

TPUG Transportation & Public Utilities Group

Newsletter – December 2022

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TPUG Sessions at ASSA 2023 in New Orleans



TPUG is sponsoring two utilities and two transportation sessions at an in-person ASSA in New Orleans on January 6-8, 2023. The public utilities sessions are on the Friday at 10:15am and 2:30pm at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street. The transportation sessions are on the Saturday at 12:30pm and 2:30pm at the J.W. Marriott New Orleans, 614 Canal Street (across the street from the Friday sessions). Check out the listing of speakers and discussants, and also the room allocations at this excerpt from the ASSA preliminary program at:

<https://faculty.wcas.northwestern.edu/ipsavage/documents/tpug2023.pdf>

More conference information at:

<https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/>

TPUG Social Event at ASSA 2023 in New Orleans



After a long three years, get to meet your fellow members in real life! The annual TPUG business meeting and social event will be on Friday, January 6, 2023, from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street, in the Riverview II room. We will honor the dissertation award winners and celebrate the 2022 distinguished member. Who, you may ask, are the winners? Well, you will have to show up at the event to find out (or read about it in the next newsletter)! Plus, we get to network and socialize with each other.

Elections!



The annual social and awards event also functions as our annual business meeting. The preceding item functions as the formal notification of the meeting as required in the bylaws. An important part of the annual meeting is the election of officers for 2023. Our updated bylaws, which the membership approved last spring, now provide for online early voting to supplement in-person voting at the meeting. Members in good standing will get an e-mail on December 21 with a link to the voting site. Not currently a member, and want to exercise your democratic rights? Then go immediately to:

<https://sites.macalester.edu/tpug/membership/>

As required by the bylaws, members are informed of the candidates two weeks in advance of the voting window. With thanks to the efforts of our nominating committee, the following are proposed as candidates:

President: Jonathan E. Hughes, University of Colorado
https://spot.colorado.edu/~jonathug/Jonathan_E._Hughes/Main.html

President-elect: Jonathan D. Hall, University of Toronto
<https://jhall.github.io/>

Secretary: Misak Avetisyan, Texas Tech University
<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/economics/faculty/avetisyan/>

Treasurer: Patrick S. McCarthy, Georgia Tech
<https://econ.gatech.edu/people/person/patrick-mccarthy>

TPUG is managed by a Governing Body comprised of these four elected positions and the three immediate past presidents (which in 2023 will be me, Frank Wolak and Anming Zhang).

James H. Peoples Jr.



The eagle eyed will have noticed that James Peoples is stepping down as Secretary of TPUG at this election. James is a stalwart of TPUG having served as Secretary for ten years, and before that was the 2010 TPUG President. We thank James for his long service to TPUG and look forward to his participation in TPUG sessions for many years to come.

Propose a paper for TPUG Sessions at WEAI 2023



The WEAI North American meeting is in San Diego on July 2-6, 2023. TPUG is sponsoring sessions on both transportation and public utilities. For more information on submitting a paper proposal go to:

<https://sites.macalester.edu/tpug/weai-meetings-call-for-papers/>

The deadline is **February 10, 2023**. For more information on the conference go to:

<https://weai.org/conferences/view/13/98th-Annual-Conference>

The TPUG contact is Akshaya Jha akshayaj@andrew.cmu.edu .

The WEAI is also organizing an international meeting in Melbourne, Australia in April 2023

<https://weai.org/conferences/view/15/17th-International-Conference>

The deadline for paper proposals for the TPUG sponsored sessions has now passed. The TPUG contact is Gordon Leslie gordon.leslie@monash.edu.

Renew / Join TPUG



Our membership year runs August 1 to July 31. Not a member? Has your membership lapsed? Consider joining / rejoining us. TPUG is an international forum for researchers and practitioners interested in the economics of and public policies towards the transportation and public utilities industries. Founded in 1946, it is one of the oldest constituents of the Allied Social Sciences Association.

Join to get access to presenting your work and networking at the WEAI and ASSA meetings. Have your student's work recognized with our dissertation awards. Join with a couple of clicks. Go to: <https://sites.macalester.edu/tpug/membership/>

Donate to TPUG



It is the time of year when many in the United States consider their end-of-year giving. (This is a polite way of saying your virtual and actual mailboxes are probably overflowing with solicitations by charitable organizations). TPUG is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your donation is tax deductible. Among the leading uses for donated funds is supporting our annual dissertation awards to recognize and encourage the work of young researchers. You can donate through PayPal at our home page:

<https://sites.macalester.edu/tpug/>

We thank you.

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