Conference Agenda
I-Hotel and Conference Center

Monday, June 4, 2018

8-9:30am  Registration
Lincoln Room Anteroom

8:30-9:30am  Breakfast
Technology Room

9:30-10am  Welcome Address
Lincoln Room

James Anderson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
Dean College of Education

Jennifer A. Delaney, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

10-11:45am  Session 1: Volatility in State Spending for Higher Education: Duration,
Impact on Economic Performance, and Political Determinants
Lincoln Room
Recovery from Cuts: How Long Does It Take for State Spending for Higher Education to Return to Previous Levels?
   Jennifer A. Delaney, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   William R. Doyle, Vanderbilt University

An Analysis of How State Economic Performance Impacts State Support for Public Higher Education
   Marvin A. Titus, University of Maryland

Examining the Effect of State Legislature Demographics on Higher Education Funding
   James Schiltz, Iowa State University
   Ann M. Gansemer-Topf, Iowa State University
   William Todd Abraham, Iowa State University

Discussant: Ben Marx, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Policy respondent: Phil Oliff, Pew Charitable Trusts

11:45-1pm  Lunch
   Technology Room

Keynote Address
   Al Bowman, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education

1-2:45pm  Session 2: Financing Policies for Predictability
   Lincoln Room

Reducing Uncertainty: Do State Finance Policies Protect Against Volatility in Higher Education Funding?
   Amy Y. Li, University of Northern Colorado
   Sophia Anne Laderman, State Higher Education Executive Officers
   Dustin Darrell Weeden, State Higher Education Executive Officers
   David Allen Tandberg, State Higher Education Executive Officers

Sustaining Free College Programs in a Volatile Funding Environment
   Jenna W. Kramer, Vanderbilt University
   Christopher R. Marsicano, Davidson College
   Steven Pittenger Gentile, Tennessee Higher Education Commission

Examining the Role of Budget Stabilization Funds for State Funding to Public Higher Education: Evidence from the 50 States using Panel Data
   Gabriel R. Serna, Michigan State University
   Joshua M. Cohen, University of North Dakota

Discussant: Russell Weinstein, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Policy respondent: Eric Lichtenberger, Illinois Board of Higher Education

2:45-3:15pm  Break  
Lincoln Room

3:15-5pm  Session 3: State Funding Unpredictability: College Completion and Research Productivity  
Lincoln Room

The Impact of Decline in State Funding and Revenue Diversification on Student Completion  
Caroline Sabina Wekullo, Texas A&M University  
Glenda Droogsma Musoba, Texas A&M University

Political Volatility in State Commitment to College Completion Efforts  
Erik Ness, University of Georgia  
Paul Rubin, American Educational Research Association Congressional Fellow  
Denisa Gandara, Southern Methodist University  
James Hearn, University of Georgia

Do Large Reductions in State Higher Education Support Affect Public Research University Productivity?  
Robert Kelchen, Seton Hall University

Discussant: David Allen Tandberg, State Higher Education Executive Officers  
Policy respondent: Dustin Darrell Weeden, State Higher Education Executive Officers

5-6pm  Break

6-6:30pm  Reception  
Technology Room Foyer

6:30-8pm  Dinner  
Technology Room

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

8-9am  Registration  
Lincoln Room Anteroom

8-9am  Breakfast  
Technology Room
9-10am  **Keynote Address**  
*Lincoln Room*

William Zumeta, Professor, Evans School of Public Policy & Governance and College of Education, University of Washington

10-11:45am  **Session 4: State Funding Unpredictability: Perceptions of Volatility, Student Fees, and University Staffing**  
*Lincoln Room*

*In the Eye of the Beholder: Volatility in State Funding for Higher Education*
Sarah Pingel, Education Commission of the States  
Molly Sarubbi, Education Commission of the States  
Brian A. Sponsler, Education Commission of the States

*Strategy for Closing the Gap? Universities’ Use of Fees and the Volatility in State Appropriation*
Jeongeun Kim, Arizona State University  
Chukwuemeka (Emeka) A. Ikegwuonu, Arizona State University

*University Staffing in Times of Financial Uncertainty: The Relationship Between the Volatility in State Appropriations and Part-Time Faculty Utilization*
Toby J. Park, Florida State University  
David Allen Tandberg, State Higher Education Executive Officers  
Shouping Hu, Florida State University

*Discussant:* Erik Ness, University of Georgia  
*Policy respondent:* Tom Harnisch, American Association of State Colleges and Universities

11:45-1pm  **Lunch**  
*Technology Room*

*Unpredictability in Illinois Panel Discussion*
Pat McGuire, Illinois State Senator 43rd Legislative District, Chair of the Higher Education Committee  
Elaine Maimon, President Governors State University  
Eric Zarnikow, Executive Director, Illinois Student Assistance Commission

*Moderator:* Jennifer A. Delaney, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1-2pm  **Conference wrap up (all are welcome)**  
*Lincoln Room*

Brainstorming, final thoughts from the conference planning committee, and an overview of the book publication process.