Minnesota Economic Association

2008 Annual Conference

Election Year Economics

Metropolitan State University
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9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:25 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Comments

Ming Lo, St. Cloud State University, MEA president

9:30 a.m. Immigration Policy: A Minnesota and National Perspective

Demographic Changes: Some Consequences for Minnesota's Economy
Tom Gillaspy, Minnesota Planning Agency
Tom Stinson, Minnesota State Economist

The Labor Market Effects of U.S. Immigration: What is the Latest Evidence?
Orn Bodvarsson, St. Cloud State University

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Tax and Fiscal Policy

A View from the Center-Right
Christopher Phalen, University of Minnesota
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

A View from the Center-Left
Timothy Kehoe, University of Minnesota
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

11:55 a.m. Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards
12:50 p.m. Business Meeting
1:00 p.m. Luncheon Speaker

Chris Farrell, Minnesota Public Radio
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2:10 p.m. Heller Distinguished Lecture

Charles Engel, University of Wisconsin – Madison
Exchange Rates and Monetary Policy

3:10 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Peter Federer, Macalester College, incoming MEA president