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This fall we will vote for the Western and Midwest Vice-President board positions. Our outgoing Western VP is Mike Nieswiadomy and our outgoing Midwest VP is Lane Hudgins.

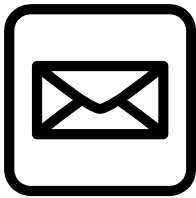
Our board-approved 2014 nominating committee is comprised of Mike Nieswiadomy, Jack Ward, Marc Weinstein, and Lane Hudgins. Typically, just one outgoing VP is on the nominating committee but this year, since the Midwest board slot has an unusual potential schedule of for its regional meetings, the board thought it best if Lane directly informed Midwest candidates of the possibilities available to the next Midwest VP.

If you would like to serve in one of the opening VP slots, please get in touch soon with the members of the nominating committee as they need to make their recommendations to the Board by June 13, 2014. Alternatively, if you would like to suggest a member for the committee to reach out to, those suggestions are always welcomed. The email addresses for the committee members are:

- MikeN@unt.edu
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The criteria that the nominating committee must follow in selecting the board nominees is specified in our bylaws which are posted at NAFE.net at the Board page under the About NAFE tab. Those agreeing to be selected for office must commit to attending our board meeting at the ASSA in January of each year plus the summer board meeting in July of each year. Travel and lodging expenses for these meetings are reimbursed. Additional duties fall to the regional VP's for organizing and attending their regional conference.





President's Letter

Printing Glitch—JFE Volume 25(1)

You recently received your copy of the Journal of Forensic Economics Volume 25, Issue 1. Unfortunately, three articles had printing glitches that caused some equations and tables to be printed incorrectly. On May 13, 2014, corrected issues will be mailed. The online version of the Journal does not contain the print errors, so please reference the electronic version of the articles until you receive your new paper copy.

Upcoming Western

The Western meeting has been finalized and the program is outstanding. The NAFE Summer Board Meeting will also be held in conjunction with the Western. To improve the beverage and food selection, we are going one block “offsite” from the hotel this year for the NAFE reception to be held at the Appaloosa Grill. Jack Ward is buying the Arrogant Bastard Ale.

Member News

Do you have news? If so, please send it to Nancy@NAFE.net for publication in the next newsletter. Starting with this issue, a new Member News section appears. Relevant news includes substantial litigation case testimonies, interesting case citations, new offices or staff, milestones, awards and honors, etc. Let's get the news out regarding the accomplishments of our fine membership.

Plan Early for ASSA in Boston January 2015

With January 1, 2015 falling on a Thursday, this year the ASSA conference schedule is moved forward a day to run Saturday to Monday instead of the typical Friday to Sunday schedule. As such, NAFE is rearranging its own conference schedule. We will have **(A)** a special, off-ASSA program session on Friday afternoon, January 2; **(B)** three ASSA program sessions on Saturday, January 3; and, **(C)** one ASSA program session on Sunday morning, January 4. The special, off-ASSA program session is being planned with lively educational content not typical of a normal ASSA session (i.e., look for buckets of adult beverages in the session room).

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International Meeting — Lisbon, Portugal May 31, 2014

ELEVENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC ECONOMICS Saturday, May 31, 2014

Meetings will be held at the Hotel Corinthia (www.Corinthia.com). Reservations can be made for four days before and after the meeting date. The program consists of a full day agenda of panels, paper sessions, working lunch and a dinner for all participants and significant others. Registration is \$320/participant (including spouse) and \$220 for a single participant and includes all meeting, lunch and group dinner costs. A double, superior room is 150 Euros/night, a single is 130 Euros/night and other room classes are available Executive Concierge for 50 E/night extra) on the registration form. These rates include breakfast. Cancellation policy is liberal up to the conference date. Space is limited, but if you have an interest in attending please e-mail: wardjo@umkc.edu (Jack Ward) for more information. The NAFE International programs are informal and involve participants from a number of European countries as well as NAFE members.

Western Meeting — Denver June 27 to July 1, 2014

WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL 89th Annual Conference June 27 – July 1, 2014 – Denver, CO Sessions Organizer: Michael L. Nieswiadomy, Vice President, Western Region

Please join us for the 89th annual conference of the WEAI at the Grand Hyatt in Denver, Colorado. We will have three sessions on Saturday June 28, 2014 and three sessions on Sunday June 29, 2014. We will have an informal NAFE membership meeting on Saturday morning at the beginning of the session. The NAFE reception will be held on Saturday evening. The WEAI tentative program is on their website. NAFE's sessions are listed below.

All attendees must pay the conference registration fee. Since NAFE is a participating Allied Society of the WEAI, NAFE members are allowed to register at the discounted WEAI member rate. The Early Bird conference registration rate is \$170 (before May 15, 2014). Afterwards it is \$215. See www.weai.org for conference and hotel registration information. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Nieswiadomy at miken@unt.edu. We look forward to seeing you in Denver.

June 28, 2014 Saturday
[032] 08:15 AM - 10:00 AM
Session: FORENSIC ECONOMICS I & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Organizer: Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas

Chair: John O. Ward, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Papers: Kurt V. Krueger, John O. Ward & Associates, *Expenditures on Spouses by Families*

Thomas R. Ireland, University of Missouri, St. Louis, *The Meaning of Peer Review As a Process Relevant to General Acceptances*

Discussants: Thomas R. Ireland, University of Missouri, St. Louis and Tom Borzilleri, Economic Consultant

Western Meeting — Denver June 27 to July 1, 2014

June 28, 2014 Saturday
[053] 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Session: FORENSIC ECONOMICS II

Organizer: Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas

Chair: Marc A. Weinstein, Team Economics, LLC

Papers: Stephen M. Horner, Economic Consulting, and Frank L. Slesnick, Bellarmine University, *The Valuation of Earning Capacity: A 15 Year Retrospective*

Lane Hudgins, Lane Hudgins Analysis, *Valuing a Life of Leisure*

Discussants: Larry Spizman, State University of New York, Oswego and John O. Ward, University of Missouri, Kansas City

June 28, 2014 Saturday
[086] 02:30 PM - 04:15 PM
Session: FORENSIC ECONOMICS III

Organizer: Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas

Chair: Stephen M. Horner, Economic Consulting

Papers: James D. Rodgers, Pennsylvania State University, *A Comparison of Alternative Methods of Computing a Child's Lifetime Earnings*

Kevin E. Cahill, Boston College, Michael D. Giandrea, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Joseph F. Quinn, Boston College, *How Might the Affordable Care Act Impact Retirement Transitions?*

Discussants: William G. Brandt, Brandt Forensic Economics and Victor Matheson, College of the Holy Cross

June 29, 2014 Sunday
[117] 08:15 AM - 10:00 AM
Session: FORENSIC ECONOMICS IV

Organizer: Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas

Chair: Lane Hudgins, Lane Hudgins Analysis

Papers: Antonio Avalos, California State University, Fresno, and R. Sean Alley, Tennessee Technological University, *An Updated Look at Converting Damages Calculated in Foreign Currency to U.S. Dollars*

Hans Dutt, Stat Analytics, Inc., *Real Options Approach for Measuring Lost Opportunities in Employment Context*

Discussants: Lane Hudgins, Lane Hudgins Analysis and Steven J. Shapiro, New York Institute of Technology

June 29, 2014 Sunday
[129] 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Session: FORENSIC ECONOMICS V: PANEL DISCUSSION ON ISSUES IN CALCULATING WORKLIFE EXPECTANCIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Organizer: Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas

Chair: Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas

Panelist: Michael L. Brookshire, Marshall University, Michael L. Brookshire & Associates; Ron Getchey, McKenna Long & Alridge, LLP;

Thomas R. Ireland, University of Missouri, St. Louis Gary R. Skoog, Legal Econometrics, Inc. Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas Frank L. Slesnick, Bellarmine University

June 29, 2014 Sunday
[143] 02:30 PM - 04:15 PM
Session: FORENSIC ECONOMICS VI

Organizer: Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas

Chair: Victor Matheson, College of the Holy Cross

Papers: Edward M. Foster, University of Minnesota, Forensic Economics, *Real Earnings by Education, 1974-2012*

Michael L. Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas, and Margie A. Tieslau, University of North Texas, *Tests of Convergence in Male and Female Labor Force Participation Rates*

Discussants: James D. Rodgers, Pennsylvania State University and Gary R. Skoog, Legal Econometrics, Inc.

Midwest Meeting — St. Louis October 23-25, 2014

MISSOURI VALLEY ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
51ST ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 23-25, 2014 – ST. LOUIS, MO
Organizer: Lane Hudgins, Vice President, Midwest Region

CALL FOR PAPERS & DISCUSSANTS

Plans continue for holding NAFE sessions in conjunction with the 51st Annual Meeting of the Missouri Valley Economic Association. This meeting will be held October 23-25 in St. Louis at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch. The dates and times of the NAFE sessions have not yet been determined, and there is still plenty of time left for paper submissions.

This meeting offers an excellent opportunity to present a paper as all papers are eligible for publication consideration in the MVEA's refereed journal, *The Journal of Economics – MVEA*. Please consider offering to present a paper or to be a paper discussant. If you have suggestions for a session topic or would like to be part of the NAFE program please contact: Lane Hudgins at lane@lh-analysis.com. The deadline for paper submissions is July 14, 2014.

The conference registration form and hotel reservation information with special rates for MVEA participants is available at: <http://www.mvea.net/annualmeeting.htm>. If you have any other questions please contact Lane. We would be happy if you could join us.

Southern Meeting — Atlanta November 22-24, 2014

SOUTHERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
ATLANTA, GA – NOVEMBER 22-24, 2014
Organizer: Frank Adams, Vice President, Southern Region

CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association will be held in Atlanta, GA at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, November 22-24, 2014 (Saturday to Monday).

We have two sessions scheduled with the first being a paper session and the second being a panel discussion (TBD). If you would like to present a paper at the first session, please email me (both addresses – (see below) with a brief proposal or brief abstract.

Hopefully both sessions will be on Saturday so that participants can fly in on Friday and still have some time over the weekend to enjoy the fall weather in Atlanta. I hope to see you there!

If you plan to attend the conference and would like to serve as a discussant, please email me (both addresses).

Frank Adams – fadams@kennesaw.edu and afrankadams@gmail.com

SEA updates as they become available can be found at:

<http://www.etnpconferences.net/sea/sea2014/>

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National Meeting — Boston January 3-5

ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS
BOSTON – JANUARY 3-5, 2015
Organizers: Lawrence Spizman and Kevin E. Cahill

CALL FOR PAPERS and DISCUSSANTS

The NAFE paper sessions at the 2015 Allied Social Science Associations (“ASSA”) conference are being planned for January 3 and 4, 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts. If you would like to present a paper or organize a session, please email a proposal or brief abstract (preferably as a pdf file). Also, if you plan to attend the conference and would like to discuss a paper or chair a session, kindly inform Larry or Kevin via e-mail.

Lawrence Spizman, SUNY Oswego (larry.spizman@oswego.edu)
Kevin E. Cahill, Sloan Center on Aging & Work at Boston College (cahillkc@bc.edu)

For additional information regarding the ASSA conference, click on the conference website at:

http://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/

NAFE Winter Meeting — Cuba/Caribbean January 30-31

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL NAFE WINTER MEETING
CUBA OR IN OR NEAR THE CARIBBEAN—JANUARY 30 AND 31, 2015
Organizer: Art Eubank

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2015 NAFE Winter Meeting will be on Friday, January 30, and Saturday, January 31, 2015. Please mark these dates on your calendar to “save the date.” The Meeting location has not been finalized as of this date, but I am exploring the possibility of Cuba or in or near the Caribbean.

Paper proposals and roundtable/panel discussion proposals are invited for four sessions, two each on Friday and Saturday mornings, January 30 and 31, 2015. Session Chairs and Discussants are also being sought for these sessions. In addition to paper presentation sessions, other sessions are planned on the topics of (a) recent case experiences and (b) issues associated with running a forensic economics practice.

Please contact Art Eubank at art@eubankeconomics.com for additional information.

Eastern Meeting — New York City February 27-28

EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
NEW YORK—FEB 27-28, 2015

Organizer: Craig A. Allen, Vice President, Eastern Region

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2015 Meetings of the Eastern Economic Association will be held at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers in New York City Friday Feb. 27 and Saturday Feb. 28, 2015). Following past practices, four NAFE sessions are contemplated with the first one late Friday afternoon and the rest on Saturday. Anyone wishing to present a paper or serve as a discussant or session chair should contact Craig Allen (Eastern Region NAFE VP) at c.allen.fcas@gmail.com

Suggested topics for a panel discussion on Saturday afternoon are most welcome as well. Updated information concerning the Eastern Economics Association and its conferences may be found at:

<http://www.ramapo.edu/eea/>

FYI Meetings

AREA 2014 Annual Conference
RENO— June 19-22, 2014

AREA has commitments from nationally recognized experts in our field who will provide updates on the foundations of economic damages assessments. Conference will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno, NV. Visit the AREA website at <http://www.a-r-e-a.org/>

AAEFE 27TH Annual Meeting
LAS VEGAS— March , 2015

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Member News

David Schap's article "Forensic Economics: An Overview" was listed as the Eastern Economic Journal's 11th most downloaded article of the past year, out of almost 1,500 articles. The article describes the forensic economics field broadly with various examples of different cases, especially concerning forensic economic analysis of personal injury and wrongful death cases. The citation to the article is Eastern Economic Journal 36, 344-346 doi:10.1057/eej.2010.26.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS? PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE:

Received a promotion

Changed employment

Opened a new office; Hired new staff

Had a non-JFE article published relevant to forensics

Came across an interesting news item relevant to forensics

OR ANY OTHER NEWSWORTHY ITEM AND WE WILL PUBLISH IT HERE IN THE NEWSLETTER
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Photos from the Eastern 2014



SOCIAL **NAFE**SM Media

National Association of Forensic Economics

NAFE has joined the digital social networking world. As additional member benefits, there are now National Association of Forensic Economics groups on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

The LinkedIn group is being managed by Steve Shapiro. NAFE members who are also members of LinkedIn can join the NAFE Group in LinkedIn by signing in to LinkedIn, conducting a group search for the National Association of Forensic Economics Group and clicking on the "join Group" icon.

Marc Weinstein is managing the NAFE Group in Facebook and NAFE's Twitter. NAFE members who participate in Facebook should also search for the National Association of Forensic Economics Group and request to join. Since this is a closed, yet unmonitored group, only current members of NAFE will be accepted as members of the group. If you use Twitter, regardless of whether you are a member, you can follow the NAFE Twitter feed @NAFEInfo or click this link <http://twitter.com/NAFEInfo>. The Twitter feed will include NAFE announcements and photos during regional meetings.



Female Work Life Expectancy, by David G. Tucek

This is our second submission to our Newsletter section of short papers or notes of interest to forensic economists. The findings and conclusions in this article are those of the author alone and do not represent any official position of the National Association of Forensic Economics. Please do not quote without permission from the author. If you have a short paper that you would like to submit the NAFE News, please send that submission to Nancy@NAFE.net.

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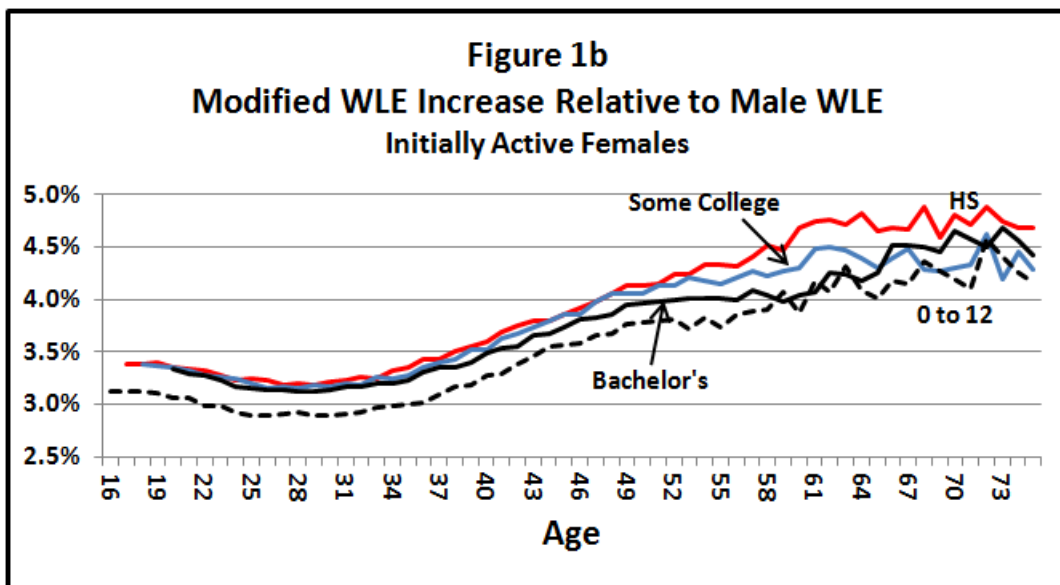
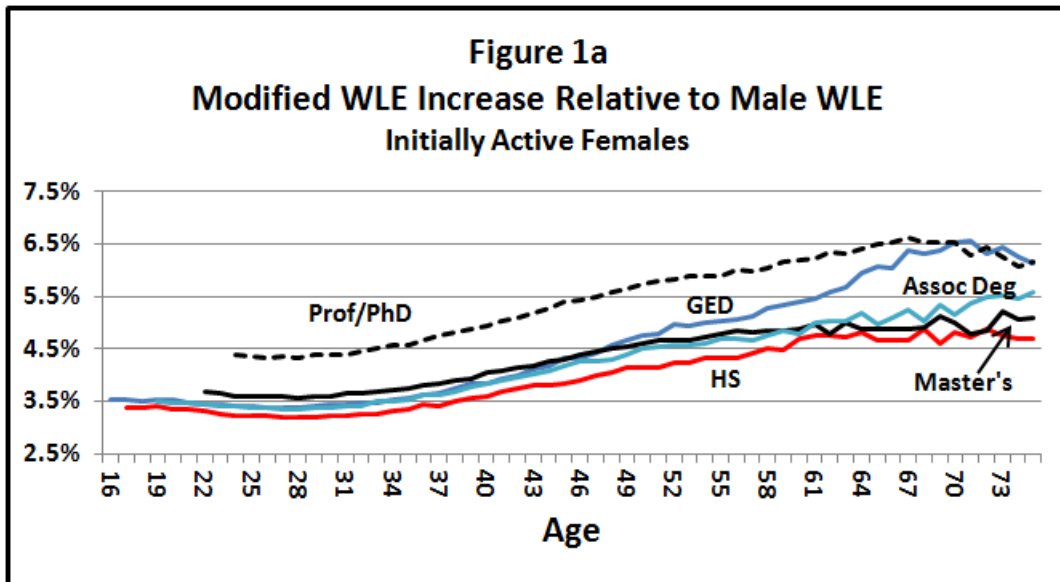
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Some forensic economists have advocated the use of male work life expectancies (WLEs) in place of those for females in certain circumstances. This note does not address the arguments for or against doing so. Rather, it makes use of the transition probabilities provided as supplemental materials to Skoog, *et al.* (2011) to quantify the effect of imposing male mortality risk on a female plaintiff that use of male WLEs implies. More detailed results, along with the eight Excel files that generated the underlying probability mass functions (PMFs) can be found at <http://www.valueeconomics.com/>. These Excel files can be used to generate WLEs and PMFs using the Skoog-Ciecka-Krueger transition probabilities and the latest life tables published by the National Center for Health Statistics. These are the 2009 life tables, extended as explained in Arias (2014).

As might be expected, the modified WLEs calculated using the corresponding male transition probabilities while retaining the female mortality risk are higher than their published male counterparts. The effect of imposing male mortality risk on a female plaintiff that use of a male WLE entails can be measured by the percent increase in the modified WLE relative to the corresponding male WLE. Figure 1a presents the increase relative to male WLE for initially active females with a high school diploma and for the four levels of educational attainment for which the increase is generally greater. Figure 1b presents the same results for females with a high school diploma, along with the three levels of educational attainment for which the increase is generally smaller.

In general, the increases resulting from use of only the male transition probabilities range from 2.9 to 6.6 percent, and tend to get larger with age. Put another way, use of the male WLE instead of the modified female WLE results in estimated values that are 2.8 to 6.2 percent lower. Overall it is seen that imposing male mortality risk on a female plaintiff will result in slightly lower WLE and loss estimates. Because the increase in the modified WLE tends to grow with age, and because the counter effect of discounting to the present diminishes as the future loss period shrinks, the net effect will be larger as the age of the female plaintiff increases.



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WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
DENVER—JUNE 27-JULY 1, 2014

MISSOURI VALLEY ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
ST. LOUIS—OCTOBER 23-25, 2014

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ATLANTA—NOVEMBER 22-24, 2014

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