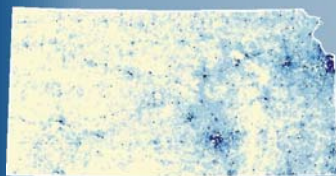


2006 State of the State Kansas Economic Policy Conference



Is Density Destiny? Reshaping Kansas Government for the 21st Century

Thursday, October 26, 2006

**The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
and Pioneer Communications, Ulysses, Kansas**

Presented by the Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas

Sponsored by Grant County Chamber of Commerce and Pioneer Communications

This year's conference takes place at The University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas and at a satellite site in Ulysses, Kansas. *Is Density Destiny? Reshaping Kansas Government for the 21st Century* will address the challenges confronting Kansas in the face of long running demographic changes that have reshaped the state and shifted population from rural to urban areas. The program includes keynote speeches on government consolidation and intergovernmental cooperation as well as panel discussions featuring academics and practitioners experienced with the challenges facing the state.

The 2nd annual assessment of the "state of the State," the morning panel session, will focus on continuing and emerging economic, social and demographic trends that will shape the state's policy environment for the 21st century.

For more about the conference and to register online, please visit our website at: www.ipsr.ku.edu/conferen/kepc06/

Keynote Speakers

Suzanne Leland is an associate professor in the political science department at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she teaches state and local politics, urban politics, and intergovernmental relations. She earned her PhD in Political Science at the University of Kansas in 1999 and worked for the Wyandotte-KCK County Consolidation Study Commission from 1996-1997. She has published articles on municipal consolidation in *Public Administration Review* and *Public Administration Quarterly*. She is the co-author of *Case Studies of City-County Consolidation: Reshaping the Local Government Landscape* with Kurt Thurmaier, and the forthcoming book, *Case Studies in City-County Consolidation: Promises Made, Promises Kept?*

Speaker Doug Mays is currently in his 7th term representing the 54th District, serving since 1993. The district includes south-central Topeka and southwest Shawnee County. He served as the Speaker Pro Tem of the House from 1999-2000, and since 2003 has served as the Speaker of the House. Before serving in the Kansas Legislature, he served on the Topeka City Council from 1985-1989, and served as the Securities Commissioner for the State of Kansas from 1987-1991. Speaker Mays earned a bachelor's degree from Pittsburg State University. In addition to his efforts as a Representative and the House Speaker, he is a securities regulatory arbitrator and consultant.

Registration, Fees, Parking

Fees include conference materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. Walk-in registration is available, but we encourage you to register by mail or on-line before October 18, 2006. See page 3 for registration form.

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Parking

At the University of Kansas, Lawrence site, parking is available in the Mississippi Street Parking Garage, north of the Kansas Union. The parking garage can be accessed from both Oread Avenue and Mississippi Street. A parking permit is required to park in the garage and can be purchased for \$6.

The 2006 State of the State – Kansas Economic Policy Conference **Agenda Is Density Destiny? Reshaping Kansas Government for the 21st Century**

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
Coffee and Pastries
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
James Roberts, Vice Provost for Research and President, KU Center for Research,
The University of Kansas
- 9:15 a.m. **Morning Keynote**
Introduction (*from Ulysses*)
Steven Maynard-Moody, Director, Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas
Keynote Address: Reshaping the Local Government Landscape
Suzanne Leland, Associate Professor, Political Science Department,
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Assessing the State of the State**
Baby Boomers and Immigrants on the Range: Population Trends in Kansas
Laszlo J. Kulcsar, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Kansas Population Center, Kansas State University
The State of Innovation in Kansas
Joshua Rosenbloom, Professor of Economics and Director, Center for Economic and
Business Analysis, Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas
Sizing Up Kansas Public Finance
Bart Hildreth, Regents Distinguished Professor and Director, Public Finance Center,
Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University
Moderator
Don Haider-Markel, Associate Professor, Political Science, The University of Kansas
- Noon **Lunch and Luncheon Address**
Introduction
Robert Hemenway, Chancellor, The University of Kansas
Luncheon Keynote: A Candid Look at Kansas Government
Rep. Doug Mays, Speaker, Kansas House of Representatives
- 1:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Reinventing Government** (*from Ulysses*)
Discussants
Ed Wiltse, Mayor, Ulysses, Kansas and Manager of Member Services, Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Carol Marinovich, Senior Vice President, Fleishman-Hillard and former Mayor and CEO,
Kansas City, Kansas and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County (*in Lawrence*)
Dan Epp, Co-Editor, Greeley County Republican
Joe Aistrup, Chair, Department of Political Science, Kansas State University (*in Lawrence*)
Moderator
Steven Maynard-Moody
- 3:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Joshua Rosenbloom
- 3:45 p.m. **Adjournment**

Lawrence location - all sessions will take place on Level 5 of the Kansas Union, The University of Kansas
Ulysses location - all sessions will take place in the Video Conferencing Room, Pioneer Communications

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Thursday, October 26, 2006 Lawrence, Kansas Ulysses, Kansas

Registration Form

Please Print

Title (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.) _____ Full name (First, MI, Last, Suffix) _____

E-mail _____

Company name _____

Address (☐ Home or ☐ Work) _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Daytime phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

☐ Please *do not* include my information on the participant roster.

Fees

The conference will take place at the Kansas Union on the University of Kansas campus AND at Pioneer Communications, 120 W. Kansas Ave., Ulysses, Kansas. We will have a live video link between Lawrence and Ulysses.

☐ Lawrence registration fee \$85

☐ Parking permit for Lawrence location \$6

☐ Ulysses registration fee \$75

Total \$ Due _____

Payment

☐ Check enclosed, payable to the ***Institute for Policy & Social Research***

☐ Bill company.

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Dietary Restrictions

☐ Vegetarian ☐ Other (please specify) _____

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