Speaker Biographies

Mark Egge As a transportation data scientist at High Street Consulting, Mark combines principles of statistics, econometrics, computer science and management to support state departments of transportation in optimally allocating resources to maintain America’s transportation network. His research has been published in the Transportation Research Record, presented at the Transportation Research Board’s annual meeting, and covered by regional news media. Mark holds a B.S. in Economics from MSU’s Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics, and a Masters of Information Systems Management from Carnegie Mellon University. A Wyoming native, Mark is an active ski mountaineer, ultrarunner, and photographer.

Katie R. Genadek is an Economist working for the US Census Bureau. Dr. Genadek directs the Census Longitudinal Infrastructure Project and is the administrator at the Rocky Mountain Federal Statistical Restricted Data Center in Boulder, CO. She previously worked at the University of Minnesota where she managed the IPUMS-USA data project and directed the outreach efforts for all IPUMS data projects. She is a labor economist and her research focuses on the relationship between work and family for individuals, couples, and parents. She has analyzed policy impacts on women’s labor supply and household labor, and she has ongoing research in areas of couples’ time spent together, the impact of spouses on the work choices, workplace flexibility, employee productivity, and women’s work in a historical context.

Mark Greenwood is a Professor of Statistics at Montana State University in the Department of Mathematical Sciences, receiving his doctoral degree in Statistics from the University of Wyoming in 2004. His research focus is on statistical methods for high dimensional and correlated data and the application of those methods. He has published collaborative research on climate change and other environmental applications on data sets from Antarctica to Alaska, education, and economics. He is currently focused on clinical research related to Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Osteoarthritis, and Mental Health. He teaches upper level statistics courses and co-authored the textbook used in STAT 217: Intermediate Statistical Concepts at Montana State University. Since 2006, he has mentored four doctoral students, 17 Master’s students, and has supervised 18 undergraduate research projects.

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Jared Sullivan manages the industrial and logistics research program for LaSalle Investment Management. Jared has over nine years of experience working in commercial real estate performing research. While he has experience working with all asset classes, Jared has spent most of his career specializing in industrial real estate research. Prior to working at LaSalle, Jared worked for NORC at the University of Chicago and CBRE Econometric Advisors. Jared speaks German; he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a Master’s degree in Applied Economics from Montana State University.

Werner Troesken is a Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh, and a Faculty Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). In 2003-2004, he served as Co-Director of the Center for Population Economics at the University of Chicago. Dr. Troesken’s primary field is American economic history, with an emphasis on topics related to race, environmental history, disease, and political economy. His book Water, Race, and Disease (MIT Press, 2004) explored the puzzling convergence in black and white life expectancy during the Jim Crow Era, and argued that this convergence was driven by improvements in public water supplies. This book won the Alice Jones Prize, which is award bi-annually by the Economic History Association for the best book in American economic history.

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