

Income Volatility and Implications for Food Assistance Programs - II

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service
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- 9:30 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Welcome and Introductions**
Sheldon Danziger, University of Michigan
Betsey Kuhn and Dean Jolliffe, USDA
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Overview Presentation**
Ben Keys, University of Michigan
- 10:45 - 12:30 **Session 1 - Session Chair, David Betson, University of Notre Dame**
10:45 - 11:10 *Income Volatility and Low - Income Support Programs.*
Robin Boadway, Queen's University and Katherine Cuff, McMaster
University
- 11:10 - 11:25 Discussant - Luigi Pistaferri, Stanford University
- 11:25 - 11:50 *Income Volatility and Food Stamp Participation in Three American Cities.*
Robert Moffitt, Johns Hopkins University and David Ribar, George
Washington University
- 11:50 - 12:05 Discussant - Doug Besharov, AEI
- 12:05 - 12:30 General Discussion of Session 1 papers
- 12:30 - 1:30 **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 3:15 **Session 2 - Session Chair, V. Joseph Hotz, UCLA**
1:30 - 1:55 *Food Assistance for the Working Poor: Simulating the Impact of the Nutrition
Tax Credit on the Food Stamp Program.*
Thomas MaCurdy, Stanford University and Grecia Marrufo, SPHERE
Institute
- 1:55 - 2:10 Discussant - James Ohls, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.
- 2:10 - 2:35 *Earnings Volatility and the Reasons for Leaving the Food Stamp Program.*
David Ribar, University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Marilyn
Edelhoc, South Carolina Dept. of Social Services
- 2:35 - 2:50 Discussant - Lowell Taylor, Carnegie Mellon University
- 2:50 - 3:15 General Discussion of Session 2 papers
- 3:15 - 3:30 **Break**

- 3:30 – 5:15** **Session 3 – Session Chair, James Sullivan, University of Notre Dame**
 3:30 – 3:55 *Food Stamp Participation and Perception of Eligibility among Fragile Families: The Role of Family Structure and Income Volatility.*
 Daphne Hernandez, University of Michigan and Kathleen Ziol – Guest, Harvard University
- 3:55 – 4:10 Discussant – Bob Dalrymple, USDA/FNS
- 4:10 – 4:35 *The Age Gradient in Food Stamp Program Participation: Does Income Volatility Matter?*
 Craig Gundersen, Iowa State University and James Ziliak, University of Kentucky
- 4:35 – 4:50 Discussant – Jeff Smith, University of Michigan
- 4:50 – 5:15 General Discussion of Session 3 papers
- 5:15** **Adjourn for the day**

Day 2

- 8:00 AM** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 10:15** **Session 4 – Session Chair, Aaron Yelowitz, University of Kentucky**
 8:30 – 8:55 *The Income Volatility See-saw: Implications for School Lunch.*
 Constance Newman, USDA/ERS
- 8:55 – 9:10 Discussant – Colleen Heflin, University of Kentucky
- 9:10 – 9:35 *Certification Duration for Food Assistance Programs.*
 Mark Prell, USDA/ERS
- 9:35 – 9:50 Discussant – Peter Gottschalk, Boston College
- 9:50 – 10:15 General Discussion of Session 4 papers
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Break**

10:30 – 12:15 **Session 5 – Session Chair, Julie Isaacs, The Brookings Institution**
10:30 – 10:55 *The Dynamics of Food Stamp Receipt after Welfare Reform among Current and Former Welfare Recipients.*
Brian Cadena, Sheldon Danziger, and Kristin Seefeldt, University of Michigan.

10:55 – 11:10 Discussant – Pamela Loprest, Urban Institute

11:10 – 11:35 *Income Volatility and Food Insufficiency in U.S. Low-Income Households, 1991-2003.*
Neil Bania, University of Oregon and Laura Leete, Willamette University

11:35 – 11:50 Discussant – Dean Jolliffe, USDA/ERS

11:50 – 12:15 General Discussion of Session 5 papers

12:15 – 1:15 **Lunch**

1:15 – 2:10 **Session 6 – Betsey Kuhn, USDA/ERS**
1:15 – 1:40 *Food Assistance Programs and the Economic Patterns of Single Mothers Following Poverty Exits.*
Quinn Moore, Anu Rangarajan, and Peter Schochet, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

1:40 – 1:55 Discussant – Steve Haider, Michigan State University

1:55 – 2:10 General Discussion of Session 6 paper

2:10 – 2:45 **Concluding Comments and New Directions for Research**
Rebecca Blank, University of Michigan and Dean Jolliffe, USDA/ERS

2:45 PM **Adjourn**