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Royal Sonesta Hotel, 40 Edwin H Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA

Tuesday, July 22

8:30 am Coffee and Pastries

9:30 am Paternalistic Social Assistance: Evidence and Implications from Cash

vs. In-Kind Transfers

Anna Chorniy, Northwestern University

Amy Finkelstein, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and NBER

Matthew J. Notowidigdo, University of Chicago and NBER

10:15 am Penalties in the Safety Net: Labor Supply and Program Enrollment

Effects of Work Requirement Enforcement

Katherine Richard, University of Michigan

Lea J. Bart, University of Michigan

11:00 am Break

11:20 am Health Impacts of Federal Pandemic Aid to State and Local

Governments

Jeffrey Clemens, University of California, San Diego and NBER

Anwita Mahajan, University of California, San Diego

12:05 pm Lunch

Joint session with Labor Studies in Ballroom A

1:10 pm Creating High-Opportunity Neighborhoods: Evidence from the HOPE VI

Program

Raj Chetty, Harvard University and NBER

Rebecca Diamond, Stanford University and NBER

Brad Foster, U.S. Census Bureau

Lawrence F. Katz, Harvard University and NBER

Sonya Porter, U.S. Census Bureau Matthew Staiger, Harvard University

Laura Tach, Cornell University

2:00 pm Racial Penalty in Job Ladder Transitions

Itzik Fadlon, University of California, San Diego and NBER

Briana Sullivan, U.S. Census Bureau

Vedant Vohra, University of California, San Diego

2:50 pm Break

3:10 pm The Big Economic Consequences of Small Financial Shocks: Evidence

from Minor Car Crashes

Andrew C. Barr, Texas A&M University and NBER

Jonathan Eggleston, U.S. Census Bureau Steven Mello, Dartmouth College and NBER

Alexander A. Smith, United States Military Academy at West Point

4:00 pm Explaining the Historical Rise and Recent Decline in Social Security

Disability Insurance Enrollment

Manasi Deshpande, University of Chicago and NBER

Maxwell Kellogg, University of Oslo

Magne Mogstad, University of Chicago and NBER

Kuan-Ju Tseng, University of Chicago

4:50 pm Adjourn

Wednesday, July 23

12:05 pm

Lunch and Adjourn

8:00 am Coffee and Pastries 8:30 am Never-Realized Capital Gains Lucy Msall, National Bureau of Economic Research Ole-Andreas Naess, Norwegian School of Economics 9:15 am Break 9:30 am Behavioral Responses to Estate Taxation: Evidence from Taiwan Linda A. Wu, University College London Tzu-Ting Yang, Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica 10:15 am Building Capacity in the Public Administration: Evidence from German Reunification Nadja Dwenger, University of Hohenheim Anna Gumpert, University of Tübingen 11:00 am Break 11:20 am Hours Mismatch and Annual Taxes Andreas R. Kostøl, BI Norwegian Business School Matthew Merkle, Arizona State University Andreas Myhre, The Norwegian Welfare Administration Mark R. Whitmeyer, Arizona State University