National Bureau of Economic Research

Conference on the Economics of Aging

David A. Wise, Organizer

April 30-May 2, 2015

The Boulders

34631 North Tom Darlington Drive

Carefree, Arizona

**Thursday, April 30 – Duck Pond**

7:00 pm *Reception and Dinner*

**Friday, May 1 – Sonoran Ballroom A & B**

8:30 am *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 am James Poterba, MIT and NBER

Steven Venti, Dartmouth College and NBER

David Wise, Harvard University and NBER

**Assets at End of Life and What They Started With: Looking Backwards**

Discussant: Brigitte Madrian, Harvard University and NBER

9:50 am David Cutler, Harvard University and NBER

**Characterizing Lifetime Medical Spending Risk for the Elderly**

Discussant: Jon Skinner, Darthmouth College and NBER

10:40 am *Coffee Break*

11:00 am John Beshears, Stanford University and NBER

James Choi, Yale University and NBER

Joshua Hurwitz, NBER

David Laibson, Harvard University and NBER

Brigitte Madrian, Harvard University and NBER

**Liquidity in Retirement Savings Systems: An International Comparison**

Discussant: Dan McFadden, University of California, Berkeley and NBER

11:50 am Philip Armour, RAND Corporation

Mike Hurd, RAND Corporation and NBER

Susann Rohwedder, RAND Corporation

**T rends in Pension Cash-out at Job Change and Retirement**

Discussant: Jim Poterba, MIT and NBER

12:40 pm *Group Lunch – spouses are invited*

**Upper Sonoran Patio**

2:40 pm Florian Heiss, University of Mainz

Daniel McFadden, University of California, Berkeley and NBER

Joachim Winter, University of Munich

Amelie Wuppermann, University of Munich

Yaoyao Zhu

**Three Measures of Disease Prevalence: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**

Discussant: Jim Smith, RAND Corporation

3:30 pm Angus Deaton, Princeton University and NBER

Anne Case, Princeton University and NBER

**Suicide, Age, and Wellbeing: an Empirical Investigation**

Discussant: David Cutler, Harvard University and NBER

4:20 pm *Adjourn*

**Saturday, May 2– Sonoran Ballroom A & B**

8:30 am *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 am Arie Kapteyn, University of Southern Californiaand NBER

**Does Retirement Make You Happy? A Simultaneous Equations Approach**

Discussant: Anne Case, Princeton and NBER

9:50 am Amitabh Chandra, Harvard University and NBER

Jon Skinner, Darthmouth College and NBER

**Racial Disparities in Hospital Quality**

Discussant: David Weir, University of Michigan

10:40 am *Coffee Break*

11:10 am Jay Bhattacharya, Stanford University

**Aging and Health in Japan**

Discussant: Hidehiko Ichimura, The University of Tokyo

12:00 pm *Lunch Break*

**Saturday, May 2 (continued)**

2:00 pm James Banks, Institute for Fiscal Studies

Richard Blundell, University College London and Insitute for Fiscal Studies

Zoe Oldfield, Institute for Fiscal Studies

Jim Smith, RAND Corporation

**House Price Volatility and the Housing Ladder**

Discussant: Steve Venti, Dartmouth College and NBER

2:50 pm Esther Duflo, MIT and NBER

Abhijit Banerjee, MIT and NBER

**Title: TBD**

Discussant: Amitabh Chandra, Harvard University and NBER

3:40 pm *Adjourn*

**Sunday, May 3**

*Depart*