



Minnesota Economic Association

2010 Annual Conference

**Mainstreet Economics
Labor Markets and Health Care in America**

**Hamline University
Sundin Music Hall**

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MEA Program

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8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
Poster Session (Posters displayed by economics undergraduates and graduates)

9:10 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Comments

Parker Wheatley, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University,
MEA President

David Stern, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs,
Hamline University

9:20 a.m. Heller Distinguished Lecture – *Taxing Ourselves*

Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan

Professor of Economics and Paul W. McCracken Collegiate Professor of
Business Economics and Public Policy

Introduced by Laura Kalambokidis, Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. *Labor Markets in Middle America*

Session Moderator: Fahima Aziz, Hamline University

Speakers:

Colleen Manchester, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota

Use of Work-Family Practices in the United States

Terry Fitzgerald, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Middle American Stagnation

11:55 a.m. Luncheon – **Klas Center, Kay Fredericks Room, 3rd Floor**

12:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards

12:45 p.m. Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report (Dan Fairchild)

Election of Officers (Rob Grunewald)

1:00 p.m. Luncheon Speaker

Art Rolnick, Human Capital Research Collaborative, University of Minnesota

The Economics of Early Childhood Education

2:10 p.m. *Implications of Health Care Reform* – **Sundin Music Hall**

Session Moderator: Jennifer Schultz, University of Minnesota, Duluth

Panelists:

Jean Abraham, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota

Stephen Parente, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota

Andrea Walsh, Executive Vice President, HealthPartners

3:20 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Jan Werner, University of Minnesota, incoming MEA President