11th Annual IRS/TPC Joint Research Conference on Tax Administration
June 24, 2021

9:00 – 9:30   Opening

Eric Toder (Codirector, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center)
Barry Johnson (Acting Chief Analytics Officer, IRS, RAAS)
Charles Rettig (Commissioner of Internal Revenue)

9:30 – 11:00   Session 1: Improving Individual Taxpayer Compliance

<u>Moderator</u>: *Robert McClelland* (Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center)

- **Audit Contagion? Investigating the General Indirect Effect of Audits Through Tax Preparer Networks**
  *Ellen Badgley, **Kyle Furlong**, Lucia Lykke, Abby Ng, and Leigh Nicholl (MITRE); Alan Plumley (IRS, RAAS)*

- **Do Collateral Sanctions Work? Evidence from the IRS' Passport Certification and Revocation Process**
  ***Paul R. Organ** and Joel Slemrod (Univ. of Michigan); Alex Ruda and Alex Turk (IRS, RAAS)*

- **EITC Noncompliance: Examining the Roles of the Dynamics of EITC Claims and Paid Preparer Use**
  *Emily Y. Lin, Ankur Patel, and **Alexander Yuskavage** (Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury)*

<u>Discussant</u>: ***Tatiana Homonoff*** (New York University)

11:00 – 12:30   Session 2: Impacts of Variations in Process

<u>Moderator</u>: *Mary-Helen Risler* (IRS, RAAS)

- **Sales Tax Administration and the Real Economy**
  Roger M. White (Arizona State University)

- **Using Discrete Event Simulations to Understand the Impact of Changes to IRS Processes**
  *Deandra Reinhart, **Rafael Dacal**, and Ariel Wooten (IRS, SB/SE); Jonathan Curtiss (MITRE)*

- **Effects of Post-filing Adjustments on Statistics of Income (SOI) Estimates**
  *Derrick Dennis, Jennifer Ferris, **Chloe Gagin**, Tuba Ozer-Gurbuz, Julia Shiller, and Christopher Williams (IRS, RAAS)*

<u>Discussant</u>: ***Jennifer Stratton*** (U.S. Government Accountability Office)

12:30 – 12:40   Break

12:40 – 1:15   Keynote Speaker

Mark Mazur (Acting Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, US Department of the Treasury)

1:15 – 2:45   Session 3: Developments in Technology and Analytics

Moderator: **Terry Ashley** (IRS, Taxpayer Advocate Service)

- **New Approaches to Estimating the Extent of Nonfiling**
  Tom Hertz, Pat Langetieg, Mark Payne, and **Alan Plumley** (IRS, RAAS); Maggie R. Jones (U.S. Census Bureau)

- **Using Uplift Modeling to Improve ACS Case Selection and Compliance Outcomes**
  Jan Millard (IRS, RAAS); Michael Stavrianos, Sarah Smolenski, Lauren Szczerbinski, and Travis Whitfield (ASR Analytics)

- **Recent IRS Discriminant Function (DIF) Model Improvements**
  Getaneh Yismaw, Taukir Hussain, Drew Johns, Jon Creem, and Mary-Helen Risler (IRS, RAAS)

Discussant: **Brian Erard** (Brian Erard & Associates)

2:45 – 4:15   Session 4: Enhancing Taxpayer Customer Experience

Moderator: **Christine Oehlert** (IRS, RAAS)

- **Increasing Take-up of the American Opportunity Tax Credit**
  Crystal Hall (University of Washington), **Anne Herlache** (IRS, RAAS), and Mary Clair Turner (U.S. General Services Administration)

- **Customer Experience for Small Business and Self-Employed Taxpayers**
  Kahoa Bonhomme, Kathleen Holland, and Janice Hu (IRS, SB/SE)

- **Are Annual Federal Employment Tax Returns Effective? An Economic Analysis of Filing, Reporting, and Payment Compliance Associated with Forms 943 and 944**
  Yan Sun and Stephanie Needham (IRS, RAAS)

Discussant: **Jacob Goldin** (Stanford Law School)

4:15 – 4:20   Wrap-up

Eric Toder (Codirector, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center)

*Bolded names indicate presenters