Intent vs. Impact: Evaluating Individual- and Community-Based Programs

Call for Papers
Deadline to submit abstracts: June 15, 2015

The Dallas Fed, in partnership with the Department of Economics at Southern Methodist University, invites paper submissions for “Intent vs. Impact: Evaluating Individual- and Community-Based Programs,” a conference to be held November 16–17 in Dallas. Selected papers will also be featured in a special issue of Empirical Economics, subject to the usual referee process.

The purpose of the conference is to bring researchers together to present and discuss original papers (methodological or applied in nature) on the evaluation of programs and policies that impact the financial well-being of individuals and communities. The conference audience will also include policymakers and community practitioners. The two keynote speakers of the conference will be:

Derek R.B. Douglas, University of Chicago
Stephen L. Ross, University of Connecticut

Submission topics should pertain to issues faced by low- and moderate-income households, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Affordable housing
- Credit access (e.g., payday loans, mortgages, fair lending)
- Financial education and literacy
- Educational quality (e.g., school choice, teacher recruitment and retention)
- Financial aid policy (e.g., student loans, debt)
- Employment programs (e.g., Adults and Dislocated Workers Program, Work Opportunity Tax Credit, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment Protection)
- Safety net programs (e.g., UI, EITC, SSI)
- Health care policy (Medicaid, Medicare, Affordable Care Act)
- Small business programs (e.g., Empowerment Zones, SBA loan programs)

The volume of EE featuring selected papers will be edited by Wenhua Di (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas) and Daniel Millimet (Southern Methodist University).

Timeline
- **Abstract Deadline:** Submissions of extended abstracts (no more than one page) to Daniel Millimet (millimet@smu.edu) must be received by Monday, June 15, 2015.
- **Author Notification:** Notification of acceptance to the conference will be made no later than Wednesday, July 1, 2015.
- **Conference:** Monday, November 16 (noon) – Tuesday, November 17 (noon), 2015.
- **Initial EE Submission of completed manuscript:** January 1, 2016
- **Final EE Submission:** August 2016