



INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

MEETING FACILITIES

ASSA Headquarters Hotel is the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The Co-Headquarters Hotel is the Sheraton Grand Chicago. Registration is located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Riverside Center, East Tower, Purple Level. Exhibits are also located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Riverside Center, East Tower, Purple Level. Job Placement Interview tables are located in the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Co-headquarters hotel), Riverwalk A&B, Level 1. Sessions will be held in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, the Sheraton Grand Chicago, and the Swissotel Chicago. The sessions begin Friday, January 6th at 8:00 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th. The AEA Continuing Education Program is located in the Loews Chicago, January 8-10.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS

The entire preliminary program is on the AEA website at www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA, updates are made continuously.

GO MOBILE

The ASSA Conference mobile application allows you to build a personal daily schedule, receive reminders and updates, find what you are looking for, take notes, and more. You will receive a username and password when you register for the meetings. This app will be available on-line the first week of December at www.aeaweb.org/conference/

REGISTRATION

You must register and pay the registration fee before booking a room. The five digit registration ID number is needed to book a room or suite. Once registration payment is received, you will receive an email confirmation, registration ID number, housing form, and link to housing. See housing instructions. Each room or suite request must have a different registration ID number. Everyone must register, including speakers, discussants and administrators who will be occupying a room. Badges are required for admission to sessions, exhibit hall, and other activities. Pick up your registration packet at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Riverside Center, East Tower, Purple Level. On-Site and Advance Registration Booths will be open as follows:

Thursday, January 5	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
Friday, January 6.....	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Saturday, January 7.....	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Sunday, January 8	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Hyatt Regency Chicago, Group Office, East Tower, Gold Level)

*The on-site registration line will be closed off fifteen minutes prior to closing of each day. Early registration fee (received by December 3rd) is \$55.00. Registration fee after December 3rd and on-site is \$115.00. Online registration or onsite registration are the only options after December 3rd.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS

If you register online, you will get an email confirmation receipt within a few minutes. Faxed registration forms take up to three days, and mailed in forms take up to two weeks to process. Confirmations are emailed so your email address is required. If you do not receive a confirmation within this time frame, email ASSA@vanderbilt.edu. Check your confirmation for name and affiliation accuracy. We recommend you bring your confirmation when picking up your packet at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. A receipt is also included in each participant's packet.

REFUNDS

In order to process refunds for pre-registration, you must forward your cancellation confirmation of your hotel room/suite reservation to assa@vanderbilt.edu or fax to 615-343-7590. We must receive your refund request by December 3rd. Refunds are not issued if requested after this date. If you are registering after December 3rd or on-site, no refunds are issued.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need disability aids or services to fully participate in the meetings, contact the ASSA Registration Office at 615-322-3509 by December 3rd. If you need a specially equipped sleeping room, inform the Official Housing Company when making your hotel reservation.

SPOUSE OR GUEST

There is no spouse program. Spouses or guests wishing to attend any of the meetings may register by December 3rd for \$25.00. After December 3rd and on-site the registration fee is \$45.00. If your spouse or guest needs an affiliation on their badge, they must register separately and pay the full fee.

AEA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The AEA will offer a set of three "continuing education" programs scheduled immediately following the ASSA Meetings. The programs are designed to help mid-career economists with heavy teaching loads or considerable administrative responsibilities maintain the value of their human capital. They are tailored to faculty at liberal arts colleges and teaching-oriented state universities who usually have fewer research opportunities than colleagues at universities with Ph.D. programs in economics. The lecturers are leading scholars in their fields who are excellent expositors. The focus is on content to help improve both teaching and research. See the AEA Continuing Education link for more details or go to www.aeaweb.org/conference/cont-ed

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC JOB OPENINGS

Information and procedures for both employers and job seekers on how to use the professional placement service for both academic and non-academic positions are included on the AEA website. The placement center and interview tables are located in the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Co-headquarters hotel), Riverwalk A&B, Level 1. They are open January 5th through 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. **IllinoisJobLink.com** (IJL) provides self-service matching of qualified candidates to academic and non-academic job postings with follow-up assistance from trained IJL staff to maximize successful completion of quality registrations. The Professional Placement Service is conducted and sponsored free of charge through the efforts of the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the American Economic Association. See the "Job Placement Service" link for more information.

HOTEL DIRECTORY

To have your name and hotel where you will be staying listed in the ASSA online hotel directory or the mobile app, you must register for housing through the official housing company by **Friday, December 16th**. After December 16th or if you did not make your reservations through the official housing company, you may send us your name and location to be added by emailing assa@vanderbilt.edu. ASSA no longer provides printed copies of the hotel directory. To access the online hotel directory, go to the Annual Meeting web page at www.aeaweb.org/conference/ If you prefer not to be listed in the hotel directory contact assa@vanderbilt.edu by December 16th to have your name removed.

ASSA 2017 MEETINGS IN CHICAGO, JANUARY 6-8

WELCOME RECEPTION

Plan to attend the "ASSA Welcome Reception," January 5th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency Chicago, Grand Ballroom, East Tower, Gold Level. If you mark that you will attend the Welcome Reception when you register, you will receive a free drink coupon in your registration packet for the reception. Mark the box only if you plan to attend. This will help keep the cost down. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

KiddieCorp will provide a professional children's program at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. You may print out the registration form or register online at www.kiddiecorp.com/assakids.htm. Kiddiecorp has been in business since 1986. Team members are qualified child care specialists.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits are located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Riverside Center, East Tower, Purple Level. The hours will be:

Friday, January 6 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, January 7 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, January 8 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SHUTTLE

ASSA will provide shuttle service from the Embassy Suites, InterContinental, Renaissance Chicago, Hilton Chicago and Palmer House Hilton to the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The Hyatt Regency Chicago, Swissotel, Radisson Blu and Fairmont are connected by an underground walkway called the Pedway System. It is not necessary to walk outside when moving between these properties. A map will be included in your packet of information.

CAR RENTALS

We have selected Avis as our car rental supplier for the ASSA Meetings. Discounted rates are offered December 30, 2016 to January 15, 2017. Please refer to the Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) # J947275 and call 1-800-331-1600 or reserve on-line at the Avis link for ASSA 2017 Annual Meetings. Discounts are good from Chicago Midway Airport, Chicago O'Hare Airport and all over the city.

PARKING

Hotel parking rates range between \$36-\$75 plus tax per 24 hours. Parking Rates are subject to change without notice.

AIRPORT/HOTEL TRANSPORTATION

Chicago, IL JANUARY 6-8, 2017

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (17 miles to downtown)			
Chicago Transit Authority (CTA Blue Line) www.transitchicago.com	\$6.50	Trains run every 5-12 minutes	Approximately 40 minutes to downtown.
GO Airport Express 888.284.3826	\$34 One Way \$60 Round Trip 10% discount – Make your reservation at bit.ly/2gQaXSW	Vans depart every 10-15 minutes, last departure at 11:30 pm	
Taxi Service	Approximately \$50, Gratuity not included (Average fare based on traffic conditions.)		Approximately 45 minutes depending on traffic.
MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (10 miles to downtown)			
Chicago Transit Authority (CTA Orange Line) www.transitchicago.com	\$4.50	Trains run every 7-15 minutes	Approximately 30 minutes to downtown.
GO Airport Express 888.284.3826	\$29 one-way \$50 round-trip 10% discount – Make your reservation at bit.ly/2gQaXSW	Vans depart every 15 minutes, last departure at 10:30 pm	
Taxi Service	Approximately \$50, Gratuity not included (Average fare based on traffic conditions.)		Approximately 30-40 minutes depending on traffic.