2018 Disability Research Consortium Meeting
National Press Club, Washington, DC 20045
Wednesday, August 1, 2018

8:00-8:30 am  Coffee and Registration

8:30-8:45 am  Welcoming Remarks:  Mark Warshawsky, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Retirement and Disability Policy
Social Security Administration

Morning Session Moderator:  Nicole Maestas, NBER Disability Research Center

8:45-10:15  Panel 1: Health, Absenteeism and Health Insurance
Absenteeism and Presenteeism Among American Workers
Nicole Maestas, Harvard Medical School and NBER; and Kathleen Mullen and Stephanie Rennane, RAND
Discussant:  Amal Harrati, Stanford University

Absenteeism, Health, and Disability in a Large Working Cohort
Amal Harrati, Stanford University; Sepideh Modrek, San Francisco State University; and Mark R. Cullen, Stanford University and NBER.
Discussant:  Yonatan Ben-Shalom, Mathematica

Impacts of Parental Health Insurance Coverage Availability on Disability Benefit Applications of Young Adults
Michael Levere and Heinrich Hock, Mathematica; and Nancy Early, Social Security Administration
Discussant:  Priyanka Anand, George Mason University

10:15-10:30  Break

10:30-12:00  Panel 2: Occupational Factors
Occupational Changes Following Disability Onset in the Late Working Years
Jody Schimmel Hyde and April Yanyuan Wu, Mathematica
Discussant:  Brooke Helppie-McFall, University of Michigan

Disability Risk and Alternative Work Arrangements
Nicholas Broten, Michael Dworsky and David Powell, RAND
Discussant:  David Mann, Mathematica

The Effects of Job Displacement Claims and Awards of Social Security Disability Insurance Over the Business Cycle
Till von Wachter, University of California, Los Angeles and NBER; and Jae Song, Social Security Administration
Discussant:  Robert R. Weathers, Social Security Administration

12:00  Box Lunch

12:30  Lunch Presentation:  David Autor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and NBER
“The Work of the Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Workers with Disabilities in the Robot-ificial Intelligence Era”
**Afternoon Session Moderator:** David Stapleton, Mathematica’s Disability Research Center

**1:15-2:45**  
**Panel 3: Health and Wellbeing of Beneficiaries**

*Making Ends Meet: How Low-Income DI Beneficiaries Meet Their Needs*

*Jack Gettens* and Alexis Henry, UMass Medical School  
*Discussant:* Nanette Goodman, National Disability Institute

*Disability and Distress: The Effect of Disability Programs on Financial Outcomes*

*Manasi Deshpande,* University of Chicago and NBER; *Tal Gross,* Boston University and NBER; and *Yalun Su,* University of Chicago  
*Discussant:* Jeffrey Hemmeter, Social Security Administration

*The Consequences of (Partial) Privatization of Social Insurance for Individuals with Disabilities: Evidence from Medicaid*

*Timothy Layton* and *Nicole Maestas,* Harvard Medical School and NBER; *Daniel Prinz,* Harvard University; and *Boris Vabson,* Stanford University  
*Discussant:* Jody Schimmel Hyde, Mathematica

**2:45-3:00**  
**Break**

**3:00-4:30**  
**Panel 4: Characteristics of Applicants and Beneficiaries**

*The Role of Non-Attorney Representation in the SSDI Determination Process: A Case Study of One Prominent Intermediary*

*Yonatan Ben-Shalom* and *Dara Lee Luca,* Mathematica  
*Discussant:* Stephanie Rennane, RAND

*Great Expectations but Poorer Outcomes: Declining Employment among a Growing Group of Work-oriented Beneficiaries*

*Gina Livermore,* Purvi Sevak, and Marisa Shenk, Mathematica  
*Discussant:* John T. Jones, Social Security Administration

*How Do Work-Related Overpayments Affect the Earnings of Social Security Disability Insurance Beneficiaries?*

*Denise Hoffman,* Mathematica; *Priyanka Anand,* George Mason University; and *John Jones,* Social Security Administration  
*Discussant:* Michael Dworsky, RAND

**4:30**  
**Closing Remarks** - Nicole Maestas

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