Welcome to the
HETEROGENEITY OF THE VALUE OF
STATISTICAL LIFE CONFERENCE
March 27, 2009
Vanderbilt University Law School
Alexander Room

 Organizer
W. Kip Viscusi
Vanderbilt University

 Schedule
Friday, March 27

8:15 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.  BREAKFAST AT LAW SCHOOL (COWDEN ATRIUM)
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.  PRESENTATIONS
12:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.  LUNCH PANEL (FLYNN AUDITORIUM)
1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.  POLICY PANEL AND PRESENTATIONS
4:00 P.M.  RECEPTION AT LAW SCHOOL (COWDEN ATRIUM)

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PAPER PRESENTATIONS

9:00 A.M.
V. KERRY SMITH
W.P. Carey Professor of Economics, Arizona State University
Measuring How Risk Tradeoffs Adjust with Income
(coauthor: Mary F. Evans)

9:30 A.M.
THOMAS J. KNIESNER
Krisher Professor of Economics, Center for Policy Research, Senior Research Associate, Syracuse University Maxwell School
Policy Relevant Heterogeneity in the Value of a Statistical Life: Evidence from Panel Data
(coauthors: James Ziliak, University of Kentucky & W. Kip Viscusi)

10:00 A.M.
MARY F. EVANS
Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Tennessee
A Panel Quantile Estimation Approach to Identify Income Variations in the Value of Statistical Life
(coauthor: Georg Schaur, University of Tennessee)

10:45 A.M.
CHRISTOPHER TIMMINS
Associate Professor of Economics, Duke University
Roy Model Sorting and Non-Random Selection in the Valuation of a Statistical Life
(coauthor: Thomas DeLeire, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

11:15 A.M.
JONI HERSCH
Professor of Law and Economics, Vanderbilt University Law School
Immigrant Status and the Value of Statistical Life
(coauthor: W. Kip Viscusi, Vanderbilt University)

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12:00 P.M. IN THE FLYNN AUDITORIUM

LUNCH PANEL: HOW THE GOVERNMENT VALUES LIFE

SUSAN E. DUDLEY
Former Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,
U.S. Office of Management and Budget

JOHN D. GRAHAM
Dean, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs
Former Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,
U.S. Office of Management and Budget

JOHN F. MORRALL, III
Former Branch Chief, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
U.S. Office of Management and Budget

15 MINUTE BREAK

1:30 P.M.

EPA PANEL: RESEARCH NEEDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ANALYSIS

AL McGARTLAND
Director, National Center for Environmental Economics
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

BRIAN MANNIX
Former Associate Administrator for Policy, Economics, and Innovation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
2:00 P.M.

**JOHN W. RUSER**


**TOPIC:** Bureau of Labor Statistics Injury Data

15 MINUTE BREAK

2:45 P.M.

**JAMES K. HAMMITT**

Professor of Economics and Decision Sciences, Harvard School of Public Health

**The Value of Reducing Mortality Risk: Effects of Age, Latency, Disease Type, and Financial Risk Aversion**

3:15 P.M.

**GLENN C. BLOMQUIST**

Carl F. Pollard Professor of Health Economics, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Kentucky

**Willingness to Pay for Improving Fatality Risks and Asthma Symptoms: Values for Children and Adults of All Ages**

(coauthors: Mark T. Dickie, University of Central Florida and Richard O’Conor, Independent Consultant, Cincinnati, OH)
ATTENDEES FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

IVY E. BRODER
Professor of Economics, American University

ALAN CARLIN
Senior Economist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

DEBORAH A. FREUND
Distinguished Professor of Public Administration, Center for Policy Research Senior Research Associate, Syracuse University Maxwell School

TED GAYER
Associate Professor of Public Policy, Georgetown Public Policy Institute

DAVID O. MELTZER
Director, Center for Health and the Social Sciences and Director, M.D./Ph.D. Program in Medicine and the Social Sciences, The University of Chicago

FRANK SLOAN
J. Alexander McMahon Professor of Health Policy and Management, Professor of Economics, Duke University

ATTENDEES FROM VANDERBILT

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