

Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis

Call for Papers

2010 Annual Conference and Meeting of the Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis *Evidence and the "NEW" Policy Evaluation: Frontiers for Benefit-Cost Analysis*

October 19-20, 2010 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Abstracts Due July 15, 2010

The Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis promotes the development and appropriate application of benefit-cost analysis to a broad range of public policy issues. This year, our Third Annual Conference and Meeting, "Evidence and the "NEW" Policy Evaluation: Frontiers for Benefit-Cost Analysis," will be celebrating the increasing use of benefit-cost analysis across numerous policy contexts and the development of innovative analytic approaches. As always, we welcome abstracts on any topic related to improving the use of benefit-cost analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis, risk-benefit analysis, applied welfare economic analysis, and damage assessments in policy settings, from scholars, practitioners, and others interested in these areas who wish to present research at the conference.

Some examples of areas of interest including the following:

- Developing innovative analytic tools and testing their application in case studies
- Extending the use of benefit-cost analysis to new policy areas
- Improving the use of benefit-cost analysis in decisionmaking
- Incorporating research on happiness, life-satisfaction, and behavioral economics
- Developing principles and standards for benefit-cost analysis
- Determining the appropriate discount rates, and assessing risk and uncertainty
- Valuing costs and benefits and assessing distributional impacts
- Incorporating moral sentiments and equity considerations
- Evaluating the use of benefit-cost analysis by government or other institutions, in the U.S. and other countries
- Communicating analytic results effectively

Abstracts should be 200–300 words in length and provide adequate detail on the content of the research. Proposals for panels that include three to four speakers are also welcome, and should include a summary of the overall focus of the panel as well as a 200–300 word abstract for each presentation. Note that the program committee reserves the right to select the panel abstracts and to reorganize the panels as needed. Submission of an abstract is viewed as a firm commitment to participate in the conference if accepted. All submissions must include complete contact information for each prospective presenter.

Abstracts and panel proposals should be submitted as email attachments in Word document (.doc) format to sbcainfo@uw.edu along with complete contact information for all prospective presenters (name, title, affiliation, email, phone, and address), before July 15, 2010. Please write "Abstract: SBCA 2010" in the subject of the email.

For more information about the Society, please visit our website at www.benefitcostanalysis.org or contact sbcainfo@uw.edu. To receive information on registering for the conference when it becomes available, please consider becoming a member of the society; membership information is available on our website.

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