22nd Annual Meeting of the Retirement and Disability Research Consortium
Thursday, August 6, 2020
9:00am – 5:00pm EST

9:00-9:10 Welcoming Remarks: Katherine N. Bent (U.S. Social Security Administration)

9:10-9:15 Welcoming Remarks: Alicia H. Munnell (Boston College)

9:15-10:05 Panel 1: Social Security Benefits and Demographic Trends
Moderator: Karen Glenn (U.S. Social Security Administration)

“Do People Work Longer When They Live Longer?”
Eugene Steuerle, Damir Cosic, and Aaron Williams (Urban Institute)

“The Demographics Behind Aging in Place: Implications for Supplemental Security Income Eligibility and Receipt”
Mary K. Hamman (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse)

“Misperceptions of the Social Security Earnings Test and the Actuarial Adjustment: Implications for Labor Force Participation and Earnings”
Alexander Gelber (University of California, San Diego and NBER), Damon Jones (University of Chicago and NBER), Ithai Luthrie (U.S. Department of the Treasury), and Daniel Sacks (Indiana University)

10:05-10:30 Break

10:30-11:20 Panel 2: Housing as a Resource for Retirees and Those with Disabilities
Moderator: Thomas Davidoff (University of British Columbia)

“Intended Bequests and Housing Equity in Older Age”
Gary V. Engelhardt (Syracuse University) and Michael D. Eriksen (University of Cincinnati)

“Housing Assistance as a Benefit for Household Heads with Disabilities and SSI Takeup”
Erik Hembre (University of Illinois at Chicago) and Carly Urban (Montana State University and Institute for Fiscal Studies (IZA))

“Home Ownership and Housing Debt in Retirement: Financial Asset for Consumption Smoothing or Albatross Around the Neck of Retirees?”
Jason J. Fichtner (Johns Hopkins University)
11:20-11:35  Break

11:35-11:40  Keynote Introduction: Alicia H. Munnell (Boston College)

11:40-12:20  Keynote Speaker: Anne Case (Princeton University)
“Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism”

12:20-12:40  Break

12:40-1:30  Panel 3: Health Risks for Work and Finances
Moderator: Susan Wilschke (U.S. Social Security Administration)

“The Interaction of Health, Genetics, and Occupational Demands in SSDI Determinations”
Amal Harrati (Stanford University) and Lauren L. Schmitz (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

“Cognitive Ability, Cognitive Aging, and Debt Accumulation”
Marco Angrisani, Jeremy Burke, and Arie Kapteyn (University of Southern California)

“Financial Consequences of Health and Healthcare Spending Among Older Couples”
Lauren Hersch Nicholas (Johns Hopkins University) and Joanne Hsu (Federal Reserve Board)

1:30-1:50  Break

1:50-2:40  Panel 4: State and Local Labor Markets
Moderator: Kathleen Mullen (RAND Corporation)

“Disability Insurance for State and Local Employees: A Lay of the Land”
Anek Belbase, Laura D. Quinby, and James Giles (Boston College)

“Understanding the Local-Level Predictors of Disability Program Applications, Awards, and Beneficiary Work Activity”
Jody Schimmel Hyde and Dara Lee Luca (Mathematica Policy Research), Paul O'Leary (U.S. Social Security Administration), and Jonathan Schwabish (Urban Institute)

“The Prevalence of COLA Adjustments in Public Sector Retirement Plans”
Maria D. Fitzpatrick (Cornell University and NBER) and Gopi Shah Goda (Stanford University and NBER)
2:40-3:00  Break

3:00-3:50  Panel 5: Labor Markets and Working Conditions

Moderator: Joseph F. Quinn (Boston College)

“The Changing Nature of Work”
Italo Lopez-Garcia (RAND Corporation), Nicole Maestas (Harvard Medical School and NBER), and Kathleen Mullen (RAND Corporation)

“Employer Incentives in Return to Work Programs”
Naoki Aizawa and Corina Mommaerts (University of Wisconsin-Madison and NBER) and Stephanie Rennane (RAND Corporation)

“Firm Willingness to Offer Bridge Employment”
David Powell and Jeffrey Wenger (RAND Corporation) and Jed Kolko (Indeed.com)

3:50-4:10  Break

4:10-5:00  Panel 6: Retirement Finances

Moderator: Gary V. Engelhardt (Syracuse University)

“The Evolution of Late-Life Income and Assets: Measurement in IRS Tax Data and Three Household Surveys”
James Choi (Yale University and NBER), Lucas Goodman (U.S. Department of the Treasury), Justin Katz (Harvard University), David Laibson (Harvard University and NBER), and Shanthi Ramnath (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago)

“How Much Taxes Will Retirees Owe on Their Retirement Income?”
Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell (Boston College)

“Broad Framing in Retirement Income Decision Making”
Hal E. Hershfield (UCLA), Suzanne B. Shu (Cornell University and NBER) and Stephen A. Spiller and David Zimmerman (UCLA)

5:00  Closing Remarks: Alicia H. Munnell (Boston College)