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SPEAKER BIOS

Earlene Dowell

Earlene Dowell is the Lead Technical Marketing and Training Consultant, for the Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics Program for the Center for Economic Studies of the U.S. Census Bureau. Earlene travels around the nation promoting and training people on LEHD products. These products include the Quarterly Workforce Indicator and OnTheMap. Earlene received her master's degree in communication and a bachelor's degree in public relations from Hawaii Pacific University.

William F. Fox

Bill Fox is a Chancellor's Professor, the Ergen Professor of Business, and Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee. He is the 2013-14 University of Tennessee Macebearer. He is a past President and recipient of the Steven D. Gold Award from the National Tax Association and former Chairman of the Economics Department at the University of Tennessee. He has held visiting appointments as Professor at the University of Hawaii, scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and Distinguished Fulbright Chair at the University of Frankfurt, Germany. Fox has served as a consultant in over 40 countries and 15 U.S. states on a wide range of public policy issues. He holds a BS in Business Economics from Miami University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from The Ohio State University.

Andrew W. Hait

Andrew W. Hait serves as the Data Product and Data User Liaison in the Economic Planning and Coordination Division at the U.S. Census Bureau. With over 26 years of service at the Bureau, Andy oversees the data products and tools and coordinates data user training for the Economic Census and the Census Bureaus other economic survey programs. He also is the lead geographic specialist in the Economic Programs directorate. Andy holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Syracuse University and has a Masters Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University.

Matt Harris

Matthew Harris came to University of Tennessee by way of University of North Carolina in 2013. He conducts the demographic forecasting for the Center for Business and Economic Research at The University of Tennessee and other research related to health and the demand for health care. Most of his research lies in the intersection of labor economics and health economics. Previous work has examined how individuals' obesity affected their labor market prospects – and how individuals' employment decisions subsequently affected their body weight. He is currently estimating a dynamic model of medical care consumption in a framework that permits departure from habitual health (in addition to current health) to affect the individual's demand for health care. Matt is also working on a project with the goal of estimating the price elasticities of demand and supply for various types of formal care for the elderly, with the goal of understanding how market shares of different care types would change if formal care for the elderly were subsidized.

Tim Kuhn

Tim Kuhn is the GIS Manager for the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission. Tim manages geographic information systems, graphic design and website activities at the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission. His expertise is focused on data-driven processes to support community engagement, analysis and planning including: redistricting, scenario planning, land use mapping and development tracking, school enrollment projections, site identification for economic development and web-based tools for public access to spatial and non-spatial data.

Tammy Lemon

Tammy Lemon joined the staff at the Center for Business and Economic Research at The University of Tennessee in April 2011 as Director for Tennessee's longitudinal data system. She has worked with senior leaders and data experts at multiple state agencies to define policies and guide the creation of the data system. Prior to joining UT, she held senior IT leadership roles at Owens Corning and Dana Corporation. Both are Fortune 500 companies within the manufacturing industry.

Erran Persley

Erran F. Persley is a data dissemination specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce/U.S. Census Bureau whose office is located in Murfreesboro. He is responsible for assisting businesses, community-based organizations, and state and local governments in utilizing census data and data tools to make business and policy decisions, apply for federal grants, and promote community and economic development in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. Persley holds dual Master in Business Administration degrees from Georgetown University and the ESADE School of Business in Madrid, Spain. His undergraduate course work was in Political Science at Howard University