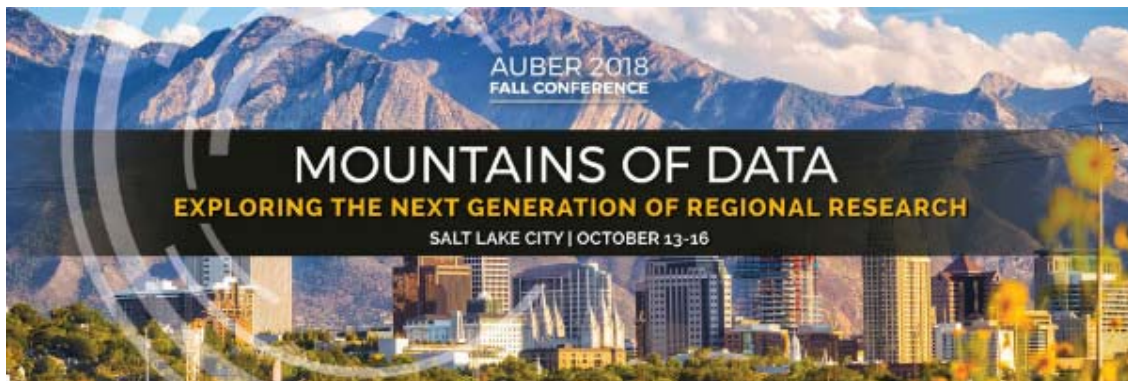




# SAVE THE DATE

**2018 AUBER Fall Conference**  
**October 13-16, 2018**

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Mark your calendars for the 2018 Fall Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah! Hosted by the [Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah](#), the conference theme is "Mountains of Data: Exploring the Next Generation of Regional Research."



We are excited to announce our fantastic all-day pre-conference seminar with presenter Jonathan Schwabish, founder of the datvisualization and presentation skills firm, [PolicyViz](#), and senior fellow at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. [Read more about Jonathan here.](#)

In addition to our data visualization seminar, the AUBER conference will cover a variety of topics, from data analytics to economic impact studies. As always, we will include plenty of sessions for Bureau researchers and directors on starting a center, running a center, and much more.

***Do you have an idea for a session you would like to have on the program? Would you like to present your research? Would you like to submit a paper for Polzin Best Paper Award and possibly win the \$500 prize?***

There is still time to make an impact on the Fall 2018 Conference program. Please contact Sean Snaith, AUBER's conference planning chair, at [Sean.Snaith@ucf.edu](mailto:Sean.Snaith@ucf.edu) or any AUBER board member with your ideas. [View board members here.](#)

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## **University of Utah's Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute to Host 2018 Conference**



University of Utah's Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute is located in the newly renovated mansion of copper mining magnate Enos Wall. The opening reception of the 2018 AUBER Conference will be held here, and attendees will be able to visit a very special place - the Thayne Robson Conference Room. Robson was the much-loved director of Utah's Bureau of Economic and Business Research. After his passing in 2002, AUBER created the Thayne Robson Award, and it is the highest honor a member can receive.

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## Meet Our Salt Lake City Conference Hosts



**Jennifer Robinson** is the associate director of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute. With a solid commitment to both scholarship and practice, Dr. Robinson works to ensure that research contributes to informed public policy. [Read Jennifer's bio here.](#)

***“We are excited about hosting the conference, We are huge fans of Salt Lake City. It is one of the most beautiful cities. People will fly in and see the gorgeous mountains, and in***

***10 minutes they will be downtown in one of the most vibrant and revitalized areas.” - Jennifer Robinson***



**Juliette Tennert** is the director of economic and public policy research at the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, specializing in Utah’s economy, economic forecasting and modeling, fiscal policy analysis, and economic impact studies. [Read Juliette's bio here.](#)

***“I hope people will take away the Utah experience. It will be great to have everyone at the mansion and see the legacy that Thayne is a part of.” - Juliette***

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## **Polzin Prize: \$500 to be Awarded for Best Paper at 2018 AUBER Conference**



Do you have a great paper you would like to present at the AUBER 2018 Conference? AUBER is accepting submissions for the Polzin Prize for Best Paper. The 2017 winner of the Polzin Prize was Professor Timothy Slaper from the [Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University](#). His paper was titled, "An Agglomeration Set on a Hill: Industry Clusters and the Magnetic Attraction of FDI. [Read his paper here.](#)

The submission deadline is September 1, 2018. Submit one copy of your paper by email as a PDF attachment, without identifying author information, to

Sean Snaith, AUBER President-Elect and Director of the Institute for Economic Competitiveness at the University of Central Florida ([Sean.Snaith@ucf.edu](mailto:Sean.Snaith@ucf.edu)).  
The winning paper will be announced at the AUBER Fall Conference.

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