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Panel Discussion of: *Just One More Hand: Life in the Casino Economy* by Ellen Mutari and Deborah M. Figart (AFIT/ASE)

Moderator: Zdravka Todorova, Wright State University

Panelists:

Ellen Mutari, Stockton College of New Jersey
Deborah M. Figart, Stockton College of New Jersey
Glen Atkinson, University of Nevada, Reno
Dell Champlin, Oregon State University
Janice Peterson, California State University, Fresno
William Waller, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

The panel is co-sponsored by the Association for Social Economics. The panelists will discuss the 2015 book by Ellen Mutari and Deborah M. Figart *Just One More Hand: Life in the Casino Economy* (Rowman&Littlefield). The book is about work in the global gaming industry in the context of Atlantic City's history and development policies, and shows the difficulties for local communities that are building new casinos. Based on life stories of individual workers the book discusses the realities of the casino industry's cost-cutting measures and the limitations of public-private partnerships for development through building casinos. The authors are going to provide a brief overview of the book and the rest of the participants are going to offer reflections on the book, which will be followed by a discussion.