Advancing Mississippi: A Better Mississippi for More Mississippians

Conference Agenda

9:30 AM Welcome

10:00 AM Session 1: Estimations
- Is Hinds County Mississippi Really Worse than Madison or Rankin County? A Spatial Equilibrium Approach to Ranking Quality of Life
- The Role of Income and location in Racial/Ethnic differences on loan denial in three Mississippi Counties
- Estimation of the Burden of Cigarette Smoking on the State of Mississippi in 2014

11:00 AM Session 2: Employment
- Independent Living Program (ILP) and Workforce Development for Youth Aging Out of the MS Foster Care System
- Understanding the nature of the teacher shortage in Mississippi
- An Exploratory Study of Effects of Workplace Variables on Organizational Commitment of Mississippi Correctional Staff

12:00 PM Lunch
- Speakers: Joel Bomgar and Kabir Karriem

1:30 PM Session 3: Being Healthy
- Transforming Lives through Health Insurance Outreach and Enrollment
- The Socio-Economic Impact of Community Development Financial Institutions on Child Health Outcomes in Mississippi
- Health Insurance Influence on Obesity Rates: A Cross-Sectional Study of Mississippi’s 82 Counties

2:30 PM Session 4: Education
- Sex Education in Mississippi: An Analysis of the Early Impacts of HB999
- Applied Behavior Analysis in Mississippi: New Opportunities, New Challenges, and New Solutions
- Early Learning Standards
- Financial Literacy among College Students: Comparisons by Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Age, and National Norms

3:50 PM Session 5: Student Paper Winners

4:30 PM Closing Remarks