National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on the Economics of Aging

David A. Wise, Organizer May 12-15, 2005

The Boulders 34631 North Tom Darlington Drive Carefree, Arizona

Preliminary Program

Thursday, May 12

7:00 PM Reception and Dinner

Friday, May 13

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM James Poterba, MIT and NBER

Joshua Rauh, University of Chicago and NBER Steven Venti, Dartmouth College and NBER David Wise, Harvard University and NBER

Lifecycle Allocation Asset Strategies and the Distribution of 401(k) Retirement Wealth

Discussant: Robert Willis, University of Michigan

James Choi, Harvard University

David Laibson, Harvard University and NBER Brigitte Madrian, University of Chicago and NBER

Reducing the Complexity Costs of 401(k) Participation: The Case of Quick

Enrollment™

Discussant: Jonathan Skinner, Dartmouth College and NBER

10:20 AM Coffee Break

10:40 AM Ronald Lee, University of California and NBER

Andrew Mason, University of Hawaii An-Chi Tung, Academia Sinica Mun-Sim Lai, University of Hawaii

Population Aging and Intergenerational Transfers: Introducing Age into National

Accounts

Discussant: Andrew Samwick, Dartmouth College and NBER

11:35 PM Afternoon Break

4:00 PM Michael Hurd, RAND and NBER

Monika Reti. RAND

Susann Rohwedder, RAND

The Effect of Large Capital Gains or Losses on Retirement

Courtney Coile, Wellesley College and NBER

David Cutler, Harvard University and NBER Mary Beth Landrum, Harvard University Kate Stewart, Harvard University

Trends in the Use of Assistive Technologies Among the Disabled Elderly

Discussant: Michael Hurd, RAND and NBER

5:50 PM Adjourn

Saturday, May 14

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM David Cutler, Harvard University and NBER

Edward Glaeser, Harvard University and NBER

Why Do Europeans Smoke More than Americans?

Discussant: Daniel McFadden, University of California and NBER

Jay Bhattacharya, Stanford University and NBER Alan Garber, Stanford University and NBER Thomas MaCurdy, Stanford University and NBER

Drug Utilization by the Elderly

Discussant: Jonathan Skinner, Dartmouth College and NBER

10:20 AM Coffee Break

10:40 AM Anne Case, Princeton University and NBER

Angus Deaton, Princeton University and NBER

Health and Well-Being in Udaipur and South Africa

Discussant: Amitabh Chandra, Dartmouth College and NBER

11:35 AM Lunch Break

2:00 PM Abhijit Banerjee, MIT

Angus Deaton, Princeton University and NBER

Esther Duflo, MIT and NBER

Traditional Dominance and Health Status in Rural India

Discussant: Amitabh Chandra, Dartmouth College and NBER

James Banks, Institute for Fiscal Studies (UK) Michael Marmot, University College, London Zoe Oldfield, Institute for Fiscal Studies (UK)

James Smith, RAND

The SES Health Gradient on Both Sides of the Atlantic

Discussant: Daniel McFadden, University of California and NBER

4:00 PM Adjourn

Sunday, May 15

Depart