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Dear NTA Members and Delegates:

On behalf of the NTA Board and the Local Arrangements Committee, I am honored to invite you to Chicago to attend the 90th Annual Conference on Taxation, November 9-11, 1997.

Thanks to the dedicated work of Program Chair Dave Sjoquist and the Program Committee, NTA offers you an exciting three days of major presentations and panel discussions on welfare and Social Security, family issues, demographic changes and taxation, state finance issues from the view of the revenue commissioner's office and the state taxpayer associations, education, housing, public utilities, corporate tax reform, sales tax reengineering, revenue and economic conditions in the Midwestern states, and urban finance.

On Sunday, November 9, at the Annual Meeting of the Association, Richard Goode will receive NTA's prestigious Holland Medal for distinguished lifetime contributions to the study of public finance and Bill Fox will deliver the Presidential Address. On Monday, the Conference Luncheon address will be delivered by Karl Scholz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury. Special sessions will highlight the work of NTA's telecommunications and electronic commerce group, new estimates of state and local fiscal capacity, and commentary on recent federal tax changes.

The Conference city, Chicago, is very special—just the place to celebrate the 90th Anniversary—with more than thirty-five museums and hundreds of art galleries; over a hundred theater companies and all kinds of music in a variety of settings; sports teams; a dozen shopping centers and a dazzling array of specialty shops; and a wide variety of restaurants.

The Drake, our elegant Conference hotel, is located in the heart of the Gold Coast, overlooking Lake Michigan on the "Magnificent Mile," right in the center of the city's shopping, nightlife, culture, and dining. Opposite the hotel is Oak Street Beach, with an 18-mile jogging and cycling trail. Within easy access are the business centers of the Merchandise Mart and McCormick Place, sporting events at Soldier and Wrigley Fields, the Chicago Art Institute, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Adler Planetarium, and the Museum of Science and Industry.

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TAXATION OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

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SPEAKER: JOHN KARL SCHOLZ, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, TAX POLICY ANALYSIS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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PRESENTERS: Donald J. Boyd and Elizabeth Davis, Center for the Study of the States, Rockefeller Institute of Government, SUNY-Albany—"Welfare, Welfare Reform, Recessions, and State Budgets"

> Richard F. Dye, Lake Forest College and University of Illinois, and Therese J. McGuire, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago—"The Impact of Welfare Reform on State Budgets: What Happens in the Next Recession?"

Phil Levine, Wellesley College—"Why Are the Welfare Rolls Falling?"

Elizabeth Powers, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois—"Block Granting Welfare: The Outlook for State Budgets

DISCUSSANTS: David N. Figlio, University of Oregon Michael Wiseman, University of Wisconsin, LaFollette Institute

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THE IMPLICATIONS OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

MODERATOR: William M. Gentry, Columbia University

PRESENTERS:

Alberto Alesina, Harvard University—"Demographic Changes, Taxes, and Expenditures"

David Merriman, Loyola University of Chicago, and Mark Skidmore, Northern Illinois University— "How Have Demographic Changes Affected Sales

Tax Revenues?"

Sally Wallace, Georgia State University—"The Impact of Changing Demographics on State Revenues: A View from the Regions"

DISCUSSANTS: Stacy Dickert-Conlin, University of Kentucky Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Syracuse University Andrew Samwick, Dartmouth College

NEW DATA, NEW ANALYSIS

MODERATOR: Bruce F. Davie, U.S. Department of the Treasury and

Georgetown University

PRESENTERS: Paul S. Dobbins (Tax Analysis), Nicholas Greenia (IRS), and Gerald Silverstein (Tax Analysis), U.S. Department of the Treasury—"Corporate Tax Liabilities: An Ever-Changing Story"

Sarah E. Nutter, James C. Young, and Patrick J. Wilkie, George Mason University—"Measuring Tax Progressivity and Income Inequality: Toward

a More Complete Metric"

James C. Young, Sarah E. Nutter, and Patrick J. Wilkie-"Corporations and the Payment of 'Deductible Dividends': The Impact of the Tax Reform Act of 1986"

DISCUSSANTS: Julie-Anne M. Cronin, Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury Robert Kilinskis, Arthur Andersen, LLP

A VIEW FROM THE STATE REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

MODERATOR: Gerald D. Bair, Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance

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Presentation of the Daniel M. Holland Medal for Distinguished Contributions to the Study and Practice of Public Finance

Richard Goode RECIPIENT:

Presentation of the NTA 1997 Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

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Reception

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PRESENTERS: William M. Gentry and R. Glenn Hubbard,

Columbia University—"Fundamental Tax Refor

and Corporate Finance"

Edward Maydew, Ellen Engel, and Merle Erickson, University of Chicago—"Debt-Equity Hybrids" Deborah Schenk, New York University Law School "Taxing Securities in a Realization-Based Incom

Tax"

DISCUSSANTS: Austan Goolsbee, University of Chicago

Laura Kalambokidis, Tax Analysis, U.S. Departmen

of the Treasury

Michael Knoll, University of Southern California

Law School

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EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES

MODERATOR: Robert M. Schwab, University of Maryland

PRESENTERS: Eric Bruhner, San Diego State University, and Jon

Sonstelie, University of California, Santa Barbara—"Pitch In or Drop Out: Responses to

School Reform in California"

Dennis Epple and Elizabeth Newlon, Carnegie
Mellon University, and Richard E. Romano,
University of Florida—"Ability Tracking, School
Competition, and the Distribution of Education

Benefits"

David N. Figlio, University of Oregon, and Kim

Rueben, Public Policy Institute of California —
"How Tax Limits Affect Teacher Quality"
Thomas Nechyba, Stanford University—"Public

School Finance in a General Equilibrium Tiebou Wold: Equalization Programs, Peer Effects, and Private School Vouchers"

DISCUSSANTS: Thomas A. Downes, Tufts University

Thomas A. Husted, American University Therese A. McCarty, Union College

Sheila E. Murray, University of Kentucky

TAXATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN AN ERA OF DEREGULATION

MODERATOR: Clarence Brasfield, BellSouth Corporation

PRESENTERS: Gary Cornia and Larry Walters, Brigham Young
University—"The Taxation of Electric Utilities in

an Era of Deregulation"

Richard McHugh, Georgia State University—"Is
There a Case for Broadening the Base of
Transactions Taxes on Telecommunications in
Light of Economic and Technological

Convergence?"

W. Bartley Hildreth, John Wong, and H. Edward Flentje, Wichita State University—"The

Implications of Retail Competition for Municipal

Electric Utilities"

DISCUSSANTS: John Kern, Kern and Associates

Matthew N. Murray, University of Tennessee

Andy Ottinger, U.S. West

TAXATION OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

MODERATOR: Robert A. Bohm, University of Tennessee

PRESENTERS: William Collins, New York State Legislative Tax

Study Commission—"Issues in State Taxation of

Multinational Corporations"

Jorge Martinez-Vasquez, Georgia State University; and Salvador Lopez, University of Mobile, Latin

America Campus—"State Taxation of

Corporations"

Charles E. McLure, Jr., Hoover Institution; and Joann Weiner, Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury—"Taxation of Corporations in the EU"

DISCUSSANT: William Lundeen, Illinois Department of Revenue

Luncheon

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SPEAKER:

John Karl Scholz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury

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SOCIAL SECURITY: POLITICS, SAVINGS, AND COMPLIANCE

Moderator: Steven M. Sheffrin, University of California, Davis

PRESENTERS: Martha Derthick, University of Virginia—"Congress

and Social Security"

Joyce Manchester, Congressional Budget Office— "Evasion in Social Security: An International Perspective"

Andrew Samwick, Dartmouth College—"Social

Security Reform and Saving"

DISCUSSANTS: C. Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute

Steven M. Sheffrin



PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS STADIUMS

MODERATOR: John Malach, Illinois Department of Revenue

PRESENTERS: Robert A. Baade, Lake Forest College, and Allan R. Sanderson, National Opinion Research Center—

"Economists, Economic Development, and the

Courts"

Steven Maguire, Georgia State University—
"Determinants of Municipal Spending on Sports

Stadiums"

Dennis Zimmerman, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress—"Who Benefits and Who Pays? Evidence from Some Recent Deals"

General Discussion follows presentations.

FRONTIERS OF PUBLIC FINANCE

MODERATOR: William H. Oakland, Tulane University

PRESENTERS: NTA Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

Winners

Committee Programs

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FEDERAL TAXATION AND FINANCE

MODERATOR: Gerald Auten, Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the

Treasury, Chair

PRESENTERS: Gerald Auten and Andrew Reschovsky, University of

Wisconsin—"Capital Gains Taxes on Principal

Residences"

Diane Lim Rogers, Congressional Budget Office— "Tax Reform in Practice: Can We Ever Get Back

to Fundamentals?"

EDUCATION IN PUBLIC FINANCE

Ronald C. Fisher, Chair

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES

Ranjana Madhusudhan, Chair

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC FINANCE

"The New World of International Tax Competition: Implications for Taxpayers and Treasuries"

Ioann Weiner, Chair

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TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUES DATA—WITH OR WITHOUT

THE CENSUS BUREAU

John O. Behrens, Chair

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PRESENTERS: James Heckman, University of Chicago, and
Christopher Taber, Northwestern University—

"Taxes and Human Capital"

David S. Liebschutz, Center for the Study of the States, Rockefeller Institute of Government, SUNY-Albany—"State Taxes and the Family"

Elaine Sorenson and Laura Wheaton, The Urban Institute—"Taxes and the Divided Family"

David Weiner and Roberton Williams, Congressional

Budget Office—"The Marriage Penalty"

cussants: Teresa J. Devine, Congressional Budget Office

Leslie A. Whittington, Georgetown University

RECENT REVENUE PERFORMANCE AND THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF MIDWESTERN STATES

MODERATOR: William A. Testa, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

PRESENTERS: Yeang-Eng Braun, Wisconsin Department of Revenue

Larry DeBoer, Purdue University
J. Fred Giertz, University of Illinois
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Charles Whiteman, University of Iowa

FRONTIERS IN STATE REVENUE ESTIMATING AND FORECASTING

Moderator: Thomas F. Pogue, University of Iowa

PRESENTERS: Mark Haas, Revenue and Tax Analysis, Michigan
Department of Treasury—"Michigan's Experience

with Three Types of Revenue Forecasting"



Richard Kaluzny and Thomas Beam, Tax Analysis. New Jersey Division of Taxation—"Forecasting Personal Income Tax Revenue: Recent Experience with Capital Gains and New Jersey Taxpaver Payment Behavior"

Charles Whiteman and Christopher Otrok, University of Iowa—"What to Do When the Crystal Ball is Cloudy: Unconditional and Conditional Forecasting in Georgia"

Brad Williams, Kristin Szakaly, and Jon David Vasché, California Legislative Analyst Office— "State Revenue Implications of Changing Income Distributions in California"

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REENGINEERING THE SALES TAX

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PANELISTS: Wayne G. Eggert, Lucent Technologies Inc.

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Equalization

RESPONDENTS: Richard Hawkins, University of West Florida

John Mikesell, Indiana University

THE ROLE OF STATE TAXPAVERS ASSOCIATIONS

MODERATOR: Hal Lofgreen, St. Cloud State University

Donald Berno, Ohio Public Expenditure Council PANELISTS:

> Timothy S. Bramlet, Taxpavers' Federation of Illinois Daniel Salomone, Minnesota Taxpayers Association William Sheldrake, Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute

RESPONDENTS: Roger Tracy, Ohio Tax Commissioner

Robert Barr, Sidley & Austin (invited)

INNOVATIVE FINANCING OPTIONS FOR URBAN GOVERNMENTS

MODERATOR: Ronald C. Fisher, Michigan State University

PRESENTERS: Marla Dresch and Steven M. Sheffrin, University of California, Davis—"The Role of Exactions and

Development Fees in Local Public Finance" Howard Krane, Kirkland & Ellis; and Therese J. McGuire, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago-"Rationalizing the Financing of Local

Governments in the Chicago Metropolitan Area"

Thomas F. Luce, University of Minnesota—"Tax

Base Sharing"

Robert W. Wassmer, California State University, DISCUSSANT:

Sacramento

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS

(Incorporates program of the NTA Committee on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations

MODERATOR: Daphne A. Kenyon, Simmons College, Chair

PRESENTERS: Robert Tannenwald, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "Measuring Fiscal Capacity of the 50 State and

Local Systems: The New Evidence"

DISCUSSANTS: Laura Rubin, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve

Judy Zelio, National Conference of State Legislatures

TAXATION OF HOUSING

MODERATOR: Leslie A. Whittington, Georgetown University

PRESENTERS: James R. Alm and Michael Oswald, University of Colorado at Boulder, and Leslie Whittington-"Income Taxation, Housing, and Family

Structure"

Donald Bruce and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Syracuse University—"Apocalypse Now? Fundamental Tax Reform, Dynamic Adjustment, and Residential Housing Values"

Matthew N. Murray, University of Tennessee-"The Tax Treatment of Housing under a National Sales Tax"

John E. Anderson, University of Nebraska **DISCUSSANTS:**

Robert Buckley. The World Bank

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CORPORATE TAX SHELTERS: A NEW ERA FOR BUSINESS TAXATION?

MODERATOR: Bradford L. Ferguson, Sidley & Austin

PRESENTERS: Michael R. Schlessinger, Sidley & Austin—

"Promoters, Taxpayers and the IRS on the Corporate Tax Shelter Battlefield"

Steven M. Surdell, Jenner & Block—"Corporate Tax

Shelters in the Courts"

DISCUSSANTS: Jack L. Simmons, RR Donnelley & Sons

Committee Programs NONPROPERTY TAXATION

John E. Anderson, Chair

MODERATOR: Lance Pressl, The Civic Federation

Ranjana Madhusudhan, New Jersey Department of PRESENTERS: Treasury—"Casino Gambling in New Jersey"



Donald Phares and Charles Leven, University of Missouri, St. Louis—"Gaming and the Spending Displacement Effect in Missouri: Where Does the Money Come From?"

PROPERTY TAXATION

MODERATOR: Wayne G. Eggert, Lucent Technologies Inc., Chair

PRESENTERS:

John Bowman, Virginia Commonwealth
University—"Tools to Keep Assessment Current"
John McDonald, University of Illinois at Chicago—
"A Current Look at Property Tax Classification"
Dea Meyer, Civic Committee, Commercial Club of
Chicago—"Reliance on the Property Tax for

School Support"

STATE INCOME AND BUSINESS TAXATION

Dan Kostenbauder, Chair

NEW EVENT

Paper Fair

3:30-5:00 PM

Do you have a paper in-progress or recently completed that you would like to share with other NTA members? Bring along 10-15 copies and meet your colleagues to get comments on the work. **Please let us know by October 1** if you plan to participate, so we can include your name and paper title in a session agenda.

Wednesday, November 12

Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce Working Group 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

(Incorporates the Programs for the NTA Committees on Energy, Communications, and Transportation Services, and State Sales and Use Taxation)

The purpose of the *Communications and Electronic Commerce Tax Project* is to identify and explore issues relating to the levying of state and local taxes and fees on telecommunications and electronic commerce. The project report is to include model legislation.

In partnership with several business and government organizations, NTA has organized a project Working Group, which will hold its first national forum in conjunction with the 90th Annual Conference on Taxation. Members of the Working Group include:

Business: American Electronics Association, Association of Online Professionals, CommerceNet, Committee on State Taxation, Direct Marketing Association, Financial Institutions State Tax Coalition, Information Technology Association of America, Institute for Professionals in Taxation, Interactive Services Association, Media Tax Group, National Cable Television Association, Software Publishers Association, Tax Executives Institute, U.S. Communications Association, Wall Street Tax Group, Wireless Tax Group

Government: Federation of Tax Administrators, Multistate Tax Commission, National Governors Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Telecommunications Advisers, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Government Finance Officers Association.

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Three Concurrent Sessions

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EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES

TAXATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN AN ERA OF DEREGULATION

TAXATION OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Luncheon

Noon-1:30 PM

SPEAKER: JOHN KARL SCHOLZ, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, TAX POLICY ANALYSIS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Three Concurrent Sessions

1:45-3:15 PM

SOCIAL SECURITY: POLITICS, SAVINGS, AND COMPLIANCE
FRONTIERS OF PUBLIC FINANCE: Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
Award Winners

PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS STADIUMS

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A CONVERSATION ON RECENT FEDERAL TAX CHANGES

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FRONTIERS IN STATE REVENUE ESTIMATING AND FORECASTING

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TAXATION OF HOUSING

CORPORATE TAX SHELTERS: A NEW ERA FOR BUSINESS TAXATION?

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS

Committee Programs

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Invited Papers

3:30-5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce Working Group 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

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The Drake Hotel • Chicago

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

Registration

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

French Foyer South

1:00-3:00 PM

General Session
Ballroom

WELFARE REFORM AND STATE RESPONSES

Moderator: Thomas Downes, Tufts University

PRESENTERS: Donald J. Boyd and Elizabeth Davis, Center for the

Study of the States, Rockefeller Institute of Government, SUNY-Albany—"Welfare, Welfare Reform, Recessions, and State Budgets"

Richard F. Dye, Lake Forest College and University of Illinois; and Therese J. McGuire, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of

Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago—"Block Grants and the Sensitivity of State Revenues to Recession"

Phil Levine, Wellesley College and Council of Economic Advisors—"The Impact of Welfare

Reform on the AFDC Caseload"

Elizabeth Powers, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois—"Block Granting

Welfare: The Outlook for State Budgets"

DISCUSSANTS: David N. Figlio, University of Oregon

Michael Wiseman, LaFollette Institute, University of

Wisconsin

Coffee Break Ballroom 3:00-3:15 PM

Three Concurrent Sessions

3:15-4:45 PM

THE IMPLICATIONS OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

BALLROOM

Moderator: William M. Gentry, Columbia University

PRESENTERS: Alberto Alesina, Harvard University; and William R.

Easterly, The World Bank—"Demographic Changes, Taxes, and Expenditures"

David Merriman, Loyola University of Chicago, and Mark Skidmore, Northern Illinois University—
"How Have Demographic Changes Affected Sales Tax Revenues?"

Sally Wallace, Georgia State University—"The Impact of Changing Demographics on State Revenues: A View from the Regions"

DISCUSSANTS: Stacy Dickert-Conlin, University of Kentucky

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Syracuse University Andrew Samwick, Dartmouth College

NEW DATA, NEW ANALYSIS

GEORGIAN

Moderator: Bruce F. Davie, U.S. Department of the Treasury and

Georgetown University

PRESENTERS: Paul S. Dobbins (Tax Analysis), Nicholas Greenia (IRS), and Gerald Silverstein (Tax Analysis), U.S.

Department of the Treasury—"Corporate Tax

Liabilities: An Ever-Changing Story"

Sarah E. Nutter, James C. Young, and Patrick J.
Wilkie, George Mason University—"Measuring
Tax Progressivity and Income Inequality: Toward

a More Complete Metric"

James C. Young, Sarah E. Nutter, and Patrick J. Wilkie—"Corporations and the Payment of 'Deductible Dividends': The Impact of the Tax

Reform Act of 1986"

DISCUSSANTS: Julie-Anne M. Cronin, Tax Analysis, U.S.

Department of the Treasury

Robert Kilinskis, Arthur Andersen, LLP

A VIEW FROM THE STATE REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE VENETIAN

Moderator: Gerald D. Bair, Iowa Department of Revenue and

Finance

PANELISTS: R. Gary Clark, Rhode Island Division of Taxation

Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., California State Board of

Equalization

Ruth Johnson, Tennessee Department of Revenue Ken Zehnder, Illinois Department of Revenue

Annual Meeting of the National Tax Association

5:00-6:15 PM

Ballroom

Presentation of the Daniel M. Holland Medal for Distinguished Contributions to the Study and Practice of Public Finance

PRESENTATION: Emil M. Sunley

RECIPIENT: Richard Goode

Presentation of the NTA 1997 Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award: William H. Oakland

Presidential Address: William F. Fox

Reception

6:30 PM

Drake

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Registration

7:30-5:00 PM

French Fover South **General Session**

8:30-10:00 AM

Ballroom

CORPORATE TAX REFORM

MODERATOR: Leonard E. Burman, The Urban Institute

William M. Gentry and R. Glenn Hubbard. PRESENTERS:

Columbia University—"Fundamental Tax Reform

and Corporate Finance"

Edward Maydew, Ellen Engel, and Merle Erickson, University of Chicago—"Debt-Equity Hybrids" Deborah Schenk, New York University Law School-"Taxing Securities in a Realization-Based Income

Tax"

DISCUSSANTS: Austan Goolsbee, University of Chicago

Laura Kalambokidis, Tax Analysis, U.S. Department

of the Treasury

Michael Knoll, University of Southern California

Law School

Coffee Break

10:00-10:15 AM

Ballroom

Three Concurrent Sessions

10:15-11:45 AM

EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES

BALLROOM

MODERATOR: Robert M. Schwab, University of Maryland

PRESENTERS: Eric Brunner, San Diego State University; and Ion

Sonstelie, University of California, Santa Barbara -"Pitch In or Drop Out: Responses to School

Reform in California"

Dennis Epple and Elizabeth Newlon, Carnegie Mellon University: and Richard E. Romano. University of Florida—"Ability Tracking, School Competition, and the Distribution of Educational Benefits"

David N. Figlio, University of Oregon; and Kim Rueben, Public Policy Institute of California— "How Tax Limits Affect Teacher Quality"

Thomas Nechyba, Stanford University—"Public School Finance in a General Equilibrium Tiebout World: Equalization Programs, Peer Effects, and Private School Vouchers"

DISCUSSANTS: Thomas A. Downes, Tufts University Thomas A. Husted, American University Therese A. McCarty, Union College Sheila E. Murray, University of Kentucky

TAXATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN AN ERA OF DEREGULATION

GEORGIAN

Clarence Brasfield, BellSouth Corporation MODERATOR:

PRESENTERS:

Gary Cornia and Lawrence C. Walters, Brigham Young University; and Dwight Dennison, Wagner School, New York University—"The Taxation of Electric Utilities in an Era of Deregulation"

W. Bartley Hildreth, John Wong, and H. Edward Flentie, Wichita State University—"The Implications of Retail Competition for Municipal

Electric Utilities"

Fitzroy A. Lee, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture—"Tax Design in a Deregulated Local Telecommunications Industry"

John Kern, Kern and Associates **DISCUSSANTS:**

Matthew N. Murray, University of Tennessee

TAXATION OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

VENETIAN

Robert A. Bohm, University of Tennessee MODERATOR:

William Collins, New York State Legislative Tax PRESENTERS:

Study Commission—"Issues in State Taxation of

Multinational Corporations"

Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, Georgia State University; and Salvador Lopez, University of Mobile, Latin America Campus—"State Taxation of

Corporations"

Charles E. McLure, Jr., Hoover Institution; and Joann Weiner, Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury—"Taxation of Corporations in the EU"

DISCUSSANT:

William Lundeen, Illinois Department of Revenue

Luncheon French

Presentation of the Steven D. Gold Award

John Shannon RECIPIENT:

Luncheon Spekaer: John Karl Scholz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Three Concurrent Sessions

1:45-3:15 PM

SOCIAL SECURITY: POLITICS, SAVINGS, AND COMPLIANCE GEORGIAN

MODERATOR: Steven M. Sheffrin, University of California, Davis

Martha Derthick, University of Virginia—"Congress PRESENTERS:

and Social Security"

Joyce Manchester, Congressional Budget Office— "Evasion in Social Security: An International

Perspective"

Andrew Samwick, Dartmouth College-"Social

Security Reform and Saving"

DISCUSSANTS: C. Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute

Steven M. Sheffrin

PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS STADIUMS VENETIAN

John Malach, Illinois Department of Revenue MODERATOR:

PRESENTERS: Robert A. Badde, Lake Forest College; and Allan R.

Sanderson, National Opinion Research Center— "Economists, Economic Development, and the

Courts"

Steven Maguire, Georgia State University-"Determinants of Municipal Spending on Sports

Stadiums"

Dennis Zimmerman, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress—"Who Benefits and Who Pays? Evidence from Some Recent Deals"

General discussion follows presentations

FRONTIERS OF PUBLIC FINANCE

BALLROOM

MODERATOR: William H. Oakland, Tulane University

1997 OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL DISSERTATION PRESENTERS:

AWARD WINNERS

George R. G. Clarke, The World Bank-"Redistribution and Family Formation: Theory and Evidence on Individual and Collective

Decisionmaking"

Jeffrey B. Liebman, JFK School of Government, Harvard University—"The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Labor Supply and Taxpayer Compliance"

Todd M. Sinai, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania—"The Effect of Tax Reform on the Owner-Occupied Housing Market"

Coffee Break Ballroom

3:15-3:30 PM

Committee Programs

3:30-4:45 PM

FEDERAL TAXATION AND FINANCE

PARKSIDE

MODERATOR: Gerald Auten, Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Chair

PRESENTERS:

Gerald Auten, and Andrew Reschovsky, University of Wisconsin—"Capital Gains Taxes on Principal

Residences"

Diane Lim Rogers, Congressional Budget Office— "Tax Reform in Practice: Can We Ever Get Back

to Fundamentals?"

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. PRODUCTS. AND SERVICES

ONTARIO

DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERSTATE BRANCH BANKING

MODERATOR: Ranjana Madhusudhan, Chair

PANELISTS:

Michael Mazerov, Multistate Tax Commission—"An Update on State Adoption of the Multistate Tax Commission's Corporate Tax Apportionment Formula for Financial Institutions"

Ronald A. Mucha, Ohio Department of Taxation— "Tax Changes for Financial Institutions in Ohio"

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC FINANCE

SUPERIOR

THE NEW WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL TAX COMPETITION: A PANEL DEBATE

MODERATOR: Joann Weiner, Chair

PANELISTS:

Harry Grubert, Tax Analysis, U. S. Department of

the Treasury

Timothy J. Goodspeed, Hunter College of the City

University of New York

Emil M. Sunley, International Monetary Fund

David Wildasin, Vanderbilt University

WORKSHOP: TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUES DATA-WITH OR WITHOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

MICHIGAN

John O. Behrens, Chair

PANEL:

Alan S. Dornfest, Idaho Tax Commission Wayne G. Eggert, Lucent Technologies Inc.

Gerard Keffer, Governments Division, U.S. Bureau

of the Census

Robert P. Strauss, Carnegie Mellon University

Special Session

French

A CONVERSATION ON RECENT FEDERAL TAX CHANGES

Roy Bahl, Georgia State University MODERATOR:

Jane G. Gravelle, Congressional Research Service, PANELISTS:

Library of Congress

I. Thomas Johnson, Grant Thornton, Chicago William B. Modahl, Digital Equipment Corporation

C. Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute

Reception Drake

6:15 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Three Concurrent Sessions

8:30-10:15 AM

TAXATION AND THE FAMILY

BALLROOM

James Alm, University of Colorado, Boulder MODERATOR:

PRESENTERS:

James Heckman, University of Chicago; and Christopher Taber, Northwestern University—

"Taxes and Human Capital"

David S. Liebschutz, Center for the Study of the States, Rockefeller Institute of Government, SUNY-Albany—"State Taxes and the Family" Elaine Sorenson and Laura Wheaton, The Urban

Institute—"Taxes and the Divided Family" David Weiner and Roberton Williams, Congressional

DISCUSSANTS:

Theresa J. Devine, Congressional Budget Office Leslie A. Whittington, Georgetown University

Budget Office—"The Marriage Penalty"

RECENT REVENUE PERFORMANCE AND THE ECONOMIC

CONDITIONS OF MIDWESTERN STATES

FRENCH

MODERATOR: William A. Testa, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

PANELISTS: Mitchell Bean, Michigan House Fiscal Agency

Yeang-Eng Braun, Wisconsin Department of Revenue

Larry DeBoer, Purdue University J. Fred Giertz, University of Illinois

Joel Lunde, Iowa Department of Management

William A. Testa

FRONTIERS IN STATE REVENUE ESTIMATING AND FORECASTING

MODERATOR: Thomas F. Pogue, University of Iowa

PRESENTERS: Mark Haas, Revenue and Tax Analysis, Michigan

Department of Treasury—"Michigan's Experience with Three Types of Revenue Forecasting"

Richard Kaluzny and Thomas Beam, Tax Analysis. New Jersey Division of Taxation—"Forecasting Personal Income Tax Revenue: Recent Experience with Capital Gains and New Jersey Taxpayer

Payment Behavior"

Charles Whiteman and Christopher Otrok. University of Iowa—"What to Do When the Crystal Ball is Cloudy: Unconditional and Conditional Forecasting in Georgia"

Brad Williams, Kristin Szakaly, and Jon David Vasché, California Legislative Analyst Office-"State Revenue Implications of Changing Income

Distributions in California"

Coffee Break Ballroom

10:00-10:15 AM

Three Concurrent Sessions

10:15-11:45 AM

REENGINEERING THE SALES TAX

BALLROOM

GEORGIAN

MODERATOR: Harley T. Duncan, Federation of Tax Administrators

Carol Calkins, Price Waterhouse, LLP, Dallas PANELISTS:

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Equalization

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THE ROLE OF STATE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATIONS

GEORGIAN

Hal Lofgreen, St. Cloud State University MODERATOR:

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Dee Long, Tax Committee, Minnesota House of

Representatives

INNOVATIVE FINANCING OPTIONS FOR URBAN GOVERNMENTS

FRENC

MODERATOR: Ronald C. Fisher, Michigan State University

PRESENTERS: Marla Dresch and Steven M. Sheffrin, University of California, Davis—"The Role of Exactions and

Development Fees in Local Public Finance"

Howard Krane, Kirkland & Ellis; and Therese J.

McGuire, University of Illinois—"Rationalizing the Financing of Local Governments in the Chicago Metropolitan Area"

Thomas F. Luce, University of Minnesota—"Tax Base Sharing"

DISCUSSANT: Robert W. Wassmer, California State University,
Sacramento

Lunch on Your Own

Three Concurrent Sessions

1:45-3:15 PM

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS

MICHIGA

(Incorporates program of the NTA Committee on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations)

Moderator: Daphne A. Kenyon, Simmons College

PRESENTER: Robert Tannenwald, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

—"Measuring Fiscal Capacity of State and Local

Systems: The New Evidence"

DISCUSSANTS: Laura Rubin, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve

System

Judy Zelio, National Conference of State Legislatures

TAXATION OF HOUSING

SUPERIO

Moderator: Leslie A. Whittington, Georgetown University

PRESENTERS:

James Alm and Michael Oswald, University of Colorado at Boulder; and Leslie A. Whittington— "Income Taxation, Housing, and Family Structure"

Donald J. Bruce and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Syracuse University—"Apocalypse Now? Fundamental Tax Reform and Residential Housing Values"

James R. Follain and Lisa Sturman, Syracuse
University—"The False Messiah of Tax Policy:
What Elimination of the Home Mortgage
Deduction Promises and a Careful Look at What
It Delivers"

Matthew N. Murray, University of Tennessee—"The Tax Treatment of Housing under a National Sales Tax"

DISCUSSANTS:

John E. Anderson, University of Nebraska Stacy Dickert-Conlin, University of Kentucky Judy Temple, Northern Illinois University

CORPORATE TAX SHELTERS:

A NEW ERA FOR BUSINESS TAXATION?

PARKSIDE

MODERATOR: Bradford L. Ferguson, Sidley & Austin

PRESENTERS: Michael R. Schlessinger, Sidley & Austin—

"Promoters, Taxpayers and the IRS on the Corporate Tax Shelter Battlefield"

Steven M. Surdell, Jenner & Block—"Corporate Tax

Shelters in the Courts"

DISCUSSANT: Jack L. Simmons, RR Donnelley & Sons

Committee Programs

3:30-4:45 PM

PROPERTY TAXATION

ONTARIO

Moderator: Wayne G. Eggert, Lucent Technologies Inc., Chair

PRESENTERS:

John Bowman, Virginia Commonwealth University
—"Tools to Keep Assessment Current"

John McDonald, University of Illinois at Chicago—
"A Current Look at Property Tax Classification"

Dea Meyer, Civic Committee, Commercial Club of Chicago—"Reliance on the Property Tax for School Support"

NONPROPERTY TAXATION

Huron

John E. Anderson, Chair

MODERATOR: Lance Pressl, The Civic Federation

PRESENTERS:

Ranjana Madhusudhan, New Jersey Department of Treasury—"Casino Gambling in New Jersey" Charles Leven and Donald Phares, University of Missouri—"Gaming in Missouri: The Spending Displacement Effect and Gaming's Net Economic Impact"

Special Session—Invited Papers Parkside

3:30-5:00 PM

MODERATOR: Donal Parks, District of Columbia Office of Finance and Revenue

PRESENTER:

Gerald Auten and David Joulfaian, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury— "Bequest Taxes and Capital Gains Realizations" Richard R. Hawkins, University of West Florida— "Does a Food Exemption Lead to a Higher State Sales Tax Rate?"

J. Andrew Hoerner, Environmental Center for a Sustainable Economy—"Environmental Tax Measures in the 50 States: A Survey with Thoughts on a Research Agenda" Judy Temple, Northern Illinois University—"State Revenue and Supermajority Limitations: Unobserved State Effects and State Revenue Growth"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

General Forum—Communications and Electronic Commerce Tax Project

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

French

OPENING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION OF TAX PROJECT

Gary Cornia

Analysis of Substantive Suggestions on Imposing and Collecting Sales and Use Taxes on Electronic Commerce

Kendall Houghton

Coffee Break

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED DRAFT LEGISLATION

Walter Hellerstein

Lunch (On Your Own)

11:45 AM-1:00 PM

DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS INVOLVING TAXATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Gary Cornia, Moderator

RECAP OF DISCUSSION

Walter Hellerstein

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