Thursday, September 17
7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Welcome Reception (Living Room, Second Floor)

Friday, September 18
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Living Room, Second Floor)
8:00 – 8:15 Welcome Remarks
Ron Sonenthal, COO, Deloitte Tax LLP
Jeff Brown, Dean, College of Business, University of Illinois

8:15 – 10:00 Session I: A Cat and Mouse Game
Sleeping with the enemy: Taxes and former IRS employees
John Jiang, Michigan State University
John Robinson, Texas A&M University‡
Maobin Wang, Univ. of International Business and Economics

Taxpayer behavior under audit certainty
Benjamin Ayers, University of Georgia
Jeri Seidman, University of Virginia
Erin Towery, University of Georgia‡

Moderator: Michael Donohoe, University of Illinois
Academic Discussant: George Plesko, University of Connecticut
A View from Practice: Dan Dumezich, Managing Director of Federal Tax Controversy Services, Deloitte Tax LLP

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 12:00 Panel Session: Taxes and Information Intermediaries
Forecasting taxes: New evidence from analysts
Brian Bratten, University of Kentucky
Cristi Gleason, The University of Iowa‡
Stephannie Larocque, University of Notre Dame
Lillian Mills, University of Texas at Austin

Analysts and taxes
Sangwan Kim, University of Massachusetts - Boston
Andrew Schmidt, North Carolina State University‡
Kelly Wentland, George Mason University

Moderator: Petro Lisowsky, Univ. of Illinois, NoCeT, and MIT
Panel Members: Terry Shevlin, University of California-Irvine
Joan Rockey, Chief Financial Officer & Principal, CastleArk Management LLC

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12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch (Grill Room, Second Floor)

1:15 – 2:45  **Session III: Corporate Tax Avoidance**

*Conforming tax avoidance and capital market pressure*
Brad Badertscher, University of Notre Dame
Sharon Katz, Columbia University
Sonja Rego, Indiana University†
Ryan Wilson, University of Oregon

Moderator: William Ciconte, University of Illinois
Academic Discussant: Ed Maydew, University of North Carolina
A View from Practice: Jon Oleksyk, Partner, Deloitte Tax LLP

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:30  **Session IV: International Tax**

*Do we really need the OECD’s BEPS project?*
Martin Thomsen, University of Muenster†
Christoph Watrin, University of Muenster

Moderator: Andrew Bauer, University of Illinois
Academic Discussant: Dhammika Dharmapala, University of Chicago
A View from Policy: Edith Brashares, Director of International and Business Taxation, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury

4:30 – 5:00  **Synthesis: What Marilyn Wants to Talk About**

Marilyn Gerdes, Senior Vice President of Tax (retired), Sara Lee Corp.

5:00 – 6:00  **Closing Reception**

6:30  **Dinner**

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