

## Missouri Valley economists congregate in Kansas City

*KC hosts the 40th annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Economics Association*

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About 250 economists are expected to gather (Feb. 26-28) at the KC Marriott Country Club Plaza for the 2004 annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Economics Association (MVEA). This year's meeting will mark the 40th anniversary of the MVEA conference.

"Kansas City typically draws a good many people to the meeting due in large measure to the support of the many fine institutions of higher learning in the area. Of particular importance is UMKC, and the support that both the Department of Economics and the Bloch School of Business have traditionally given the MVEA," said Dr. Willadee Wehmeyer, MVEA President and conference organizer.

"This is the 40th annual meeting of the MVEA and the meeting will be preceded by a Past-presidents luncheon," Dr. Wehmeyer stressed. "We expect to have about 15 past-presidents in attendance," she continued.

The 56 panels planned for the conference will cover a wide range of economic theory and policy topics including economic development, international trade and finance, law and economics, financial markets, consumer finance, labor markets, community development, economic education, econometrics, and history of economic thought.

Thursday's evening panel (5:15 PM) on the "State of the Economy" will feature David Colander (Middlebury College); Clyde Wendel (Regional President, Bank of America), and William Petersen (Kansas City Board of Trade).

On Friday, George Kahn from Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City will be the keynote speaker at the MVEA luncheon. George Kahn is vice president and associate director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Since 1993, Dr. Khan has served as an advisor to the Bank's president and board of directors on monetary policy issues. He also serves as head of the Bank's Economic Research Department, which is responsible for conducting basic and applied research on issues of relevance to the Federal Reserve System.

Historically, the MVEA conference has rotated every three years between Kansas City, St. Louis, and Memphis (TN). This year will mark the expansion of the MVEA conference to include Nashville (TN) as the fourth host city.

For registration and conference schedule visit the MVEA website at:

<http://ecedweb.unomaha.edu/mvea.htm>

The MVEA publishes a bi-annual refereed journal called the *Journal of Economics*, which is indexed by the *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Sociological Abstracts*, and *Academic Search*. More info is available at the journal's website:

<http://www.cba.uni.edu/economics/joe.htm>