

The Brookings Center for Regulation and Markets Graduate Workshop 2: Industrial Organization and Productivity Research Using Data from the US Census Bureau

Wednesday, June 23, 1:00-4:30 pm EDT

Description: It can be difficult for graduate students in economics to learn about government data that can be useful for research and about current policy issues that can be informed by economic research using those data. We are hosting an event for graduate students to showcase the Census Bureau's research program in industrial organization and productivity and to introduce students to some of the datasets that the Census Bureau collects and supervises. This workshop is specifically aimed at students who are interested in entrepreneurship, innovation, industrial organization, and productivity. The program will feature researchers from the U.S. Census Bureau discussing their research, datasets that require special access, and public use datasets. An overview of procedures for accessing Census Data will be provided. Each presentation session will be followed by a moderated question and answer opportunity. Registration is open to current graduate students.

Agenda:

1:00pm Welcome Remarks

Stephanie Aaronson, Vice President and Director of the Economic Studies Program, Brookings
Judith Chevalier, Professor of Economics, Yale University and member of the academic advisory board for the Brookings Center for Regulation and Markets
Lucia Foster, Chief Economist and Chief of the Center for Economic Studies, US Census Bureau

1:15pm “Applying for and Accessing Restricted Use Census Bureau Data”

Heather Madray, Senior Project Review Coordinator, Center for Enterprise Dissemination, US Census Bureau. Dr. Madray will provide an overview of the administrative procedures for Census Data Access.
Q&A Moderator: Barbara Downs, Director of the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers, Center for Enterprise Dissemination, US Census Bureau

2:00pm “Measuring Business Dynamics and Innovative Firms”

Nathan Goldschlag, Senior Economist, Center for Economic Studies, US Census Bureau. Dr. Goldschlag's talk will introduce his research and discuss the measurement of business dynamics, entrepreneurship, and innovative activity using the Longitudinal Business Database, Business Dynamics Statistics, patent and trademark links, and survey data on R&D and technology adoption.
Q&A Moderator: Martha Stinson, Senior Economist, Center for Economic Studies, US Census Bureau

2:45pm BREAK

3:00pm “Measuring Productivity Dispersion and Productivity Growth in U.S. Manufacturing”

T. Kirk White, Senior Economist, Center for Economic Studies, US Census Bureau. Dr. White will introduce his research and discuss the manufacturing data collected by the Census Bureau.
Q&A Moderator: Randy Becker, Principal Economist, Center for Economic Studies, US Census Bureau

3:45pm “Measuring the Impact of Innovations in Retail”

Emek Basker, Principal Economist, Center for Economic Studies, US Census Bureau. Dr. Basker will introduce her research her research and discuss Census Bureau data on retail trade.
Q&A Moderator: Judith Chevalier, Professor of Economics, Yale University

4:30pm Concluding Remarks