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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**GENERAL SESSION**

10:00-11:30 AM

- ~ State Fiscal Policy in an Era of Windfalls

LUNCHEON

11:45-1:15 PM

~ **Speaker:***The Honorable Pete V. Domenici (Invited)***CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

1:30-3:00 PM

- ~ Demography and Fiscal Policy
- ~ Fiscal Federalism
- ~ Taxation of E-Commerce

3:15-4:45 PM

- ~ Local Tax Subsidies
- ~ State-Sponsored Prepaid Tuition and College Savings Programs
- ~ Tax Complexity

**ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION**

5:00 PM

- ~ Presidential Address: *Therese J. McGuire*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**GENERAL SESSION**

8:30-10:00 AM

- ~ Advice to the Next President

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:15-11:45 AM

- ~ Frontiers of Public Finance
- ~ The Future of Public Schools
- ~ Taxation and Corporate Finance

LUNCHEON

Noon-1:30 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:45-3:15 PM

- ~ The Charity Property-Tax Exemption
- ~ School Spending: Choices and Consequences
- ~ Who Claims Tax Subsidies?

COMMITTEE SESSIONS

3:30-5:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

8:45-10:15 AM

- ~ Sales Taxation - A Tribute to John F. Due
- ~ Audits, Enforcement, and Tax Compliance
- ~ Federal Personal Income Taxation

10:30 AM-Noon

- ~ Estate and Gift Taxes
- ~ International Taxation
- ~ Tax Determination with Subnational Competition

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NOVEMBER 9

GENERAL SESSION

10:00-11:30 AM

STATE FISCAL POLICY IN AN ERA OF WINDFALLS

Moderator: *J. Fred Giertz*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Executive Director, National Tax Association

Panel:

Elizabeth I. Davis, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, SUNY Albany
Lee Dixon, National Conference of State Legislatures
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LUNCHEON

11:45-1:15 PM

Speaker: *The Honorable Pete V. Domenici*, NM (Invited)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:30-3:00 PM

DEMOGRAPHY AND FISCAL POLICY

Moderator: *Amy Ellen Schwartz*, New York University

Presentations:

Bell Curves and Babies: The Interaction between Ability, Welfare, and Nonmarital Childbearing - *George R.G. Clarke*, The World Bank; and *Robert P. Strauss*, Carnegie Mellon University
Medicaid, Private Health Insurance, and the Labor Supply of Single Mothers - *Dan T. Rosenbaum*, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; and *Bruce D. Meyer*, Northwestern University
Medicare Reform for an Aging Society - *Louise Sheiner*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Single Penalty vs. Marriage Penalty? - *James Alm*, Georgia State University; and *Leslie A. Whittington*, Georgetown University

Discussants:

Janet G. McCubbin, U.S. Treasury Department
David L. Sjoquist, Georgia State University

FISCAL FEDERALISM

Moderator: *E. Frank Stephenson*, Berry College

Presentations:

Federal Governments and the Provision of Highways: A Canada/U.S. Comparison - *Francois Vaillancourt* and *Mathieu Turgeon*, University of Montreal
Home Rule, Local Incentives, and the Processes of Intrastate Fiscal Competition and Control - *Daniel B. Rodriguez*, University of San Diego
Capital Punishment: Budgetary Repercussions of Pricey Prosecutions - *Katherine Baicker*, Dartmouth College

Discussant: *Seth Giertz*, Syracuse University

TAXATION OF E-COMMERCE

Moderator: TBA

Presenters:

Optimal Tax Theory and Electronic Commerce - *Donald J. Bruce*, *William F. Fox*, and *Matthew N. Murray*, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Evidence on Sales Tax Revenue Erosion from E-Commerce - *Richard R. Hawkins* and *David Eppright*, University of West Florida
TBA, *Robert P. Strauss*, Carnegie Mellon University
Discussant: *Gary C. Anders*, Arizona State University West

3:15-4:45 PM

LOCAL TAX SUBSIDIES

Moderator: *Daphne A. Kenyon*, Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy

Presentations:

Enterprise Zone Incentives and the Spatial Mismatch Debate - *Peter Fisher* and *Alan H. Peters*, University of Iowa
Selecting the Right Site: Where Do States Locate Place-Based Economic Development Programs? - *Robert T. Greenbaum*, Ohio State University
Capital Investment and Land Values in the Indiana Enterprise Zones - *Leslie E. Papke*, Michigan State University

Discussant: *Thomas F. Pogue*, University of Iowa

STATE-SPONSORED PREPAID TUITION AND COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Moderator: *Bernard Kent*, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Presentations:

The Role of Prepaid Tuition and College Savings Programs in Higher Education Finance Policy - *Michael Olivas*, University of Houston Law Center
Goals and Implementation Issues for Prepaid and College Savings Programs: An Administrator's Perspective - *Joan Marshall*, Maryland Prepaid College Trust
College Savings Programs and Household Portfolio Allocation - *Edward O'Connor*, Merrill Lynch
College Savings Programs and Household Spending on Higher Education - *Julia Lynn Coronado* and *Susan Hume McIntosh*, Federal Reserve Board

Discussant: *Bernard Kent*

TAX COMPLEXITY

Moderator: *David A. Weisbach*, University of Chicago

Presentations:

Little Boxes: The Inevitability of Complexity in the Tax Law - *Herwig J. Schlunk*, Vanderbilt University
Frictions as a Constraint on Tax Planning - *David Schizer*, Columbia University
Choosing between Refundable Tax Credits and Spending Programs - *Janet Holtzblatt*, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Discussant: *David A. Weisbach*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION

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Presidential Address: *Therese J. McGuire*, University of Illinois at Chicago

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NOVEMBER 10

GENERAL SESSION

8:30-10:00 AM

ADVICE TO THE NEXT PRESIDENT

Moderator: *George R. Zodrow*, Rice University

Panel:

Frederic W. Hickman, Hopkins & Sutter
R. Glenn Hubbard, Columbia University
C. Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute
Emil M. Sunley, International Monetary Fund

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:15-11:45 AM

THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Moderator: *Patricia Byrnes*, University of Illinois, Springfield

Presentations:

Financing School Construction and Improvements in California: Evidence from Local School Bond Elections - *Kim S. Rueben*, Public Policy Institute of California; and *Eric Brunner*, California State University, San Diego

Intergenerational Conflict Reconsidered: County Demographic Structure and the Demand for Education - *Helen F. Ladd*, Duke University; and *Sheila E. Murray*, RAND

New Immigrants in New York City Public Schools - *Alec Ian Gershberg*, New School; and *Amy Ellen Schwartz*, New York University

Discussant: *Lisa Barrow*, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

TAXATION AND CORPORATE FINANCE

Moderator: *Mihir A. Desai*, Harvard University

Presentations:

Do Firms Hedge in Response to Tax Incentives? - *John Graham*, Duke University

Endowment Assets, Tax-Exempt Debt, and the Capital Structure of Not-for-Profit Hospitals - *William Gentry*, Columbia University

Capital Decisions and Short-Term Debt - *George Plesko*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Discussant: *Victoria Summers*, International Monetary Fund

FRONTIERS OF PUBLIC FINANCE

Moderator: *William Oakland*, Tulane University

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LUNCH

Noon-1:30 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:45-3:15 PM

THE CHARITY PROPERTY-TAX EXEMPTION

Moderator: *Evelyn Brody*, Chicago-Kent Law School

Presentations:

Political Issues in Charitable Exemptions from Property Taxation - *Joan Youngman*, Lincoln Institute for Land Policy

Distribution and the Value of the Property-Tax Exemption among Nonprofit Organizations - *Joseph Cordes*, George Washington University; and *Thomas Pollak* and *Marie Gantz*, The Urban Institute

Impact Fees: An Alternative to PILOTs - *Woods Bowman*, De Paul University

Discussants:

Jeffrey Chapman, Arizona State University

Daniel A. Salomone, Minnesota Taxpayers Association

SCHOOL SPENDING: CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES

Moderator: *Kim S. Reuben*, Public Policy Institute of California

Presentations:

Power Disqualification: The Effect of State and Local Tax Deductibility on the Distribution of School Spending - *Susannah Loeb*, Stanford University

The Debt Illusion Hypothesis Revisited: School District Debt and House Values - *James Landers*, Southern Illinois University; and *Patricia Byrnes*, University of Illinois, Springfield

The Capitalization of School Report Cards - *David Figlio*, University of Florida; and *Maurice Lucs*, School Board of Alachua County, Florida

Discussant: *Jon Sonstelie*, University of California - Santa Barbara

WHO CLAIMS TAX SUBSIDIES?

Moderator: *William T. Bogart*, Case Western Reserve University

Presentations:

The Goals and Limitations of Corporate Tax Credits as a Policy Tool - *Dagney Faulk*, Indiana University Southeast

Declaring Victory? A Market-Based Measure of the Impact of Public Subsidies - *William T. Bogart* and *Richard Shatten*, Case Western Reserve University

1997 Use of the Federal Empowerment Zone Employment Credit: Who Claims What? - *Edith Brashares*, Horst Frisch Inc.; and *Andrew Bershadker*, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Discussant: *Robert W. Wassmer*, California State University-Sacramento

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3:30-5:00 PM

RECEPTION

5:30-6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 11

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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SALES TAXATION - A TRIBUTE TO JOHN F. DUE

Panel:

Richard M. Bird, University of Toronto
Walter Hellerstein, School of Law, University of Georgia
Charles E. McLure, Jr., Hoover Institution, Stanford University
John L. Mikesell, Indiana University

Discussant: *John H. Bowman*, Virginia Commonwealth University

AUDITS, ENFORCEMENT, AND TAX COMPLIANCE

Moderator: *Brian E. Erard*, B. Erard & Associates

Presentations:

Tax Evasion in a Transition Economy: Evidence from the Former Soviet Union Republic of Moldova - *John E. Anderson*, University of Nebraska
Participation and Compliance with the U.S. Earned Income Tax Credit - *Marsha Blumenthal*, University of St. Thomas; *Brian E. Erard*; and *Chih-Chin Ho*, Internal Revenue Service
Do Tax Amnesties Work? The Case of Russia - *James Alm*, *Jorge Martinez-Vazquez*, and *Sally Wallace*, Georgia State University

FEDERAL PERSONAL INCOME TAXATION

Moderator: *Robert Weinberger*, H&R Block

Presentations:

Distributional Analysis: A Longer Run Perspective - *James Cilke*, *Julie-Anne M. Cronin*, *Janet McCubbin*, *James R. Nunns*, and *Paul Smith*, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury
Private Health Insurance Coverage of Low-Income Workers: Evaluating the Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit - *Reagan Baughman*, Syracuse University
Taxes and Self-Employment: Evidence from a Panel of Taxpayer Data - *Douglas Holtz-Eakin*, Syracuse University; and *Donald J. Bruce*, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

10:30 AM-Noon

ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES

Moderator: TBA

Presenters:

TBA, *Edward J. McCaffery*, University of Southern California Law School
The Trick is to Live: Is the Estate Tax Social Security for the Rich? - *Wojciech Kpoczuk*, University of Michigan
Labor Supply Effects of the Estate Tax - *Donald J. Marples*, Syracuse University
Discussant: *Douglas Holtz-Eakin*, Syracuse University

INTERNATIONAL TAXATION

Moderator: *Victoria Summers*, International Monetary Fund

Presentations:

Optimality of the Foreign Tax Credit System: Separate vs. Overall Limitations - *Andrew B. Lyon*, University of Maryland; and *Matthew Haag*, Georgetown University
Beyond the Foreign Sales Corporation: The Design and Incidence of Export Tax Subsidies - *Mihir A. Desai*, Harvard University; and *James R. Hines, Jr.*, University of Michigan
The Effect of Bilateral Tax Treaties on U.S. FDI Activity - *Bruce A. Blonigen* and *Ronald B. Davies*, University of Oregon

Discussant: *Reuven Avi-Yonah*, University of Michigan

TAX DETERMINATION WITH SUBNATIONAL COMPETITION

Moderator: *Robert W. Wassmer*, California State University-Sacramento

Presentations:

Tax Competition among Local Jurisdictions: Changes in Sales Tax Rates of Tennessee Counties - *LeAnn Luna*, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Coveting Thy Neighbor's Tax Rate - *Jonathan Rork*, Vassar College
When Do States Legislate Tax Changes? - *David Merriman*, Loyola University Chicago

Discussant: *Robert Tannenwald*, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

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