

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

3:00 – 4:15 PM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Theme: Special Topics

Chair: Munir Hassan, Southwestern College-Kansas

**“Policies and Socio-Economic Conditions of Private Enterprise Development in
Transitional Economies”**

Georgine Fogel, Salem International University

Discussant: Glenn Potts, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

“Labor and Tax Questions of Constitutional Moment in West Virginia and Beyond”

Woodrow Berry, Marshall University

Discussant: Milton Esbitt, Dominican University

“Economic Integration as Blessing and Curse: Issues for the Transition Economies”

Denton Marks, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

“Before Studying Its Economy, We Must First Understand Sub-Saharan Africa”

John Bowdidge, Southwest Missouri State University

Discussant: Joe Horton, University of Central Arkansas

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8:00 – 9:00 AM **3rd Floor – PDR 4**

Theme: Economics Instruction

Chair: Joe Horton, University of Central Arkansas

“The Effects of Class Size on Student Academic Performance in the Principles of Economics Course”

Brian Schultz, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Discussant: Milton Esbitt, Dominican University

“A User Friendly Approach to Teaching Economics”

Maria Gamba, University of Findlay

Discussant: Vandana Rao, Indiana University East

“The Effectiveness of Using Economics to Aid Reading Skills Development: Some Empirical Evidence”

Steven Cox, University of Southern Indiana

Daniel Friesner, University of Southern Indiana

Mohammed Khayum, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Munir Quddus, Prairie View A & M University

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9:15 – 10:30 AM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Theme: Student Learning Outcomes

Chair: Glenn Potts, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

“Assessing Learning Outcomes: A Case Study”

Vandana Rao, Indiana University East

Discussant: Brian Schultz, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

“Determinants of Undergraduate GPA: A Preliminary Comparison of Seniors and Juniors in Business and Education at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls”

John Walker, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Discussant: Sandip Patel, Marshall University

“Facilitating Student Engagement in the Introduction Business Statistics Course”

Charles Harrington, University of Southern Indiana

Timothy Schibik, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Maria Gamba, University of Findlay

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10:45 AM – 12:00 PM7th Floor – CLARK 10

JOINT SESSION WITH BUSINESS & HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Theme: Multidisciplinary Issues in Health Care

Co-Chairs: Donna Redding, Memorial Medical Center

Mohammed Khayum, University of Southern Indiana

**“Determinants of Perceived Pain in Physical Therapy Patients: A Case Study of a
Midwestern Health Care Provider”**

Donna Neufelder, St. Mary's Rehabilitation Institute

Janet Raisor, St. Mary's Rehabilitation Institute

Daniel Friesner, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Zachary D. Frank, Marshall University Graduate College

“Ergonomics in the Workplace or Politics”

Scott Pawlowski, Grand Valley State University

Jitendra Mishra, Grand Valley State University

Discussant: Michele Bush, Marshall University Graduate College

“Success Strategies in a Changing Physical Therapy Market”

Zachary D. Frank, Marshall University Graduate College

Ashish Chandra, Marshall University Graduate College

Discussants: Mike d'Amico, University of Akron

Daniel Friesner, University of Southern Indiana

“Mental Health: To Treat or Not to Treat”

Suzanne Bailey, University of Evansville

Discussant: Angela Dominelli, Albany College of Pharmacy

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12:00 – 1:00 PM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Organizational Meeting of the Executive Board of the Midwest Business Economics Association

Presiding: Munir Quddus, Prairie View A & M University

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3:00 – 4:15 PM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Theme: Economic Reforms

Chair: Shiv Gupta, University of Findlay

“Trade Liberalization and Taxation in Oligopolistic Industries”

Sudesh Mujumdar, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Keun Lee, Northern State University

“Comparative Analysis of Economic Reform”

Jackie Brux, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Discussant: John Bowdidge, Southwest Missouri State University

“Free Trade Agreements Are Rarely Politically Viable in the Long-Run”

Tracy Hofer, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Discussant: Barbara Kouskoulas, Lawrence Technological University

“Trust and Economic Progress – Fukuyama’s Work Examined”

Munir Quddus, Prairie View A & M University

Discussant: Lawrence Haber, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

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4:20 – 5:30 PM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Theme: Economic Aspects of Negotiation

Chair: Daniel Friesner, University of Southern Indiana

“Public Sector Collective Bargaining: Lessons From Game Theory”

Lawrence Haber, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

John Wellington, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Discussant: William Wilding, University of Southern Indiana

“Peer Review and Dispute Resolution in Universities”

Mashallah Rahnama-Moghadam, Texas Tech University

David Dilts, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

John Wellington, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Discussant: Robyne Hart, Hanover College

“Promoting Early Financial Retirement Among HBCU Graduates”

Jan Jasper, Prairie View A & M University

Discussant: Barbara Kouskoulas, Lawrence Technological University

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7:00 – 7:50 AMLocation to be announced

Annual Business Meeting – Midwest Business Economics Association

Presiding: Munir Quddus, Prairie View A & M University

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8:00 – 9:15 AM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Theme: Applied Financial Economics

Chair: Paul Kochanowski, Indiana University South Bend

“Valuation of Index Options: A Numerical Analysis of S&P 500 Index Call”

Jong Rhim, University of Southern Indiana

Sangwoo Heo, University of Southern Indiana

Mohammed Khayum, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Soku Byoun, University of Southern Indiana

“Building a Credit Scoring Model for an Emerging Market Using Multiple Discriminant Analysis”

Thushan Wijesinghe, University of Cincinnati

Discussant: Farid Sadrieh, Quinipiac University

“A Statistical Analysis of Determinants of Robbery of Financial Institutions in Fort Wayne, Indiana”

Hedayeh Samavati, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Juita-Elena Yusuf, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Paul Hofmann, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Discussant: Daniel Friesner, University of Southern Indiana

“Empirical Analysis of Dynamic Capital Structure Choice Model”

Soku Byoun, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Richard Skolnik, State University of New York-Oswego

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

9:30 – 10:45 AM **3rd Floor – PDR 4**

Theme: Financial Economics

Chair: Hedayeh Samavati, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

“Asset Intensity and Labor’s Share of National Income”

Richard Skolnik, State University of New York-Oswego

Discussant: Robyne Hart, Hanover College

“Unsolicited Credit Ratings: Theory and Empirical Evidence”

Soku Byoun, University of Southern Indiana

Yoon Shin, University of Delaware

Discussant: Paul Kochanowski, Indiana University South Bend

“Behavioral Economics: A Critical Overview”

Munir Quddus, Prairie View A & M University

Discussant: Tim Schibik, University of Southern Indiana

“Changes in Wealth Distribution in the U.S. 1989-1998: Implications for Risk Aversion”

William Wilding, University of Southern Indiana

Mohammed Khayum, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Ismail Shariff, Univeristy of Wisconsin

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11:00 – 12:15 PM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Theme: Human Capital Issues

Chair: John Walker, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

“Compensating a Spouse for Investment in a Partner’s Human Capital”

Paul Kochanowski, Indiana University-South Bend

Discussant: Sudesh Mujumdar, University of Southern Indiana

“The Outsourcing of Faculty Work in Higher Education”

Timothy Schibik, University of Southern Indiana

Charles Harrington, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Mashallah Rahnema-Moghadam, Texas Tech University

“The Returns to Educational Attainment, Local Support & Student Performance in Central Indiana Counties”

Eric Dodge, Hanover College

Discussant: Vandana Rao, Indiana University East

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1:45 – 3:00 PM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Theme: Globalization Challenges

Chair: Ismail Shariff, University of Wisconsin

“The Value of the Euro: Undervalued or Overvalued?”

Farid Sadrieh, Quinnipiac University

Keun Lee, Northern State University

Debela Birru, Central College

Discussant: Mohammed Khayum, University of Southern Indiana

“An Analysis of Capital Flight From East Asian Emerging Economies ”

Mashallah Rahnama-Moghadam, Texas Tech University

Hedayeh Samavati, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

David Dilts, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Discussant: Tracy Hofer, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

“Industry Comparison of the Propensity for Alliance Formation ”

Krishnan Ramaya, North Dakota State University

Mohammed Khayum, University of Southern Indiana

Discussant: Farida Khan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

3:00 – 4:15 PM 3rd Floor – PDR 4

Theme: Trends in Higher Education

Chair: David Dilts, Indiana-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

“Distance Learning Via Web-CT”

Alina Zapalska, Marshall University

Sandip Patel, Marshall University

Discussant: Joe Horton, University of Central Arkansas

“Issues in Distance Learning”

Vandana Rao, Indiana University East

Discussant: Richard Skolnik, State University of New York-Oswego

“Study Abroad as a Step to Internationalization of College Education”

Alina Zapalska, Marshall University

William Edwards, Marshall University

Sarah Denman, Marshall University

Discussant: Munir Quddus, Prairie View A & M University

“Ethical and Legal Issues in E-Commerce”

Samia Massoud, Prairie View A & M University

Discussant: Krishnan Ramaya, North Dakota State University