



2017 Great Plains Economic and Business Conference

“Infrastructure”

Friday, October 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:20 a.m. Welcome

Dr. Michael O’Hara, NEBA President-Elect

8:30 a.m. Session A

“KXL Surprise! Economists Do Not Agree”

Michael J. O’Hara, University of Nebraska at Omaha

“Doing Business in a New Way: The Role of State Drinking Water Revolving Funds (DWRFS) in Financing Water Infrastructure Investment”

Can Chen, Florida International University
Kenneth A. Kriz, Wichita State University

“Reality Pricing”

David M. Ambrose, Professor Emeritus

“Intraday Analysis of ADRs”

Stoyu I. Ivanov, San José State University

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Session B

“Keeping Our Cool: In Defense of Air Conditioning”

Arthur M. Diamond, Jr., University of Nebraska at Omaha

“Estimating State-Industry Employment, With an Application to Industrial Localisation”

Andrew J. Cassey, JPMorgan Chase
Ben O. Smith, University of Nebraska at Omaha

“Slavery, Ecocide, and the Role of the Consumer”

Jennifer A. Bossard, Doane University

“Repurposing the Hut: The Second (and Third) Life of Pizza Hut Properties”

David K. Palmer, South Dakota State University

11:45 a.m. Lunch

Keynote Speaker: James P. Begley, Board Chairperson
Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD)

Topic: “MUD Gas and Water Infrastructure Project”

1:15 p.m. Session C

“The Functional and Dysfunctional Aspects of Organizational Politics: A Conceptual Analysis”

Stephen V. Horner, Pittsburg State University
David Baack, Missouri Southern State University
Donald Baack, Pittsburg State University

“Value Influences on Academic Decision Making: Education as Personal Infrastructure”

John W. Tiner, Peru State College

“Is QALY the Answer to Good Stewardship in Health Care?”

Deborah Bridges, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Michelle M. Fleig-Palmer, University of Nebraska at Kearney

“Impacting the 21st Century Student Learner”

Janet L. Lear, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Deborah Bridges, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Bambi Van Horn, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Kay Hodge, University of Nebraska at Kearney

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. **Open Panel Discussion**

Panel Topic: “Infrastructure: Past, Present, Future”

Lead-off Speakers: Michael J. O’Hara, JD, PhD

Finance, Banking and Real Estate Department, College of Business
Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha

David K. Palmer, Ph.D.

Director of Ness Division of Management and Economics
South Dakota State University

Moderator: Jennifer Bossard, Ph.D.

Interim Dean for the College of Arts & Sciences, Doane University

4:00 p.m. **NEBA Business Meeting**

