Thursday, August 3, 2017

8:00-8:30  Registration and Coffee

8:30-8:45  Welcoming Remarks

8:45-10:15  Panel 1: What Is the Impact of Health on Retirement Decisions?

‘If I Am in Good Health’: Using Subjective Conditional Expectations Relating Health to Retirement with Lesson for Social Security Claiming and Sustainability
Pamela Giustinelli and Matthew D. Shapiro, University of Michigan

Characterizing the Role of Health on Early Retirement Decisions: A Multi-State Approach
Mark Cullen, Stanford University and NBER and Amal Harrati, Stanford University

The Role of Health Expectations in Retirement Behavior
Feiya Shao, University of Michigan (Dissertation Fellow)

10:15-10:30  Break

10:30-12:00  Panel 2: How Do Retiree Health Costs Affect People and Programs?

How Much Does Out-of-Pocket Medical Spending Eat Away at Social Security Benefits?
Matthew S. Rutledge, Boston College and Melissa McInerney, Tufts University

Late Enrollment Penalties, Medicare Enrollment and Medicare Costs of Older Americans
Yuanyuan Deng, State University of New York at Stony Brook (Dissertation Fellow)

Financial Well-Being in Late Life: Understanding the Impact of Adverse Health Shocks and Spousal Deaths
James Poterba, MIT and NBER and Steven Venti, Dartmouth College and NBER
12:00-1:15  Box Lunch

Luncheon Speaker: Peter A. Diamond, Institute Professor of Economics, MIT

1:15-2:45  Panel 3: What Challenges Do Retirees Face in Managing Their Money?

Sources of Financial Assistance for Retirees with Dementia
Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher and Anek Belbase, Boston College

The Potential Role of Social Insurance in Financing Long-Term Services and Supports
Melissa M. Favreault and Richard W. Johnson, Urban Institute

Social Security Benefits and Household Budgeting
Jialan Wang, University of Illinois and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

2:45-3:00  Break

3:00-4:30  Panel 4: How Do Family Ties Affect Retirement Security?

How Much Does Motherhood Cost Women in Social Security Income?
Matthew S. Rutledge and Alice Zulkarnain, Boston College

Parental Transfers to Unemployed Children: Savings, Consumption, and Retirement Effects
Kathryn Edwards and Jeffrey Wenger, RAND Corporation

Intergenerational Transfers, Wealth Accumulation and Inequality
Eric French, University College London and Andrew Hood and Cormac O’Dea, Institute for Fiscal Studies
Friday, August 4, 2017

8:00-8:30  Registration and Coffee

8:30-10:00  Panel 5: What Factors Affect Asset Accumulation?

*Homeownership, Social Insurance, and Old-Age Security in the United States and Europe*
Barbara Butrica and Stipica Mudrazija, Urban Institute

*Optimal Illiquidity in the Retirement Savings System, Part II*
John Beshears, Harvard University and NBER, James Choi, Yale and NBER, Christopher Harris, University of Cambridge, and David Laibson and Brigitte Madrian, Harvard University and NBER

*Can Knowledge Empower Women to Save More for Retirement?*
Drew Anderson, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Steven H. Sandell Scholar)

10:00-10:15  Break

10:15-11:45  Panel 6: Would Social Security Changes Prompt People to Alter Their Plans?

*How Do Various Social Security Reforms Affect Retirement Timing and Household Welfare?*
Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher and Wenliang Hou, Boston College

*How to Delay Pension Claiming and Labor Force Exit? A Structural Analysis of Financial Incentives with Defaults*
Rafael Lalive, University of Lausanne and Stefan Staubli, University of Calgary and NBER

*Labor Force Participation Effects of the Social Security Earnings Test*
Alexander Gelber, University of California, Berkeley and NBER, Damon Jones, University of Chicago and NBER, Daniel Sacks, Indiana University, and Jae Song, U.S. Social Security Administration

11:45-1:00  Box Lunch

**Luncheon Speaker: Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office**
1:00-2:30 \hspace{1em} \textbf{Panel 7: How Do Labor Policies and Job Characteristics Influence Retirement?}

\textit{Understanding Earnings, Labor Supply, and Retirement Decisions}
Xiaodong Fan, University of New South Wales and Ananth Seshadri and Christopher Taber, University of Wisconsin-Madison

\textit{Understanding Job and Retirement Transitions}
Kathleen Mullen and David Powell, RAND Corporation and Nicole Maestas, Harvard University

\textit{Work-Life Balance and Labor Force Attachment at Older Ages}
Marco Angrisani, University of Southern California, Maria Casanova, California State University, and Erik Meijer, University of Southern California

2:30 \hspace{1em} \textbf{Closing Remarks}