

**Final Draft PNREC 2016 Program**

**Vancouver Hilton  
Vancouver, WA May 11-13**

**Wednesday, May 11**

5:00 pm Welcoming reception

**Thursday, May 12**

8:00 am Light breakfast

**8:30 Opening ceremonies**

Greetings from Tim Leavitt, Mayor of Vancouver  
Tribute to Paul Storer

**9:00 am Keynote: John Mitchell, "50 years of economic transformation in the Pacific NW"**

**10:15 AM-11:30 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Transportation I

Becky Knudsen, ODOT, "Overview of Freight Transportation Issues in the PNW"  
Wes Wilson, University of Oregon, "Modernizing Freight Rail Regulation"  
Sal Hernandez, Oregon State University, "Potential for Freight Mode Shift in Oregon"  
Jeremy Sage, Washington State University, "Short Line Railroads: Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Demands with 19<sup>th</sup> Century Infrastructure"

Labor Markets

Josh Lehner, Oregon Economic Analysis, "Migration of Young Adults to Oregon"  
Kirstin Munro, PSU PhD student, "Distributional Consequences and Policy Implications of Software Occupation Employment in Portland, Oregon"  
Amy Watson, Montana Dept. of Labor and Industry, "Meeting Local Worker Demand: A Report on Labor Market Outcomes for Missoula College"  
Barbara Wagner, Montana Dept. of Labor and Industry, "Montana Paid Family Leave Business Survey"

Economics of Urban Areas: A Tale of Three Cities

Sheila Martin, Portland State University, "Portland"  
Patrick Jones, Eastern Washington University, "Spokane"  
David Reich, King County, "Seattle"

**Thursday, May 12, continued**

**11:45 am Lunch Keynote: Greg Daco, Oxford Economics, U.S. and Canadian Economic Outlook: “No recession, but an abundance of risks”**

**1:30 AM-2:45 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Energy I**

Massoud Jourabchi, NW Power & Conservation Council, “History of Electricity in the Northwest”

Charlie Grist, NW Power & Conservation Council, “History of the Power Council”

**Sustainability of State and Provincial Revenue**

Josh Lehner, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis, Oregon

Steve Lerch, Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, Washington

Bob Fox, Fox Consulting, Alberta

Caroline Schultz, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Alaska

**Equity and Inequality**

John Burbank, Economic Opportunity Institute

Tyler MacInnis, Oregon Center for Public Policy, “Status and Role of Trade Unions in Oregon”

Bruce Weber and Deana Grobe, Oregon State University, “The Complex Livelihood Strategies of Low-Income Oregonians: Bundling SNAP Use, Unemployment Insurance and Wages”

Kayse Jama, Center for Intercultural Organizing, “Immigrants, Economic Integration and Policy”

**3:15 AM-4:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**P20: Educational Attainment and Workforce Outcomes**

Tim Norris and other staff from the Washington Office of Financial Management

**Salmon and Steelhead Restoration: Reviewing the Past 50 Years, Are We Ready for the Next 50?**

Charles Pace, Portland Community College, “Depends on the Meaning of the Word ‘All’”

Rod Sando, former Executive Director of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, “Federal Agencies: Mis, Mal or Nonfeasance, Your Choice”

James Waddell, former Deputy District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, “Dam Breaching on the Lower Snake River”

Ed Chaney, Director, Northwest Resource Information Center, Inc., “The Northwest Power Act, 35 Years Later”

**Thursday, May 12, continued**

**Student Panel I**

Coral Wonderly, Eastern Washington University student, "Health Care Access Disparities within Spokane County, Washington"

Todd Stoothoff, Central Washington University, "The Economic Impacts of Cougars in Western Washington."

Richard Soteris, Oregon State University, "The Effect of Trade Barriers on Exchange Rates"

5:30 pm

Reception

Dinner on your own

**Friday, May 13**

8:00 am      Light breakfast

**9:00 AM-10:15 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Minimum Wage I**

Will Burchard, Oregon Employment Department, "Minimum Wage Jobs in Oregon: Current Status, Future Research"

Scott Bailey, Washington Employment Security Department, "Seattle Minimum Wage"

Jake Vigdor, University of Washington, "Description and Early Returns from the Seattle Minimum Wage Study"

**Transportation II**

Chris Maciejewski, DKS Associates, "Portland Region Westside Freight Access and Logistics Analysis"

B. Starr McMullen, Oregon State University, "The Importance of Geographic Classification in Assessing the Impact of a Revenue Neutral RUC"

Joseph Wyer, University of Oregon, "Urban Transportation Mode Choice and the Disutility of Traffic Congestion"

Yue Ke, Oregon State University, "A Preliminary Study the Determinants of VMT in Oregon"

**Natural Resources I**

Jennifer Grosman, Pacific NW Economic Region, "Zebra and Quagga Mussels: An invasive threat to the region's economy and environment."

Jenny Liu, Northwest Economic Research Center, "Portland's Food Economy—Trends and Contributions"

Kaleb Javier, Central Washington University student, "The Economic Impact of the Exempt Water Well Moratorium and Creation of Water-Banks in Kittitas County"

**Friday, May 13, continued**

**10:30 AM-11:45 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Minimum Wage II**

Jennifer Sargeant, Western Washington University student, "The Great Recession and the Minimum Wage"

Peter Hulseman, Northwest Economic Research Center, "The Costs of Minimum Wage Increases for Oregon's Long-Term Health Care Industry"

Chad Wassell, Central Washington University, "The Welfare Cliff in Washington State"

**Energy II**

Ben Kujala, NW Power & Conservation Council, "Future picture of Northwest energy planning: Planning under uncertainty"

Steven Simmons, NW Power & Conservation Council, "Major areas of uncertainty - natural gas prices"

Charlie Grist, NW Power & Conservation Council, "Conservation as biggest resource for future development"

Carrie Cobbs, Bonneville Power Administration, "Momentum Savings, A story of fast moving markets"

Steven Simmons, NW Power & Conservation Council, "Changing picture of power supply (solar, storage)"

**Great Presentations on Various Topics**

Jamie Haag, Pacific University, "Non-Local Lending and Small Firm Employment in the Pacific Northwest"

Bill Beyers, University of Washington, "The Evolution of Technology-Based Industry in Washington State"

Xin Zhao, Student, Washington State University, "Identifying Underserved Foreign Markets for Washington Agricultural Industry Groups"

Chris Sands, Western Washington University, "International Trade Crossroads: Canada's New Options and Opportunities"

**12:00 pm      Keynote: Ed Glaeser, "Technology and the City"**

## Friday, May 13, continued

### **1:30 PM-2:45 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **Energy III**

Roger Coupal, Wyoming University, "Economic and fiscal impacts of the Clean Power Plan for Wyoming"

Jeffrey Peter, Western Economic Diversification Canada, "The Economic Effects of Oil Shocks in Canada: Differences across Provinces and Sectors"

Patrick Balducci, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, "An Assessment of the Economic Benefits of Microgrids with Consideration of Tradeoffs Between Multiple Objectives and Parties"

#### **Real Estate**

Matthew Gardner, Windermere Real Estate, "Current Market Trends"

Shelly Schwieso, Vice President, Federal Home Loan Bank, "Current Market Trends"

Michael Paruszkiewicz, Northwest Economic Research Center, "The Economics of Deconstruction"

Michael Brady, Washington State University, "Constructing House Price Indices for High-Amenity Non-Metropolitan Areas"

#### **Demographics**

Chandler Felt, King County, "King County Demographic Trends"

Charles Rynerson, Portland State University Population Research Center, "Portland Metro Demographic Trends"

#### **Natural Resources II**

Mark Buckley, EcoNorthwest, "Constraints and opportunities for local economic benefits from public land management in the PNW"

Caroline Schultz, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, "The Alaskan Fishing Industry"

Chian Jones Ritten, University of Wyoming, "Incentivizing Open Spaces in Wyoming to Promote Pollinator Habitat: Applying Agglomeration and Spillover Bonuses to Unite Fragmented Habitat"

### **3:00 PM-4:15 PM PLENARY SESSION**

#### **State and Provincial Outlook**

Steve Lerch, Washington

Nick Beleiciks, Oregon

Roger Coupal, Wyoming

Caroline Schultz, Alaska

Scott Benson, Idaho

Pat Barkey, Montana

Bob Fox, Alberta

Chris Lawless, British Columbia

### **4:15 PM CLOSING CEREMONIES**