Section on Socio-Economics
Annual Meeting Program

“Socio-Economics: Broadening the Economic Debate”
Saturday, January 9, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

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Socio-Economics Luncheon
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12:15 - 1:45 p.m.
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Hon. Jorge Elorza
Mayor, Providence RI

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Society of Socio-Economists
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Monday, January 11, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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“Socio-Economics and Public Service”
Former Law Professor (Roger Williams)
& Member of the Section on Socio-Economics
(Luncheon Tickets must be purchased by Jan 8)
9:00 - 9:15 am  Welcoming Remarks  
Section Chair: Richard Gerschon (Mississippi)

9:15 - 9:40 am  Plenary: Preview of Day’s Program  
Deleso Alford (Florida A&M)  
Robert Ashford (Syracuse)  
William Back (Missouri - KC)  
June Carbone (Minnesota)  
Oliver Goodenough (Vermont)  
Jeffrey Harrison (Florida)  
Michael Malloy (McGeorge)

9:50 - 10:50 am  Concurrent Sessions

1. Wealth Concentration and Shrinking Middle Class  
Robert Ashford (Syracuse)  
Paul Davidson (Founding Co-Editor,  
    *Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics*)  
Richard Hattwick (Founding Co-Editor,  
    *Journal of Post-Socio Economics*)  
Nicholas Tideman (Economic, Chair, Virginia Tech)

2. Death of the Firm - Part 1  
Vulnerabilities and the Changing Structure of Employment  
Mary Ann Case (Chicago)  
June Carbone (Minnesota)  
Martha Albertson Fineman, Moderator (Emory)  
Stefan Padfield (Akron)  
Katherine Stone (UCLA)

3. Perspectives on Anti-Trust Law  
Jeffrey Harrison - Moderator (Florida)  
Thomas Horton (South Dakota)  
Chris Sagers (Cleveland State)  
Maurice Stucke (Tennessee)

4. Teaching Financial Services Law Post Meltdown  
Michael Malloy - Moderator (McGeorge)  
Hilary J. Allen (Suffolk)  
Colleen M. Baker (Illinois, College of Business)  
Onnig H. Dombalagian (Tulane) University Law School  
Arthur E. Wilmarth, Jr. (George Washington)

11:00 am - Noon  Plenary Session on Socio-Economics  
Gerald Torres (Cornell) (Additional Participants To Be Announced)

12:15 - 1:45 pm  
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**Hon. Jorge Elorza**  
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“Socio-Economics and Public Service”  
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Concurrent Sessions

1. An Ethical Code for Economic Analysis
   Robert Ashford (Syracuse)
   Paul Davidson (Founding Co-Editor, Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics)
   Richard Hattwick (Founding Co-Editor, Journal of Post-Socio Economics)
   Nicholas Tideman (Economic, Chair, Virginia Tech)

2. The Death of the Firm - Part 2
   Vulnerabilities and the Changing Structure of Employment
   June Carbone (Moderator)
   William Black (UMKC)
   Lynn Stout (Cornell)
   Arthur Wilmarth (George Washington)

3. Barriers to Low-Cost Legal Services: Are Jds a Problem?
   Oliver Goodenough (Vermont)
   Edward Hartman, Co-Founder and Chief Product Officer, LegalZoom.
   Renee Newman Knake (Michigan State)

4. Perspectives on Economic, Racial, and Gender Justice
   Deleso Alford (Florida A& M)
   Alfreda Robinson (George Washington)

3:15 - 4:00 pm  Plenary: Deans’ Forum on Socio Economics

   Richard Gerschon (Mississippi)
   Thomas Geu (South Dakota)

4:00 - 5:00 pm  The Future of Socio-Economics

   Robert Ashford (Syracuse)
   William Back (UMKC)
   June Carbone (Minnesota)
   Thomas Geu (South Dakota)
   Paul Davidson (Founding Co-Editor, Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics)
   Ralph Hall (Virginia Tech)
   Jeffrey Harrison (Economics & Law, Florida)
   Richard Hattwick (Founding Co-Editor, Journal of Socio Economics)
   Stefan Padfield (Akron)
   Michael Malloy (McGeorge)
   Nicholas Tideman (Economics, Chair, Virginia Tech)
   John Tomer, Economics, Manhattan

Jorge Elorza
Mayor, Providence RI
Biographical Statement

Mayor Jorge O. Elorza was born in Providence and grew up in the city's West End. After graduating from Classical High School, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and worked as an auditor on Wall Street then attended Harvard Law School.

Elorza returned to Providence and worked as an attorney for Rhode Island Legal Services. In 2005, he joined the law faculty at Robert Williams Law School where he litigated public interest cases and co-founded the Latino Policy Institute. While serving as a law professor he was a member of the AALS Section on Socio-Economics and was a participant in its programs.

In 2010, Elorza was appointed to the Providence Housing Court, where he served until 2013. Elorza was elected as Providence's 38th Mayor and took office in 2015. Mayor Elorza is focused on turning Providence around by creating economic opportunity for all, public services that work for everyone and innovative, ethical City government. From developing Providence's waterfront, to his plan to eliminate the blight of abandoned properties, Dedicated to socio-economic principles and public service Mayor Elorza works tirelessly to ensure that Providence is positioned to succeed.
Socio-Economics Annual Dinner
Sunday, January 10, 2016
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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9:00 - 11:45 am Plenary Session (All participants will have an opportunity to speak.)
- Topics to be discussed include ... 
  (1) Socio-Economic Theory
  (2) Sustainable Economic Recovery and Growth
  (3) Wealth and Income Distribution
  (4) Race, Gender, and Class
  (5) Corporate Fiduciary Duties, Social Responsibility, and Governance
  (6) Social Entrepreneurship
  (7) Economics, Financial, and Environmental Regulation
  (8) The Economics of War and Peace
  (9) Tax Policy
  (10) Ethical Dimensions of Economic Analysis

12:15 - 1:15 pm Luncheon Speaker (TBA)

1:30 - 3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions: (Based on plenary session topics)
3:15 - 4:45 pm Concurrent Sessions: (Based on plenary session topics)
5:00 - 6:00 pm Concluding Plenary

Participants include...

(some invited and pending acceptance)

Deleso Alford (Florida A&M), Robert Ashford (Syracuse),
William Back (UMKC), June Carbone (Minnesota)
Harold Channer (Manhattan News Network), Bridget Crawford (Pace)
Paul Davidson (Founding Co-Editor, Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics)
Loydd Jeff Dumas (Economics, Texas-Austin)
Terry Dumas (Economists for Peace and Security), Richard Gerschon (Mississippi)
Thomas Geu (Dean South Dakota), Oliver Goodenough (Vermont)
Sidney Greenfield (Anthropology-Emeritus, Wisconsin)
Ralph Hall (Virginia Tech), Jeffrey Harrison (Florida)
Richard Hattwick (Founding Co-Editor, Journal of Post-Socio Economics)
Stefan Padfield (Akron), Nicholas Tideman (Economics, Chair, Virginia Tech)
Johnanne Winchester (United Nations Liaison)
**Statement of Socio-Economic Principles**

Socio-economics begins with the assumption that economic behavior and phenomena are not wholly governed or described by any one analytical school, but are embedded in society, polity, culture, and nature. Drawing upon economics, sociology, political science, psychology, anthropology, biology and other social and natural sciences, philosophy, history, law, management, and other disciplines, socio-economics regards competitive behavior as a subset of human behavior within a societal and natural context that both enables and constrains competition and cooperation. Rather than assume that the individual pursuit of self-interest automatically or generally tends toward an optimal allocation of resources, socio-economics assumes that individual choices are shaped not only by notions of rationality but also by emotions, social bonds, beliefs, expectations, and a sense of morality.

Socio-economics is both a positive and a normative science. It is dedicated to the empirical, reality testing approach to knowledge. It respects both inductive and deductive reasoning. But it also openly recognizes the policy relevance of teaching and research and seeks to be self-aware of its normative implications rather than maintaining the mantle of an exclusively positive science. Although it sees questions of value inextricably connected with individual and group economic choices, socio-economics does not entail a commitment to any one paradigm or ideological position, but is open to a range of thinking that treats economic behavior as involving the whole person and all facets of society within a continually evolving natural context.

Unique among interdisciplinary approaches, however, socio-economics recognizes the pervasive and powerful influence of the neoclassical paradigm on contemporary thought. Recognizing that people first adopt paradigms of thought and then perform their inductive, deductive, and empirical analyses, socio-economists seek to examine the assumptions of the neoclassical paradigm, develop a rigorous understanding of its limitations, improve upon its application, and develop alternative, perhaps complementary, approaches that are predictive, exemplary, and morally sound. With modest amendment, this description of Socio-Economics was the substance of the petition signed by more than one hundred twenty law professors from over fifty AALS member schools, to establish the AALS Section on Socio-Economics. It serves as the constitution of the Section. (For a fuller description of socio-economics, see http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=882751)

**Introductory Socio-Economic References**


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