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Conference Program

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October 25, 2008
Room 1002 Allen Bldg.
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast (at conference site)

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Charles A. Johnson, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.  2008 National Survey of Latinos: Hispanics See Their Situation in U.S. Deteriorating; Oppose Key Immigration Enforcement Measures
Mark Hugo López and Susan Minushkin, Pew Hispanic Center

Racial Profiling in Texas: An Analysis of Traffic Stops, Citations and Search Rates
John Moroney, Texas A&M University

Cross-Border Earnings of U.S. Natives along the U.S.-Mexico Border
Marie T. Mora and Alberto Dávila, University of Texas - Pan American

10:30 – 10:40 a.m.  Break

10:40 – 11:30 a.m.  Cross-Border Restaurant Price and Exchange Rate Interactions
Thomas M. Fullerton, Jr., Karen P. Fierro, and Emmanuel Villalobos, University of Texas at El Paso

A Study of the U.S.-Mexico Border Earnings Penalty between 2000 and 2005
André Varella Mollick, Marie T. Mora, and Alberto Dávila, University of Texas - Pan American

11:30 – 11:40 a.m.  Break

11:40 – 12:30 p.m.  Mexican Migration to the U.S.: A Comparison of Income and Network Effects
David J. Molina and Todd Jewell, Univ. of North Texas

Networks of Convenience: Immigrant Social Networks in the Pine Straw Industry
Vanessa Casanova and Mostafa Malki, The University of Texas at Brownsville

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  Box Lunch (at conference site)

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.  ECON Graduate Programs at Texas A&M
Rajiv Sarin

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.  What’s to Blame for the Recent Slowdown in Workers’ Remittances?
Carlos Vargas-Silva, Sam Houston State University

Remittances and the Macroeconomy: A Reappraisal
Diego Vacaflores, Texas State University San Marcos

Common Volatility across Latin American Foreign Exchange Markets
Isabel Ruiz, Sam Houston State University

3:30 – 3:40 p.m.  Break

3:40 – 4:30 p.m.  REIT and Momentum Strategies: Does Investor Sentiment Modify this Relationship?
Teofilo Ozuna, The University of Texas - Pan American

Insurance Coverage and the Quality of Specialized Health Care
Damian S. Damianov, The University of Texas - Pan American

4:30 – 4:45 p.m.  Closing Remarks

6:30 p.m.  Dinner: Madden’s Restaurant