

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Recent E-mail messages have sought information about economic-development issues. These inquiries came at a particularly appropriate time for classroom use and were used as examples in discussion of public choice and political economy. Students asked: How does academic research help with policy making? Classroom discussion zeroed in on two issues that relate to the research efforts of AUBER units. First, with public sector and elected officials deeply involved with the advocacy process, how is research used in decision making when process counts more than substantive criteria? Two, if a good decision is one which must gain consensus, what happens with efficiency and effectiveness? Needless to say, these students showed perceptiveness.

For applied research centers, such as AUBER units, the possible conflicts between the form of public policy and function of analysis arise. We are in the front lines when it comes to helping people find economic information, understanding its significance, and analyzing issues. As such, coming from an academic environment, we bring forward recommendations that follow a logical and rational approach. Unfortunately, people asking a question are not always prepared for the answer. They may receive more than they asked for. When looking for simple answers, more than one idea may be too much. Like other researchers, academic research centers need to be careful to not burden their readers with more ideas than they can handle, to be sure; nevertheless, integrity and scholarship are important and should not be comprised for bad policy. In addition, AUBER researchers find some clients believing that they are right and we are wrong because someone said this or that—usually a comment made by a special interest group, fronted by some institute with a lofty name or a law office.

As university research-based organizations, we are obligated to be the bearers of unpleasant truths sometimes. “No, Mr. X, the employment multiplier for your gas station is not 10. I understand you are going to hire 10 people, but that is not how you compute the employment multiplier. Yes, Mr. X, I understand your displeasure,” Having a warm ear after a long telephone conversation, you are left with no other alternative than to place your hand over the phone receiver, and shout: “Jeeves, where are you when I need help?”

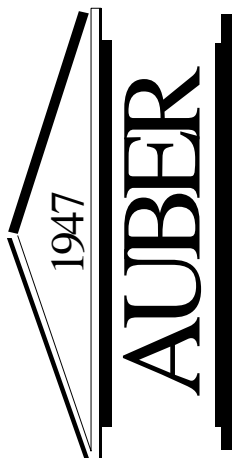
We face three critical problems which arise in upholding efficiency and effectiveness. First, the specification of objectives, an important first step to a credible research effort, may easily need precision which might not match the listeners’ interests or objectives. There are plenty of hired guns that will advance an argument, however false. University researchers have often played an important role in keeping things credible. Second, listing and studying a full range of outcomes, the product of careful thought, may give a false impression of precision that does not exist. In this case, some care is needed by academic researchers in presenting focused research—a discussion of all the issues may not be called for in presenting analysis, but one would not want to leave out a critical point. Balance is called for. Third, self-interest among numerous interest groups may drive policy making forward in incremental and pragmatic fashion, resulting in time-consuming activity that may be diverted from agreed on objectives.

Faced with too much “politicizing” in technical areas, university-based research centers provide facts and analysis, and help to provide a healthy policy environment. Hopefully, students will find that the numerous questions that AUBER research centers address call for creativity in developing incentives, processes, structure, and systems.

Class in one hour...and so... “once more into the breach, dear friends, once more...”



*R. KEITH SCHWER
1999-2000 AUBER PRESIDENT*





"ISSUES IN E-COMMERCE" SEMINAR

Have you bought an airline ticket using the Internet yet? Made a car rental or hotel reservation? Bought a computer or a sweater? Internet sales have exploded, and now account for 2% of retail sales nationwide. Virtually every retailer in the country is hurrying to develop an online presence. What is happening with consumers is only a small part of the story! E-commerce between businesses is five times larger, an estimated \$43 billion last year. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, Economic and Business Research at the University of Arizona's Eller College of Business and Public Administration, hosted an afternoon of discussion and lectures titled "Issues in E-Commerce."

Mark Zupan, Dean of the Eller College, and Forecasting Project Director Marshall Vest welcomed the group of over a hundred distinguished guests drawn from the business community and state and local governments. Among the guests were U.S. Congressman Jim Kolbe and Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, as well as Steve Jewett from Governor Jane Hull's Office.

Dr. Stanley Reynolds, Economics Department Head at the Eller College and an expert in industrial organization, kicked off the session by discussing the structure and growth of the e-commerce industry. Growth in Internet commerce has major implications for public institutions that depend on sales tax revenues. Terry Trost, Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Revenue, gave the group a run down on new proposals currently under consideration for changes in the tax structure as it applies to e-commerce. Possible impacts on revenues and on Main Street businesses facing rapidly expanding on-line competition were also discussed.

To give the group a perspective on how information technology and e-commerce now permeate the world of highfinance, Doug Mance, Vice President & Certified Financial Planner at Merrill Lynch shared with the group his personal experiences with an array of technologies that have become indispensable to him in his daily operations. Charlie Rochman,



Pictured (l to r): Kitty Stoops (Administrative Associate), Heather Peterson (Research Specialist), Marshall Vest (Forecasting Project Director), Pia Montoya (Data Base Manager), Dr. Alberta Charney (PhD, Economics), Maile Nadelhoffer (Research Specialist).

Director of Media Services for Tucson Newspapers, discussed Starnet's *E-shop* designed to help local businesses develop online presence and market in the virtual world. From providing personal e-mail services to online marketing of the Arizona Daily Star, Arizona's own Starnet, a subsidiary of Tucson Newspapers, has been a pioneer in the e-world.

Following the afternoon's discussions, conference attendees adjourned to the Estes Atrium for a reception hosted by Bank One Arizona. They were joined by an array of onetime "Ebroids," from former student employees to two former EBR directors, Dr. Arthur Silvers and Dr. Helmut Frank. Dean Zupan and Associate Dean Lisa Fahey formally thanked EBR's staff, both past and present, for their important contributions to the College and the community. Good company and good food were enjoyed by all.

*Written by Maile Nadelhoffer
and Edited by Diana Hunter,
University of Arizona*

IAES to Host 50th Conference in Charleston, South Carolina

The International Atlantic Economic Society will be hosting its 50th conference in Charleston, South Carolina, **October 15-18, 2000**. On behalf of IAES President, Allan H. Meltzer, and IAES Vice President, Robert A. Mundall, I would like to personally invite you to present a paper or organize a session at the conference.

University and government economists from over 40 countries will gather to discuss a wide array of topics. Additional information on the conference can be found on the IAES web page at:

http://www.iaes.org/conferences/future/charleston_50/index.htm

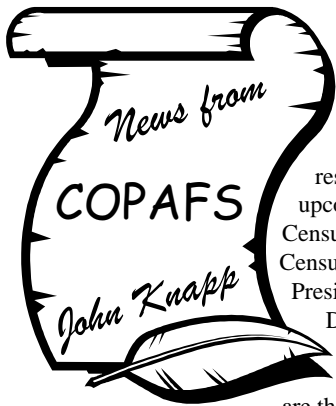
Specific instructions on submitting a paper or session can be found under the Paper Submission section.

The submission fee for IAES members is \$70.00 (\$100.00 for nonmembers) per paper. A registration fee will apply to all partici-

pants attending the conference. Become a member of the Program Committee by organizing a session on the topic of your choice, with three to five papers, discussants, and a session chair. Paper submission fees are waived for your session participants (registration fees are not waived). Proposals for special sessions should include all the information listed in the Paper Submission section.

I hope that you will take this opportunity to engage in important economic discussions with international colleagues. If you have any questions, please contact the International Atlantic Economic Society by phone at: (314) 454-0100; by fax at: (314) 454-9109; or by email at iaes@iaes.org. I look forward to seeing you in Charleston!

*John M. Virgo, Program Chair
IAES*



CENSUS BUREAU RELEASES DECENNIAL CENSUS PRODUCTS RELEASE SCHEDULE

For data hungry AUBER researchers here is the menu of upcoming goodies from the 2000 Census. On December 31, 2000 the Census Bureau will present to the President the first data from the 2000 Decennial Census - the population counts for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. These data are the key information needed to

reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives. Starting in March of 2001 the Census Bureau will then release the 2000 Census Redistricting Data Summary File of population counts at the block level used for legislative redistricting. These data will all be available by April 1, 2001. Then, starting in June, 2001, all the population and housing data from the 100-percent data products files (the data from the short form received by most households) will be released on a flow basis. By July of 2002, the vast majority of 100-percent data products will be have been released. The Census Bureau will begin releasing sample data (derived from the long form, which was sent to approximately 16 percent of the households) in December of 2001 in the form of demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristic profiles. The release of major data files for sample data will be completed by March of 2003. Public Use Microdata Sample Files (PUMS) will be released starting in April of 2002 and the release will be completed by December of 2002. For more information on Census 2000 data products, contact Louisa Miller of the Population Division at the Bureau of the Census, tel: (301)-457-2073, or by email at louisa.f.miller@ccmail.census.gov.

REVISIONS TO METROPOLITAN AREA STANDARDS NEARING COMPLETION

The final standards will be announced by April 1, 2000. The actual areas, based upon 2000 Census commuting information, will probably be available in 2003. The full text of the release is available from the COPAFS home page at: <http://members.aol.com/copafs>. To review: On October 20, OMB released the recommendations from the Metropolitan Area Standards Review Committee (MASRC) for changes to OMB's standards for defining metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas. MASRC has recommended a Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) classification to replace the current Metropolitan Area (MA) classification. The cores (densely settled concentrations of population) for this classification would be Census Bureau defined urbanized areas and smaller densely settled "settlement clusters." The settlement clusters are new areas to be identified for the 2000 Census. CBSAs would be defined around these cores. This CBSA classification has three types of areas based on the total population of all cores in the CBSA: 1) Megapolitan Areas defined around cores of at least 1,000,000 population; 2) Macropolitan Areas defined around cores of 50,000 to 999,999 population; and 3) Micropolitan Areas defined around cores of 10,000 to 49,999 population. Those counties containing the cores, should become the central counties of the CBSA's. Territory outside of Megapolitan, Macropolitan and Micropolitan Areas would be termed "Outside CBSAs." The MASRC has recommended the use of counties and equivalent entities as the building blocks for statistical areas throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, including the use of counties as the primary building blocks for statistical areas in New England. MASRC also recommended that Minor Civil Divisions (MCDs) be used as building blocks for an alternative set of statistical areas for the New England States only. A single threshold of 25

percent to establish qualifying linkages between outlying counties and counties containing the CBSA cores has also been recommended. **NOTE:** Although the time for formal comments to the Office of Management and Budget has passed, anyone concerned about the current proposed changes to Metropolitan Area standards should contact James D. Fitzsimmons, U.S. Bureau of the Census, IPC-Population Division, Washington, DC 20233-8860.

CENSUS BUREAU RELEASES ECONOMIC CENSUS REPORTS ON CD-ROM

The Census Bureau has developed new software to retrieve reports from the 1997 Economic Censuses. The new software is Windows based and will provide Quick Reports, along with expanded search, query, export and display capabilities. Data will be released in three separate CD volumes. Volume 1 will be a quarterly subscription series and will contain all North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) based files. Volume 2 is a biannual subscription series that will contain the bridge between NAICS and Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) based files. The third volume will contain all NAICS based files from the 1997 Economic by Zip Code. The CD's can be ordered from the Census Bureau's Customer Services Office at (301) 457-4100.

CENSUS BUREAU RELEASES THE THIRD EDITION OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY CD-ROM

The American Community Survey CD-ROM, which comes with its own software, allows users to access information in narrative and tabular formats. Users also can view or print charts, maps and reports from prepackaged tabulations, replicating those found in standard decennial reports, and conduct complex data manipulations and customized cross-tabulations. Data are displayed in three formats: community profiles detailed summary tables (similar to those from the 1990 census), and public-use microdata. The 1998 CD-ROM includes data for two new sites, as well as multi-year data for many 1996 and 1997 sites. The data may be viewed with Windows 95, 98 or NT operating systems. For more information on the survey or to request a free copy of the CD-ROM, please call 1-888-456-7215 or send an e-mail to acs@census.gov

PROPOSED FEDERAL STATISTICAL BUDGETS FOR FY 2001

The FY 2001 proposed budgets for federal statistical agencies are characterized by a large number of initiatives across all the agencies. Also there is a ramping down of the Decennial Census, with the emphasis shifting to the delivery of the data products. We can also expect a greater emphasis on economic statistics, especially in the measurement of e-commerce expenditures. Much of the following review of the federal statistical budgets comes from the Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2001. The following summaries are limited to programs of greatest significance for AUBER members.

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS: Funding is requested for Census 2000 and for Census Bureau economic and demographic programs. In regard to the latter, funding is requested to: (1) measure E-business; (2) conduct an annual Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises; (3) increase the coverage of export data; (4) continue planning for the 2002 Economic Censuses and Census of Governments; (5) improve measurement of economic well-being; and (6) redesign samples for household surveys.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS: Funding is requested to: (1) extend Producer Price Index (PPI) coverage for the first time to the construction sector of the U.S. economy, and enhance coverage of the

service sector in the PPI and in BLS productivity data; (2) begin a new survey to measure how Americans spend their time in order to improve assessments of national well-being and production, and produce diary estimates of time spent in market work to evaluate existing estimates of hours of work; (3) provide technical guidance for a new Federal-State cooperative employment projections program to enhance the comparability of data among the States, and between State and national projections; (4) increase the scope of labor market information for States and local areas, and improve the statistical quality of local area unemployment statistics used to allocate Federal funds; (5) deploy and operate a comprehensive and sound information technology security; and (6) contract with the National Research Council (NRC) to develop improved methods to measure discrimination in labor markets and employment relationships.

BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS: Funding is requested to develop new data sources and methods to measure rapidly growing E-business activity and to incorporate that information into BEA's economic accounts. In order to account for the impact of E-business on the economy, BEA will work with other statistical agencies to: (1) ensure that E-business, including related investment, is captured in the estimates of Gross Domestic Product and other economic accounts data, and (2) develop estimates of the impact of E-business across products and industries, including investment, prices, and distribution.

STATISTICS OF INCOME, IRS: The proposed funding for SOI provides annual income, financial, and tax data, based for individuals, corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships and tax-exempt organizations. SOI also provides periodic data based on other returns, such as those filed by estates. Major program changes and new activities planned for FY 2001 include the introduction of new panel studies for individual income tax returns, sales of capital asset returns, and elimination of the sales of capital assets cross-section study.

STATISTICAL EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1999 PASSES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Statistical Efficiency Act (H.R. 2885) introduced by Congressmen Steve Horn (R-CA) and Henry Waxman (D-CA) has passed the House. This bill is essentially the second part (Title II) of an earlier bill to establish a Federal Commission on Statistical Policy to study the reorganization of the federal statistical system and at the same time provide safeguards for confidentiality in data sharing. The current bill, which no longer addresses the issue of federal statistical agency consolidation, would establish Statistical Data Centers for the purpose of sharing of information under strict confidentiality. These would include the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of the Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Agricultural Statistical Service, National Centers for Education and Health Statistics, the Energy End Use and Integrated Statistical Division of the Energy Information Administration, and the Division of Science Resources Studies in the National Science Foundation. Under strict confidentiality rules, the Centers could enter into joint statistical projects to improve the quality and reduce the cost of statistical programs, and identify opportunities to eliminate duplication and other costs by sharing information for exclusively statistical purposes. For analysts in the areas of health, education and labor, for example, this bill could yield substantial benefits through the development of more detailed data series. Action on the bill has now moved to the Senate. At present there still exists a bill (S. 205) sponsored by Senator Daniel Moynihan (D-NY) to establish a Federal Commission on Statistical Policy to study the reorganization of the federal statistical system, along with a second section similar to the bill

passed in the House. Hopefully a bill similar to the one passed by the House will be introduced in the Senate.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE (NASS) RELEASES THE 1997 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE ON CD-ROM

NASS has released a three volume CD-ROM set, including new software to retrieve data from the 1997 Census of Agriculture. The software is Windows based. Also included is the ability to view PDF data files with Adobe Acrobat. For further information, contact the NASS Customer Service Center at 1-800- 727-9540, or email them at: nass@nass.usda.gov.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS (BTS) RELEASES THE 1995 AMERICAN TRAVEL SURVEY CD-ROM

The American Travel Survey (ATS) was conducted by BTS to obtain information about the long distance travel of persons living in the United States. The survey collected quarterly information related to the characteristics of persons, households, and trips taken for approximately 80,000 households. The ATS data provides detailed information on state-to-state travel as well as travel from metropolitan areas by mode of transportation. The CD-ROM contains data presented in 29 tables and eight data files that can be accessed using Beyond 20/20 software. For further information contact BTS at 202-366-DATA.

BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS (BEA) RELEASES FIXED REPRODUCIBLE TANGIBLE WEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1925-1994

This volume presents estimates of fixed reproducible tangible wealth. The estimates cover the stock of privately owned and government owned durable equipment and structures and of durable goods owned by consumers in the United States. These estimates are consistent with the national income and product account (NIPA's). They incorporate the definition and statistical improvements introduced in the comprehensive revision of the NIPA's that was completed in May 1997, including the use of an improved methodology for calculating depreciation, and the revised NIPA estimates for 1994 published in the 1997 survey of Current business. The estimates in this volume are part of BEA's work on measuring the tangible wealth of the nation. The chapters include a discussion of the conceptual and statistical considerations underlying the BEA wealth estimates, an explanation of the calculations of the investment flows used to derive the wealth estimates, and explanations of the terms used in the tables. The balance of the volume consists of tables containing the BEA wealth estimates and the investment flows used to derive them. For more information contact the BEA at 1-800-704-0415.

COPAFS ELECTS 2000 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The officers are: Chair: Jerry Fletcher (American Agricultural Economics Association); Vice Chair: Maurine Haver (National Association for Business Economics); Secretary: Robert Lehnen, (American Statistical Association); Treasurer: Don Muff (Donnelley Marketing); and Past Chair: Nicholas Zill (American Association for Public Opinion Research). Executive Committee Members are John Cromartie (Association of American Geographers); Richard Kulka (Research Triangle Institute); Mark Nord (Rural Sociological Society); and Sarah Zapolsky (AARP).

John Knapp, University of Virginia

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

The thirty-fourth Annual Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference to be held at the Best Western Lakeway Inn and Conference Center in Bellingham, will begin Thursday morning April 27th and will end at noon Saturday, April 29th, 2000. The conference is being organized by the College of Business and Economics at Western Washington University.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW. This annual conference is the one major event in the Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia, and Alberta) that brings economists and others from across the region together to discuss issues of international, national and regional concern. The theme of this year's conference is *Beyond 2000: Regional, Border and Global Issues for the Pacific Northwest*. The Bellingham conference will include eight plenary sessions featuring speakers and panels on topics ranging from the U.S. and Canadian outlook, economic development strategies, trade issues and the future of NAFTA, to environmental issues and the protection of wild salmon. There will also be over 30 breakout paper presentations and panel sessions covering a variety of economic issues important to the region. Prospective topics range from regional growth issues to urban and regional fiscal matters, demographic changes, and technology and employment trends. Overall, the conference will be of keen interest to economists, public leaders, business persons, planners, students and the interested public.

Thursday's events are scheduled to include a plenary session on the economic outlook for each of the region's states and provinces, a banquet lunch with Roger Simmons, Consul General of Canada - Seattle, and a blue-ribbon panel discussing NAFTA and regional trade issues. On the panel will be Steven Globerman, Director of Western Washington University's Center for International Business, Helmut Mach, Executive Director of Trade Policy for Alberta, Ronald Jones, University of Rochester and Bernie Wolf of York University. Thursday will also include a hosted reception at Western Washington University. Thursday evening will be free for participants to enjoy waterfront restaurants and other attractions in Bellingham.

Friday morning will include a plenary session on the economic outlook for the U.S. and Canada featuring Dale Orr, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of WEFA-Canada and Lynn Reaser, Senior Vice President, Banking Economic Analysis Group at Bank of America. Friday's banquet lunch will feature Shane Greenstein, Management and Strategy Department of the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, speaking on "Commercial Development of Information Infrastructure: Lessons from Recent Experience". Friday afternoon, Anne Markusen, University of Minnesota, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and Senior Fellow on Industrial Policy for the Council on Foreign Relations, will be giving the Charlie Tiebout Lecture on "Should Economic Development Policy Target Industries or Occupations?" Friday evening's banquet dinner will feature Gary Hufbauer, Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington D.C. speaking on *NAFTA in a Skeptical Age: The Way Forward* including some lessons from the recent WTO talks in Seattle.

For Saturday morning, we have scheduled a lively panel dealing with the protection of northwest salmon and other environmental issues. Included on the panel at this time are Ed Whitelaw, President ECO Northwest, and Terry Morlan of the Northwest Power Planning Council.

The Bellingham conference is being supported by several agencies including Bank of America, the College of Business and Economics at Western Washington University, the Center for Economic and Business Research, the Center for International Business, the Kaiser Professorship, the Small Business Development Center, the Center for Canadian-American Studies and the British Columbia Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. See the conference's new site:

www.ac.wvu.edu/~cebr/pnrec/pnrec2000n.htm

for ongoing updates on the conference program, registration, accommodations, travel and more!

Questions about the Conference, Contact:

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AUBER SPRING CONFERENCE 2000 TOPICS: NEW FEDERAL STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

This is an exciting time for oddballs like AUBER members who derive pleasure from federal statistics. Seriously, developments are underway that will provide better, more timely measures of our economy.

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is being implemented. For example, look at the 1997 Economic Census at

www.census.gov/epcd/www/advanc1a.htm

NAICS does a much better job of describing our economy than the SIC system. For more on this topic visit the NAICS web site at:

www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html.

Also, you should attend the NAICS session at the AUBER Spring Meeting.

Our friends at BEA have made important changes in the National Income and Product Accounts. Come to the spring meeting and learn from Rob Brown how these changes will impact the regional income data.

Census 2000 is nearly upon us. Ed Spar will provide an update at the spring meeting. He will also explain how the new Census will report race.

How are your Greek language skills? Be working on them because the federal government is designing a new classification system that will use *mega*, *macro*, and *micro* to describe different sized metropolitan areas. For more about this topic consult the metropolitan area web page at

www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/masrp.html

Jim Fitzsimmons of the Census Bureau will tell us more at the spring meeting.

Also, at the spring meeting we will hear from another Census Bureau member, Tom Mesenbourg, on how the bureau is measuring electronic business. If you want to read up on this topic prior to the meeting, go to:

www.census.gov/epcd/www/ebusiness.htm

*John Knapp,
University of Virginia*

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APRIL 13 - 15, 2000
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THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH

1:00 - 5:00 Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 - 5:30 Registration
5:30 - 7:00 Welcoming Reception

FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH

8:00 - 10:00 Registration
8:30 - 8:45 Welcome and Opening Comments, Keith Schwer, AUBER President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
8:45 - 9:45 **SESSION I**
Keynote Address: *National Economic Update and Outlook*, Mark Zandi, Chief Economist, RFA Dismal Sciences
9:45 - 10:00 Break
10:00 - 11:45 **SESSION II**
Electronic Commerce and Retail Trade, Chaired by Marshall Vest, The University of Arizona
Speakers: Thomas L. Mesenbourg, Assistant Director for Economic Programs, Bureau of the Census
Measuring Electronic Business: Definitions, Underlying Concepts, and Measurement Plans
TBA, *Update of Research on e-commerce*
TBA, *Taxation of e-commerce*
11:45 - 1:15 Luncheon
Presiding: Keith Schwer, AUBER President
Monetary Policy, Interest Rates, and Financial Markets
Speaker: David Berson, Chief Economist, Fannie Mae
1:15 - 1:30 Break
1:30 - 3:00 **SESSION III**
Federal Statistics, Chaired by John Knapp, University of Virginia
Speakers: Robert Brown, Regional Economic Measurement Division
Bureau of Economic Analysis
How Changes in the National Income and Product Accounts Will Affect Regional Income Statistics
Jim Fitzsimmons, Census Bureau
New Definitions for Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Eli S. Serrano, Supervisory Survey Statistician, Economic Product & Industry Classification Branch, Bureau of the Census
The North American Industry Classification System: How It Will Affect Regional Researchers
3:15 - 4:45 **SESSION IV**
Industry/Business Trends
Speakers: Frederick E. Flick, Vice President for Economic Research
National Association of Realtors
Update and Outlook for the Housing Industry
David Hirschberg
The Job-Generation Controversy: The Economic Myth of Small Business
TBA
4:45 - 6:15 Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

8:30 - 8:50 **SESSION V**
News from COPAFS about Federal Statistics with Special Emphasis on the 2000 Census
Speaker: Ed Spar, Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS)
8:50 - 9:30 AUBER open discussion (relationship with other organizations, future conferences, hot issues facing units around the country...)
9:30- 11:00 **SESSION VI**
Innovative Projects of AUBER Units, Chaired by Janet Speyrer, University of New Orleans
Speakers: Rick Harper, University of West Florida
Assessing Economic Development Alternatives for Disadvantaged Neighborhoods
Janet Nickel, Wichita State University
Barriers to and Opportunities for Recycling Among Manufacturers
Richard Wobbekind, University of Colorado at Boulder
TBA
11:00 Closing Comments and Adjournment, Keith Schwer, AUBER President

AUBER 2000 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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Name: _____

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Spouse Registration: NO YES* Name of Spouse: _____

*Spouses are invited to the Thursday and Friday evening receptions as guests of AUBER. Please add an additional \$30.00 to your registration fee for the Friday luncheon if your spouse will be joining you.

Registration Fees: AUBER Member \$135.00 (\$165.00 with spouse at Friday luncheon)
Non-AUBER Member \$150.00

_____ Payment enclosed \$ _____

_____ Check to follow \$ _____

Refund Policy: Cancellations must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer's Office **no later than Friday, March 31st** in order to receive a refund of the conference registration fee. The conference registration includes all conference materials, receptions, lunch, and refreshment breaks. Please make check payable to:

AUBER 2000 Spring Conference

PLEASE NOTE:

The Wyndham Bristol Hotel will be accepting reservations for the AUBER 2000 Spring Conference at the rate of \$149.00 per night through **March 12, 2000**. The room block will be cancelled at that time. For reservations, call Wyndham Hotel Reservations toll-free **800-996-3426** or direct **202-955-6400**. Be sure to mention that you are attending the **AUBER Spring Conference** and ask for confirmation of the room rate.

In order to get an accurate count for food arrangements, please mail the registration form before March 30, 2000, along with payment to:

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NOTE: If payment will be sent later, you may fax your registration to: 318/342-1209 by March 30, 2000.



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