

ASSA

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2010 ANNUAL CONVENTION ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS



**ATLANTA, GA
JANUARY 3-5, 2010**

****SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY****

MEETING FACILITIES

The headquarters hotel is the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Sessions are also in the Hilton Atlanta, and the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. The AEA Continuing Education Program is located in the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, January 5-7. Registration and Exhibits are located in the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Interview tables are located in the Hilton Atlanta. Sessions begin Sunday, January 3rd at 8:00 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5th.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS

The entire preliminary program is on the AEA website at www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA starting in September. An update is made in November only.

REGISTRATION

You must register and pay the registration fee before booking a room. The five digit registration ID number is needed to book a room or suite. Once registration payment is received, you will get an email confirmation, registration ID number, housing form, and link to housing. See housing instructions. Everyone must register, including speakers and discussants. Badges are required for admission to all sessions and activities. Pick up your registration packet at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level. On-Site and Advance Registration Booths will be open as follows:

Saturday, January 2.....	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
Sunday, January 3.....	7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Monday, January 4.....	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Tuesday, January 5.....	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Imperial Registration Booth, Marquis Level)

*The on-site registration line will be closed off fifteen minutes prior to closing of each day. Early registration fee (received by December 1st) for AEA members is \$60.00. Early registration fee for non-AEA members is \$75.00. Registration fee after December 1st and on-site is \$125.00 for AEA members or non-AEA members. Online registration is the only option after December 1st.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS

If you register online you will get an email confirmation within a few minutes, faxed registration forms take up to three days, and mailed in forms take up to two weeks to process. Confirmations are emailed when email addresses are provided. If you do not receive a confirmation within this time frame email us at ASSA@vanderbilt.edu. Check your confirmation for name and affiliation accuracy. If any corrections are required, fax changes to 615.343.2986, email to ASSA@vanderbilt.edu, or mail to the ASSA Registration Office, 2014 Broadway, Suite 305, Nashville, TN 37203. We recommend you bring your confirmation when picking up your packet at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. A receipt is included in each participant's packet.

REFUNDS

In order to process refunds for pre-registration you must forward a copy of your hotel room or suite cancellation notice to ASSA. We must receive your request in writing by December 1st to the address or fax number under "Registration Confirmations" or email it to assa@vanderbilt.edu. If you are registering after December 1st or on-site, no refunds are issued.

AEA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The AEA will offer a set of three "continuing education" programs scheduled immediately following the ASSA Meetings. The programs are designed to help mid-career economists with heavy teaching loads or considerable administrative responsibilities maintain the value of their human capital. They are tailored to faculty at liberal arts colleges and teaching-oriented state universities that usually have fewer research opportunities than colleagues at universities with Ph.D. programs in economics. The lecturers are leading scholars in their fields who are excellent expositors. The focus is on content to help improve both teaching and research. See the AEA Continuing Education link for more details.

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PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SERVICE

Information and procedures for both employers and job seekers on how to use the professional placement service for both academic and non-academic positions are included in this booklet. The placement center and interview tables are located in the Galleria Hall, Hilton Atlanta, January 2nd through 5th and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. **Illinois Skills Match (ISM)** provides self-service matching of qualified candidates to both academic and non-academic job postings with follow-up assistance from trained ISM staff to maximize your success. The professional placement service is conducted and sponsored free of charge through the efforts of the Illinois Department of Employment Security and AEA. See the "Job Placement Service" link for more information.

HOTEL DIRECTORY

The directory of participants is generated from the hotel reservation form. You must be registered and make your hotel reservations through the ASSA official housing company by December 1st to be listed in the directory. If you are not staying in one of the convention hotels, you may send a phone number where you can be reached during the meetings to the ASSA Registration Office in Nashville by December 1st. Send the phone number in a separate letter, along with your registration form. You may also email your location to assa@vanderbilt.edu.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need disability aids or services to fully participate in the meetings, contact the ASSA Registration Office at 615-322-3509 by December 1st. If you need a specially equipped sleeping room, inform the Housing Bureau when making your hotel reservation.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Plan to attend the Ninth Annual "ASSA Welcome Reception," January 2, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Atlanta Marriott Marquis. If you RSVP on the registration form you will receive a free drink coupon in your registration packet for the reception. Mark the box only if you plan to attend. This will help keep the cost down. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment.

SPOUSE OR GUEST

There is no spouse program. Spouses or guests wishing to attend any of the meetings may register by December 1st for \$35.00. After December 1st and on-site registration fee is \$55.00. If your spouse or guest needs an affiliation on his/her badge, he/she must register separately and pay the full fee.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

KiddieCorp will provide a professional children's program at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. You may print out a registration form at www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA or register online at <https://www.kiddiecorp.com/assakids.htm>.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits are located in the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, International Hall, International Level. The hours will be:

Sunday, January 3.....	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 4.....	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 5.....	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CAR RENTAL

Special discounted rates arranged through **Avis Rent A Car** are as follows: \$25 day/weekend, \$42 day/weekday or \$165/week for subcompact, \$28 day/weekend, \$47 day/weekday or \$182/week for compact, \$30 day/weekend, \$51 day/weekday or \$196/week for intermediate, \$35 day/weekend, \$54 day/weekday or \$211/week for full size 2-door, \$37 day/weekend, \$57 day/weekday or \$227/week for full size 4-door, \$42 day/weekend, \$62 day/weekday or \$237/week for premium, \$67 day/weekend, \$76 day/weekday or \$326/week for luxury, \$70.50 day/weekend, \$79.50 day/weekday or \$342.50/week for mini van, \$67 day/weekend, \$76 day/weekday or \$326/week for sport utility. Rates are subject to change. Weekend daily rates are available from noon Thursday – Monday at 11:59 p.m. When reservations are booked, the above rates are automatically compared to Avis' published rates, including internet rates, to ensure the attendees receive the lowest rate that we have to offer. These rates are available seven days before and seven days after the event and include UNLIMITED FREE MILEAGE. Gas, tax and optional insurance coverage are extra. Return to the same renting location or additional surcharges may apply. To make reservations, call Avis at 1-800-331-1600 and request Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number **J947275**. You may also reserve a car on-line at www.avis.com. Avis meeting rates will apply at all Atlanta locations. An advance reservation is recommended.

PARKING

Hotel parking rates range between \$10-\$28 plus tax per 24 hours. Parking rates are subject to change without notice.

SHUTTLE

ASSA will run a continuous shuttle bus from the Atlanta Marriott Marquis to the Embassy Suites to facilitate job candidate movement. We will also run a shuttle bus from the W Atlanta Midtown to the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in the mornings and afternoons. All other hotels are within walking distance or near a MARTA stop.

MARTA

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) operates Monday-Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. and weekends and holidays from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Peak hours are 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Rail system runs approximately every 10 minutes. Midday service rail system runs every 20 minutes. One way fare is \$1.75. Multi-day visitor pass (1-4 days) is \$8-\$12.

TAXI SERVICE

Downtown flat rate fares from business to business within the zone is \$8 for one person. Each additional passenger is \$2. Fares ending outside the zone will be metered. First 1/8 mile or part thereof is \$2.50. Each additional 1/8 mile is .25. Same rate for business to business in Midtown or Buckhead. See below for rates from airport to hotel.

AIRPORT/HOTEL TRANSPORTATION

Atlanta Link Airport Shuttle provides ground transportation from the Hartsville-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to Downtown, Midtown, and Buckhead. Atlanta Link Shuttle operates seven days a week during flight operating hours. Cost to Downtown one-way is \$16.50/roundtrip \$29. Cost to Midtown one-way is \$18.50/roundtrip \$33. Cost to Buckhead is \$20.50 one-way/roundtrip \$37. For more information go to www.theatlantalink.com.

MARTA has service from airport to Downtown, Midtown, and Buckhead. They are attached to airport near baggage claim.

Taxi service from airport to Downtown is \$30 for 1 person and \$2 for each additional passenger. Fare from airport to Midtown is \$32 for 1 person and \$2 for each additional passenger. Fare from airport to Buckhead is \$40 for 1 person and \$2 for each additional passenger. Airport to Downtown is 10 miles, airport to Midtown is 14 miles, and airport to Buckhead is 18 miles.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Discounted fares are available through **SAILAIR TRAVEL**, the official travel agency for ASSA. For reservations call 1.800.759.5800 or 615.297.9200. Sailair Travel provides free flight insurance of \$100,000, seat assignments, schedule change notices, and assistance with any difficulties before, during and after travel. A \$35.00 service charge will apply. Reservation hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. central time, Monday through Friday.