Friday, November 18

8:15 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m.  **Welcoming Remarks**  
Frederick T. Furlong, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*

**Morning Session**

Chair:  John Fernald, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*

9:00 a.m.  “Why Did Europe’s Productivity Catch-up Sputter Out? A Tale of Tigers and Tortoises”  
**Presenters:**  Robert Gordon and Ian Dew-Becker, *Northwestern University*  
**Discussants:**  Bart van Ark, *University of Groningen and Conference Board*  
Susanto Basu, *Boston College*

10:15 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  “The Burden of Knowledge and the Death of the Renaissance Man: Is Innovation Getting Harder?”  
**Presenter:**  Ben Jones, *Northwestern University*  
**Discussants:**  Sam Kortum, *University of Minnesota*  
Joel Mokyr, *Northwestern University*

12:00 p.m.  Lunch, Market Street Dining Room, Fourth Floor

**Afternoon Session**

Chair:  Dan Wilson, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*

1:30 p.m.  “The Value of Life and the Rise in Health Spending”  
**Presenters:**  Robert Hall, *Stanford University*  
Chad Jones, *UC Berkeley*  
**Discussant:**  Robert Topel, *University of Chicago*  
Joseph Paul Newhouse, *Harvard University*

2:45 p.m.  “Increasing Global Competition and Labor Productivity: Lessons from the U.S. Automotive Industry”  
**Presenters:**  Martin Neil Baily, *Institute for International Economics*  
Diana Farrell, *McKinsey Global Institute*  
Ezra Greenberg, *McKinsey Global Institute*  
Jan-Dirk Henrich, *McKinsey Global Institute*  
Naoko Jinjo, *McKinsey Global Institute*  
Maya Jolles, *McKinsey Global Institute*  
Jaana Remes, *McKinsey Global Institute*

**Discussants:**  Timothy Bresnahan, *Stanford University*  
George Hall, *Yale University*
4:00 p.m.  Break

4:30 p.m.  “Identifying Technology Spillovers and Product Market Rivalry”
Presenters:  Nick Bloom, Stanford University
Mark Schankerman and John Van Reenen, London School of Economics
Discussants:  C. Lanier Benkard, Stanford University
Scott Stern, Northwestern University

6:00 p.m.  Reception, West Market Street Lounge, Fourth Floor

7:00 p.m.  Dinner, Market Street Dining Room, Fourth Floor
Keynote Speaker:  Dale W. Jorgenson, Harvard University
“Information Technology and the World Economy”

Saturday, November 19

8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

Morning Session

Chair:  Mark Doms, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

9:00 a.m.  “Learning About a New Technology:  Pineapple in Ghana”
Presenters:  Tim Conley, Chicago GSB
Christopher Udry, Yale University
Discussants:  Yaw Nyarko, New York University
Giorgio Topa, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

10:15 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  “Technology Adoption From Hybrid Corn to Beta Blockers”
Presenters:  Jonathan Skinner and Douglas Staiger, Dartmouth
Discussants:  Bart Hobijn, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Pete Klenow, Stanford University

12:00 p.m.  Lunch, First Floor Conference Center

1:00 p.m.  Adjourn