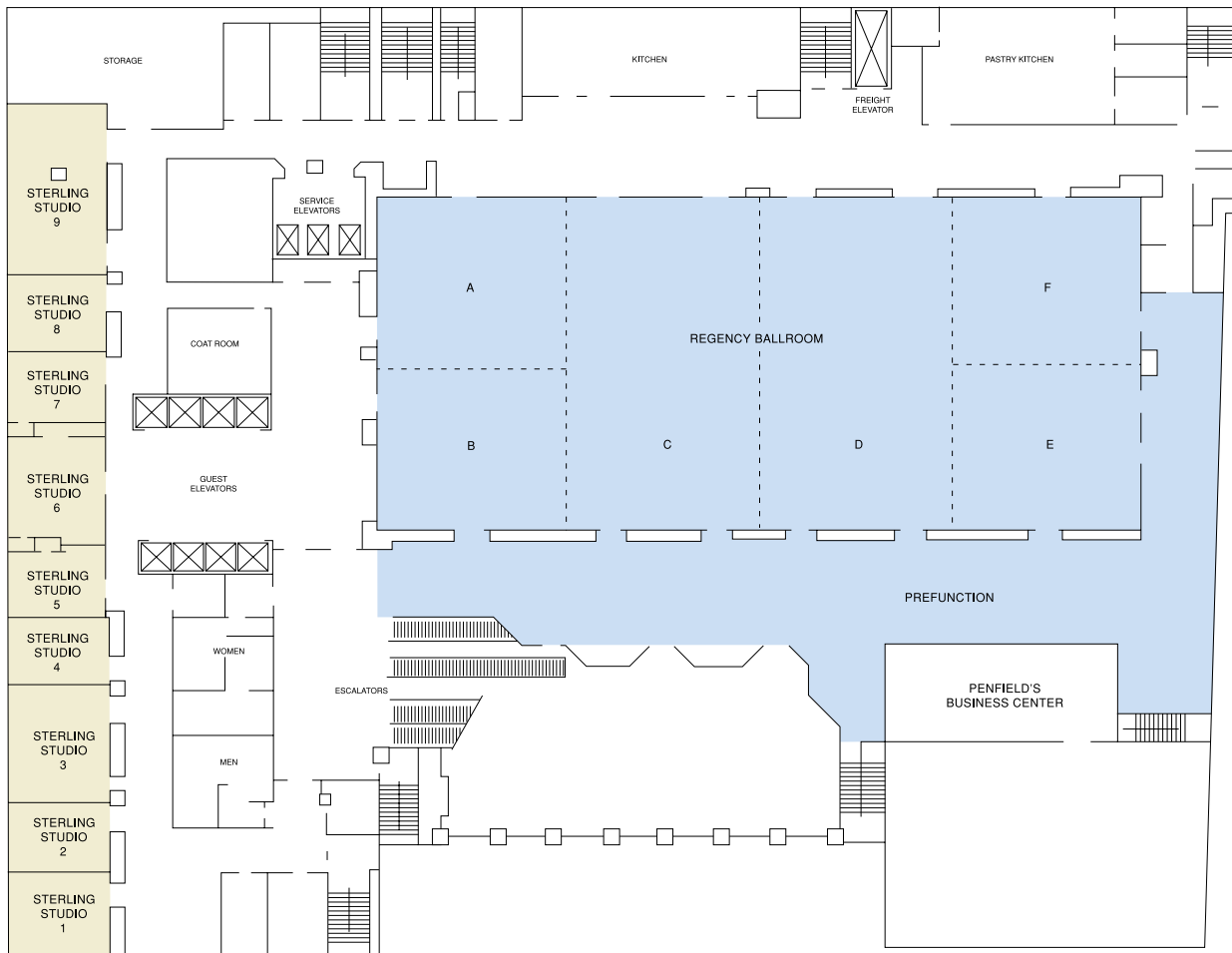


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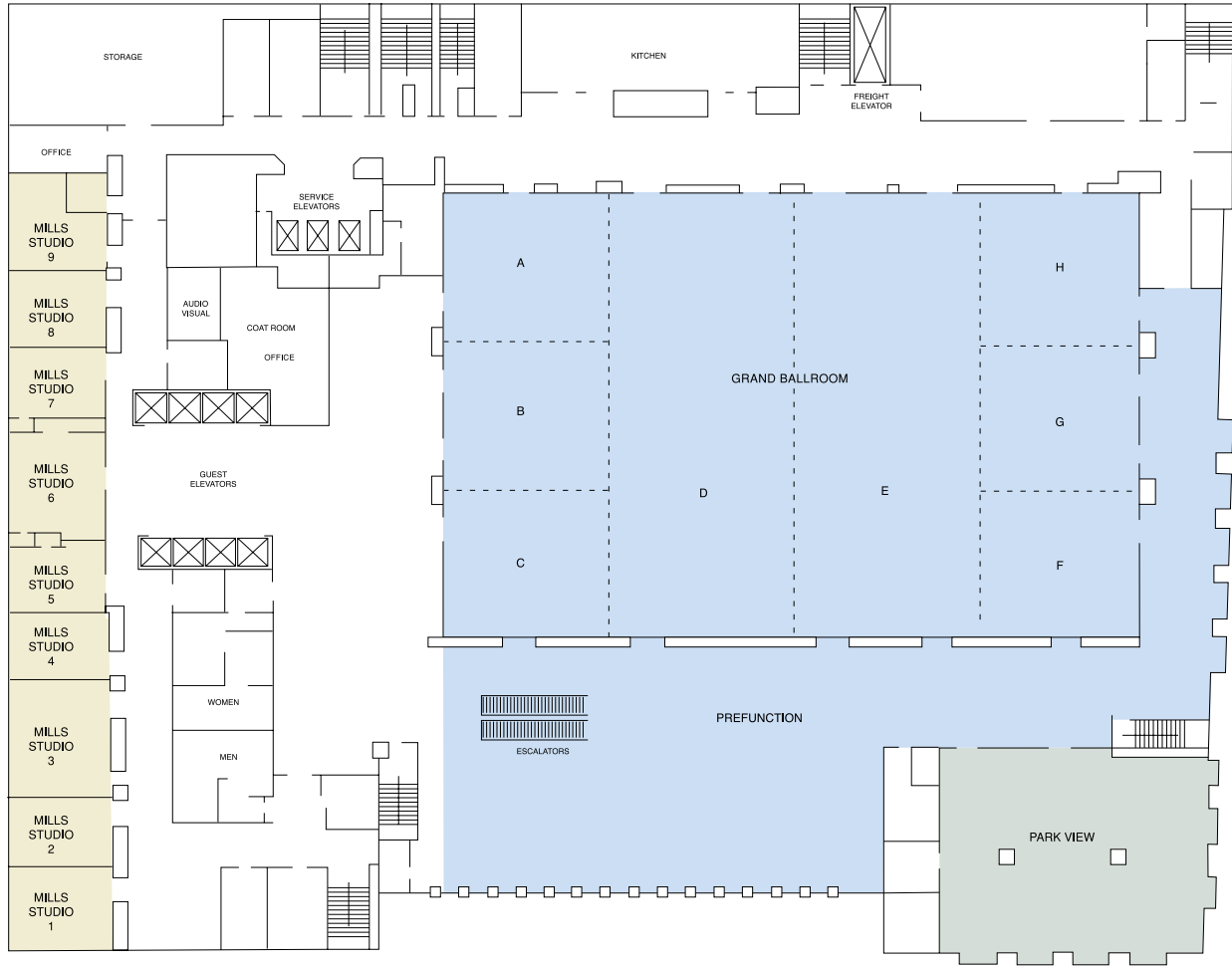
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