

Special National Tax Association Conference on
Attaining Fiscal Sustainability: State & Local Perspectives and the Federal Outlook

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The Urban Institute, 2100 M Street, NW, Washington, DC
Friday, September 26, 2008

PROGRAM

- 8:00 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:25 a.m.** **Welcome**, *Ranjana Madhusudhan*, NTA President and New Jersey Dept. of Treasury
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** **Opening Session: The Fiscal Challenges Confronting Our Nation**
Diane Lim Rogers, Concord Coalition, moderator
Robert Bixby, Concord Coalition, *David Walker*, *Peter G. Peterson* Foundation, *Isabel Sawhill*, Brookings Institution, and *Alison Acosta Fraser*, The Heritage Foundation
Richard Dye, University of Illinois-Chicago, *Scott Pattison*, National Association of State Budget Officers, *Stanley Czerwinski*, Government Accountability Office
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** **Session Two: Getting a Grip on Our Public Budgets—
Can Better Measurement and Planning Help Us Find the Solutions?**
Iris Lav, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, moderator
Iris Lav, CBPP, *Edward Kleinbard*, Joint Committee on Taxation, *Shayne Kavanagh*, Government Finance Officers Association, *Donald Boyd*, Rockefeller Institute of Government
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Session Three: Preparedness from the Ground Up—
Supporting Our Nation’s Infrastructure**
Kim Rueben, The Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, moderator
Joseph Kile, Congressional Budget Office
Congressman *Earl Blumenauer*, D-Oregon
Raymond Scheppach, National Governors Association
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Luncheon Speaker:** *C. Eugene Steuerle*, Peter G. Peterson Foundation

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Session Four: Public Pensions and Other Retirement Benefits – The “Easy” Part?**
Joseph Cordes, George Washington University, moderator
J. Fred Giertz, National Tax Association and University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, *Joshua Rauh*, University of Chicago,
John Sabelhaus, Investment Company Institute
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Session Five: Health Care Spending: Can We Really Rein It In?**
Howard Gleckman, The Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, moderator
John Holahan, Urban Institute, *Jagadeesh Gokhale*, Cato Institute, *Len Nichols*, New America Foundation, *Gail Wilensky*, Project HOPE
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.** **Session Six: Challenges in Meeting Revenue Needs – A Survey of Revenue Instruments, Constraints, and Options**
Sally Wallace, Georgia State University, moderator
Leonard Burman, The Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center,
Thomas Clifford, New Mexico Tax Research Institute, *David Sjoquist*, Georgia State University
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **Summing Up/Planning for Future NTA Working Group on Fiscal Sustainability**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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