



2013 State of the State
Kansas Economic Policy Conference
**The Kansas Fiscal Experiment—
Impacts on Communities**

Thursday, October 24, 2013

**Kansas Union, The University of Kansas, Lawrence Kansas
Pioneer Communications, Ulysses, Kansas (satellite location)**

Presented by the Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas
Co-sponsored by Office of the Provost, The University of Kansas
Pioneer Communications and Grant County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, Ulysses, Kansas

This year's conference will feature academics and policy makers discussing the impacts of the dramatic changes in fiscal policy on communities in Kansas. Implications for K-12 funding and city/county public finance will be examined from a variety of perspectives. Our keynote luncheon panel will highlight the potential opportunities and challenges facing the state from this significant policy change.

8:00 Registration, Coffee & More

8:30 Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Jeffrey S. Vitter, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor, The University of Kansas

8:45 Morning Keynote: Kansas Tax Policy Shakeup – Implications of 2012-13 Tax Debate

Chris W. Courtwright, Chief Economist, Kansas Legislature

9:30 BREAK

9:45 Panel 1: Impact of Fiscal Changes on Local Communities

Hannes Zacharias, County Manager, Johnson County

John Battin, Mayor, City of Ulysses

Jason A. Gage, City Manager, City of Salina

Moderator

*Tami Gurley-Calvez, Assistant Professor, Health Policy and Management, KU Medical Center,
The University of Kansas*

10:45 BREAK

11:00 Panel 2: Impact of Fiscal Changes on K-12 Education

Sally Cauble, Vice Chair, Kansas State Board of Education, State Board District 5, Dodge City

John Heim, Executive Director, Kansas Association of School Boards, Topeka

Michael Podgursky, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Missouri

Moderator

Rick Ginsberg, Dean, School of Education, The University of Kansas

12:00 Luncheon & Luncheon Panel

Remarks & Introduction

Steve Warren, Vice Chancellor, Research & Graduate Studies, The University of Kansas

Luncheon Panel: Long-Run Economic Impact of the Kansas Fiscal Experiment

Carolyn Bourdeaux, Associate Professor, Department of Public Management and Policy, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and Associate Director, Fiscal Research Center, Georgia State University

Justin Ross, Assistant Professor, School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

Moderator

Duane A. Goossen, Vice President for Fiscal and Health Policy, Kansas Health Institute

1:45 Closing Remarks

Donna K. Ginther, Professor, Department of Economics and Director, Center for Science, Technology & Economic Policy, Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas

2:00 Adjourn