

A Celebratory Session on Paulette Olson's Contribution to Political Economy
Midwest Economic Association 2013 Annual Meeting, Session 10J

Sunday, March 24, 2013, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square
75 East State Str.
Columbus, OH

Roundtable Participants: Barbara Hopkins (Wright State University); Lynn Dugan (Indiana University); Sirisha Naidu (Wright State University); and Zdravka Todorova (Wright State University)

The panel will discuss the work and contributions of Dr. Paulette Olson (Wright State University, Dayton Ohio) to political economy. Paulette is especially well-known among the feminist, Institutional, radical, and social economists. We are going to discuss her multifaceted contributions to these approaches. Particularly, we are going to speak about: 1) her contribution to the emergence of a feminist branch of Institutional economics; 2) how her Institutional background represents a new and underexplored development in feminist economic analysis; 3) her specific take on ecological, development, and labor issues; and 4) about her commitment to making valuation and ethical positions explicit in economic analysis. Each one of us is going to refer to specific articles by Olson, while the panel as a whole aims at generating discussions about political economy and the value of crossing areas of topics and approaches. In addition, we are going to discuss Paulette Olson's academic work in relation to her effort to create a pluralistic and fair work environment within Wright State University.