

TPUG Transportation & Public Utilities Group

Newsletter – December 2023

- Attend in-person TPUG Sessions at ASSA 2024 in San Antonio
- Attend the TPUG Business Meeting and Social in San Antonio
- Elections - TPUG Officers for 2024
- Propose a paper for TPUG Sessions at 2024 WEAI
- It is time to renew your membership, or to join TPUG
- Donate to TPUG – it is tax deductible!

TPUG Sessions at ASSA 2024 in San Antonio



TPUG is sponsoring two utilities and two transportation sessions at an in-person ASSA in San Antonio on January 5-7, 2024. The public utilities sessions are on the Friday at 12:30pm and 2:30pm at the Marriott Rivercenter. The transportation sessions are on the Sunday at 8:00am and 10:15am at the Marriott Rivercenter. Check out the listing of speakers and discussants at this excerpt from the ASSA preliminary program at:

<https://sites.macalester.edu/tpug/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/TPUG-Sessions-AEA-2024-.pdf>

More conference information at:

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

TPUG Social Event at ASSA 2024 in San Antonio



The annual TPUG business meeting and social event will be on Friday, January 5, 2024, from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Marriott Rivercenter (room to be announced). We will honor the dissertation award winners and celebrate the 2023 distinguished member.

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 2024. 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 D. Hall, University of Alabama

<https://jhall.github.io/>

President-elect: Gordon Leslie, Monash University

<https://sites.google.com/site/gwleslie/home>

Secretary: Misak Avetisyan, Texas Tech University

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/economics/faculty/avetisyan/>

Treasurer: Monica E. Hartmann

<https://cas.stthomas.edu/departments/faculty/monica-hartmann/>

TPUG is managed by a Governing Body comprised of these four elected positions and the three immediate past presidents.

Propose a paper for TPUG Sessions at WEAI 2024



The WEAI North American meeting is in Seattle on June 29-July 3, 2024. 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, 2024**. For more information on the conference go to:

<https://weai.org/conferences/view/14/99th-Annual-Conference>

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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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