

# ASSA

## INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS



**CHICAGO, IL  
JANUARY 6-8, 2012**

**\*\*FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY\*\***

### MEETING FACILITIES

The headquarters hotel is the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Sessions are also in the Swissotel, and the Palmer House Hilton. The LERA, NEA, and URPE sessions are located in the Palmer House Hilton. The AFA sessions are located in the Swissotel. The AEA Continuing Education Program is located in the Renaissance Chicago Downtown, January 8-10, with the exception of the Continuing Education course on the Advanced Interactive Teaching Methods in Economics which ends on January 9th. Registration and Exhibits are all located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The Interview tables are located in the Palmer House Hilton. Sessions begin Friday, January 6th at 8:00 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th.

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS

The entire preliminary program is on the AEA website at [www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA) starting in September.

### REGISTRATION

You must register and pay the registration fee before booking a room. The five digit registration ID number is needed to book a room or suite. Once registration payment is received, you will receive an email confirmation, registration ID number, housing form, and link to housing. See housing instructions. Everyone must register, including speakers and discussants. Badges are required for admission to all sessions and activities. Pick up your registration packet at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, East Tower/Gold Level. See labor dispute for other options. On-Site and Advance Registration Booths will be open as follows:

Thursday, January 5.....	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
Friday, January 6.....	7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Saturday, January 7.....	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Sunday, January 8.....	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Group Office, East Tower/Gold Level)

\*The on-site registration line will be closed off fifteen minutes prior to closing of each day. Early registration fee (received by December 1st) is \$65.00. Registration fee after December 1st and on-site is \$125.00. Online registration is the only option after December 1st.

### REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS

If you register online you will get an email confirmation within a few minutes, faxed registration forms take up to three days, and mailed in forms take up to two weeks to process. Confirmations are emailed when email addresses are provided. If you do not receive a confirmation within this time frame email us at [assa@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:assa@vanderbilt.edu). Check your confirmation for name and affiliation accuracy. If any corrections are required, email changes to [assa@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:assa@vanderbilt.edu) or fax changes to 615.343.2986. We recommend you bring your confirmation when picking up your packet at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. A receipt is included in each participant's packet.

### REFUNDS

In order to process refunds for pre-registration you must forward a copy of your hotel room or suite cancellation notice to [assa@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:assa@vanderbilt.edu) or fax to 615-343-2986. We must receive your request by December 1st. *If you are registering after December 1st or on-site, no refunds are issued.*

### AEA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The AEA will offer a set of three "continuing education" programs scheduled immediately following the ASSA Meetings. The programs are designed to help mid-career economists with heavy teaching loads or considerable administrative responsibilities maintain the value of their human capital. They are tailored to faculty at liberal arts colleges and teaching-oriented state universities that usually have fewer research opportunities than colleagues at universities with Ph.D. programs in economics. The lecturers are leading scholars in their fields who are excellent expositors. The focus is on content to help improve both teaching and research. See the AEA Continuing Education link for more details.

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## PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SERVICE

Information and procedures for both employers and job seekers on how to use the professional placement service for both academic and non-academic positions are included in this booklet. The placement center and interview tables are located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Palmer House in the State and Grand Ballrooms as well as the Red Lacquer Room, January 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and will be open from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. each day. A new system, **Illinois JobLink (IJL)**, is being introduced this year to provide self-service matching of qualified candidates to academic and non-academic job postings with follow-up assistance from trained IJL staff to maximize successful completion of quality registrations. This professional placement service is conducted and sponsored free of charge through the efforts of the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the American Economic Association. See the "Job Placement Service" link for more information.

## HOTEL DIRECTORY

To have your name and hotel where you will be staying listed in the ASSA printed hotel directory, you must register for housing through the official housing company by **Thursday, December 1st**. There will be limited copies of the printed hotel directory at the ASSA registration desk. Anyone registering for a room through the official housing company between December 2nd and December 14th will be listed in the online hotel directory. Online hotel directory listings for those who register after December 14th can be added by emailing [assa@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:assa@vanderbilt.edu). To access the online hotel directory, go to [www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA) and click on Annual Meeting.

## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need disability aids or services to fully participate in the meetings, contact the ASSA Registration Office at 615-322-3509 by December 1st. If you need a specially equipped sleeping room, inform the housing company when making your hotel reservation.

## SPOUSE OR GUEST

There is no spouse program. Spouses or guests wishing to attend any of the meetings may register by December 1st for \$35.00. After December 1st the on-site registration fee is \$55.00. If your spouse or guest needs an affiliation on his/her badge, he/she must register separately and pay the full fee.

## WELCOME RECEPTION

Plan to attend the Eleventh Annual "ASSA Welcome Reception," January 5, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency Chicago. If you RSVP on the registration form you will receive a free drink coupon in your registration packet for the reception. Mark the box only if you plan to attend. This will help keep the cost down. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment.

## EXHIBITS

Exhibits are located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Purple Level/East Tower, Riverside Center West. The hours will be:

Friday, January 6.....	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 7.....	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 8.....	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## CAR RENTAL

Special discounted rates are arranged through **Avis Rent A Car**. Discounted rates are available seven days before and seven days after the meetings and include UNLIMITED FREE MILEAGE. Gas, tax and optional insurance coverage are extra. Return to the same renting location or additional surcharges may apply. To make reservations go to [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com) or call Avis at 1-800-331-1600 and request Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number **J947275**. Avis meeting rates will apply at all Chicago locations. An advance reservation is recommended. See the direct link on our website.

## SHUTTLE

ASSA will provide shuttle service from the Amalfi, Embassy Suites, Hilton Chicago, InterContinental, Palmer House Hilton, and Renaissance Chicago to the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The Hyatt Regency Chicago, Swissotel, and Fairmont are connected by an underground walkway called the Pedway System. It is not necessary to walk outside when moving between these properties. The Hard Rock is within walking distance.

## PARKING

Hotel parking rates range between \$38-\$61 plus tax per 24 hours. Parking rates are subject to change without notice.

## AIR TRANSPORTATION

American and Delta Airlines are offering a 5% discount through **SAILAIR TRAVEL**, the official travel agency for ASSA. For reservations call 1.800.759.5800 or 615.297.9200 and identify yourself as an ASSA meeting participant. Sailair Travel provides seat assignments, schedule change notices, and assistance with any difficulties before, during and after travel. A \$25.00 service charge will apply. Reservation hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. central time, Monday through Friday.

O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (19 miles to downtown)			
Chicago Transit Authority (CTA Blue Line) <a href="http://www.transitchicago.com">www.transitchicago.com</a>	\$2.25—\$4.45	Trains run every 7-10 minutes during the day and every 12-15 minutes between 11:30pm and 7am.	Takes 45 minutes to downtown
GO Airport Express—10% discount 1-888-284-3826/Group code ASSA	\$26.10 one-way plus \$2 airport tax \$47.70 round-trip plus \$2 airport tax	Vans depart every 15 minutes, last departure at 10:30 pm	
Taxi Service	\$45-\$50, Gratuity not included		Approximately 45-60 minutes depending on traffic
MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (10 miles to downtown)			
Chicago Transit Authority	\$2.25	Trains run every 7-10 minutes Mon.-Sat. until 12:50 a.m., Sun. until 11:30 p.m.	Takes 30 minutes to downtown
GO Airport Express—10% discount 1-888-284-3826/Group code ASSA	\$21.60 one-way plus \$2 airport tax \$39.60 round-trip plus \$2 airport tax	Vans depart every 15 minutes, last departure at 10:30 pm	
Taxi Service	\$35-\$40, Gratuity not included		Approximately 30-45 minutes depending on traffic