

To: *Members of the AALS Section on Socio-Economics,
Members of the Society of Socio-Economists (SOS),
and Interested Persons*

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Subject:
*Overview of January 2017
Socio-Economic Programs
Hilton San Francisco Union Square*

1. *Tuesday, January 3, 2017: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (See Pages 5 - 6)
Annual Meeting of Society of Socio-Economics (SOS)*
2. *Wednesday, January 4, 2017: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (See Pages 2 - 4)
AALS Section on Socio-Economics
Annual Meeting Programs*
3. *Thursday, January 5, 2017: 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM (See Page 4)
Section Programs for New Law Teachers
Principles of Socio-Economics in Teaching, Scholarship, and Service*
4. *Saturday January 7, 2017: 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM (See Page 4)
Economics, Poverty, and Inclusive Capitalism*

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

1. *By reason of cancellations, the concurrent session on "Socio-Economic Perspectives on Race, Class and Gender" (Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 9:50 - 10:50 AM), there are opportunities for additional participants.*
2. *The Annual Meeting of the Society of Socio-Economists (SOS), Tuesday, January 3, 2017, offers opportunities for additional participation (morning and afternoon) and additional afternoon sessions.*

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*AALS Section on Socio-Economics
Annual Meeting Program
Wednesday, January 4, 2017*

Program Overview

- 9:00 - 9:15 AM Welcoming Remarks**
- 9:15 - 9:35 AM Plenary: Preview of Day's Program**
- 9:35 - 9:40 AM In Memory of Claire Dickerson (Tulane)**
- 9:50 - 10:50 AM Concurrent Sessions (For Participants, Please See Page 3)**
1. The Future of Corporate Governance:
How Do We Get From Here to Where We Need to Go?
 2. Socio-Economics and Whistle-Blowers
 3. Higher Education, Finance, and Student Debt
A Panel Discussion
 4. Socio-Economic Perspectives on Race, Class and Gender
- 11:00 AM - Noon Featured Plenary Session on Socio-Economics**
Robert Reich (Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy
University of California at Berkeley)
Title: The Malicious Fallacy of the "Free Market"

Robert B. Reich is Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley and Senior Fellow at the Blum Center for Developing Economies. He served as Secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration, for which Time Magazine named him one of the ten most effective cabinet secretaries of the twentieth century. He has written fourteen books, including the best sellers "Aftershock", "The Work of Nations," and "Beyond Outrage," and, his most recent, "Saving Capitalism." He is also a founding editor of the American Prospect magazine, chairman of Common Cause, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and co-creator of the award-winning documentary, "Inequality for All."

- 12:15 - 1:30 PM Socio-Economics Luncheon Address**
Kellye Testy (Dean, Washington and AALS President)
Title: Why Socio-Economics Matters
- 1:45 - 2:45 PM Concurrent Sessions (For Participants, Please See Page 4)**
1. What is a Corporation?
 2. Socio-Economics, Gender and Family Formation
 3. Law, Economics, and Reality: Addressing
Positive and Normative Issues in Teaching and Practice
 4. Socio-Economics of Law School Pedagogy: A Panel Discussion
- 3:00 - 3:45 PM Plenary: Deans' Forum on Socio-Economics**
- 3:45 - 5:00 PM The Future of Socio-Economics**

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9:00 - 9:15 AM Welcoming Remarks

Section Chair-Elect: Thomas Geu, (Dean, South Dakota)

9:15 - 9:35 AM Plenary: Preview of Day's Program

Robert Ashford (Syracuse) - Moderator	Thomas Geu (Dean, South Dakota)
William Black (Missouri - Kansas City)	Michael Malloy (McGeorge)
June Carbone (Minnesota)	Martha McCluskey (Buffalo)
Lynne Dallas (San Diego)	Stefan Padfield (Akron)
Jeffrey Harrison (Florida)	Cheryl Wade (St. John's)

9:35 - 9:40 AM In Memory of Claire Dickerson (Tulane)

Janis Sarra (British Columbia)

9:50 - 10:50 AM Concurrent Sessions

1. The Future of Corporate Governance:

How Do We Get From Here to Where We Need to Go?

andre cummings (Indiana Tech)	Steven Ramirez (Loyola - Chicago)
Lynne Dallas (San Diego) - Co-Moderator	Janis Sarra (British Columbia)
Kent Greenfield (Boston College)	Faith Stevelman (New York)
Daniel Greenwood (Hofstra)	Kellye Testy (Dean, Washington)
Kristin Johnson (Seton Hall)	Cheryl Wade (St. John's) Co-Moderator
Lyman Johnson (Washington and Lee)	

2. Socio-Economics and Whistle-Blowers

William Black (Missouri - KC)	Benjamin Edwards (Barry)
June Carbone (Minnesota) - Moderator	Marcia Narine (St. Thomas)

3. Higher Education, Finance, and Student Debt

Dalié Jiménez (Connecticut)	Martha McCluskey (Buffalo) - Moderator
Martha Mahoney (Miami)	Jennifer Taub (Vermont)

4. Socio-Economic Perspectives on Race, Class and Gender'

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1:45 - 2:45 PM Concurrent Sessions

1. What is a Corporation?

Robert Ashford (Syracuse) Moderator
Tamara Belinfanti (New York)
Daniel Greenwood (Hofstra)

Stefan Padfield (Akron)
Sabeel Rahman (Brooklyn)

2. Socio-Economics, Gender and Family Formation

Margaret Brinig (Notre Dame)
June Carbone (Minnesota) - Moderator

Michele Goodwin (UC Irvine)
Joan Meier (George Washington)

3. Law, Economics, and Reality:

Addressing Positive and Normative Issues in Teaching and Practice

Shubha Ghosh (Syracuse)
Jeffrey Harrison (Florida) - Moderator

George Shepherd (Emory)

4. Socio-Economics of Law School Pedagogy: A Panel Discussion

Michael Blissenden (Western Sydney)
Paul L. Caron (Pepperdine)
Neil Hamilton (St. Thomas)

Michael Malloy (McGeorge) - Moderator
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Michael Vitiello (McGeorge)

3:00 - 3:45 PM Plenary: Deans' Forum on Socio-Economics

Thomas Geu (Dean, South Dakota and Section Chair)
Laura Ann Rosenberry (Dean, Florida)

3:45 - 5:00 PM The Future of Socio-Economics

Featured Participants:

Paul Davidson (Founding Editor, Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics)
Richard Hattwick (Founding Editor, Journal of Socio-Economics)
Edward Rubin (Vanderbilt)
Nicolaus Tideman (Economics, Virginia Tech)

Additional Participants All the Day's Program Participants

Thursday, January 5, 2017

3:30 - 5:15 pm

Section Programs for New Law Teachers

Principles of Socio-Economics

in Teaching, Scholarship, and Service

Robert Ashford (Syracuse)
William Black (Missouri - Kansas City)
June Carbone (Minnesota)

Lynne Dallas (San Diego)
Michael Malloy (McGeorge)
Stefan Padfield (Akron)

Saturday, January 7, 2017

10:30 am - 12:15 pm

Economics, Poverty, and Inclusive Capitalism

Robert Ashford (Syracuse)
Paul Davidson (Founding Editor
Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics)
Richard Hattwick (Founding Editor,
Journal of Socio-Economics)

Stefan Padfield (Akron)
Delos Putz (San Francisco)
Edward Rubin (Vanderbilt)

Society of Socio-Economists (SOS)
2017 Annual Meeting Program

***“Business, Economics, Law, Poverty,
Sustainability, and Inclusive Capitalism”***

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

San Francisco Hilton

9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Plenary Session Topics to be discussed include: (1) Socio-Economic Theory (2) Sustainable Economic Recovery and Growth (3) Wealth and Income Distribution (4) Race, Gender, and Class (5) Corporate Fiduciary Duties, Social Responsibility, and Governance (6) Social Entrepreneurship (7) Economic, Financial, and Environmental Regulation (8) The Economics of War and Peace (9) Tax Policy (10) Ethical Dimensions of Economic Analysis
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (Box Lunch in Session Room)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Presentations and Discussion
3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Presentations and Discussion
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Concluding Session

Participants Include:

*Robert Ashford (Law, Syracuse U.), William Black (Law, U. of Missouri - Kansas City),
Regina Burch (Law, Capital U.), Richard Buxbaum (Law, Emeritus, U. of Californiann - Berkeley)
June Carbone (Law, U of Minnesota), Lynn Dallas (Law, U of San Diego)
Paul Davidson (Founding Editor, Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics)
Mike Gravel (Former U.S. Senator), Daniel Greenwood (Law, Hofstra U.)
Ralph Hall (Sustainable Development, Virginia Tech U.)
Jeffrey Harrison (Law and Economics, U. of Florida)
Richard Hattwick (Founding Editor, Journal of Socio-Economics)
David Cay Johnston (Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist, Law, Syracuse U.)
Urs Laeuchli (International Arbitrator - Lecturer), Michael Malloy (Law, U. of the Pacific)
Gary Nelson (DDS), Stefan Padfield (Law, U. of Akron)
Delos Putz (Former Law Dean and Professor of Law Emeritus, U. of San Francisco)
Steven Ramirez (Law, Loyola U. - Chicago), Edward Rubin (Vanderbilt U.)
Nicolaus Tideman (Economics, Virginia Tech University), Johnanne Winchester (United Nations Liaison)*

What is the Society of Socio-Economists?

The Society of Socio-Economists (SOS) is a society of law teachers, teachers of other disciplines, and other interested people who approach economic issues in harmony with the following “Statement of Socio-Economics Principles.”

SOS holds (1) an annual meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in coordination with the AALS Section on Socio-Economics and (2) other meetings and conferences based on the statement of socio-economic principles set forth below.

SOS membership is free. However, to help cover event costs, SOS charges a registration fee of between \$75 to \$175 to attend and participate in its events. (This fee may be reduced or waived based on need.) A “brown-bag luncheon” featuring a speaker or panel discussion usually follows the morning plenary. The afternoon features concurrent sessions based on the morning plenary topics, and a concluding plenary.

Statement of Socio-Economic Principles

Socio-Economics begins with the assumption that economic principles do not operate in a self-contained system, but are embedded in society, polity, culture, and nature. Drawing upon economics, sociology, political science, psychology, anthropology, biology and other social and natural sciences, philosophy, history, law, management, and other disciplines, Socio-Economics regards competitive behavior as a subset of human behavior within a societal and natural context that both enables and constrains competition and cooperation. Rather than assume that the individual pursuit of self-interest automatically or generally tends toward an optimal allocation of resources, Socio-Economics assumes that societal sources of order are necessary for people and markets to function efficiently. Rather than assume that people act only rationally, or that they pursue only self-interest, Socio-Economics seeks to advance a more encompassing interdisciplinary understanding of economic behavior open to the assumption that individual choices are shaped not only by notions of rationality but also by emotions, social bonds, beliefs, expectations, and a sense of morality.

Socio-Economics is both a positive and a normative science. It is dedicated to the empirical, reality testing approach to knowledge. It respects both inductive and deductive reasoning. But it also openly recognizes the policy relevance of teaching and research, and seeks to be self-aware of its normative implications rather than maintaining the mantle of an exclusively positive science. Although it sees questions of value inextricably

connected with individual and group economic choices, Socio-Economics does not entail a commitment to any one paradigm or ideological position, but is open to a range of thinking that treats economic behavior as involving the whole person and all facets of society within a continually evolving natural context.

Unique among interdisciplinary approaches, however, Socio-Economics recognizes the pervasive and powerful influence of the neoclassical paradigm on contemporary thought. Recognizing that people first adopt paradigms of thought and then perform their inductive, deductive, and empirical analyses, Socio-Economists seek to examine the assumptions of the neoclassical paradigm, develop a rigorous understanding of its limitations, improve upon its application, and develop alternative, perhaps complementary, approaches that are predictive, exemplary, and morally sound. With modest amendment, this description of Socio-Economics was the substance of the petition signed by more than 120 law professors from over 50 member schools of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), to establish the AALS Section on Socio-Economics. It serves as the constitution of the Section.

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