

Applied Actuarial Research Projects at the Janet & Mark L. Goldenson Center for Actuarial Research

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Abstract:

The talk will go through a brief history of the evolution of the Goldenson Center at UConn, the unique dual position held by the Director of the Center and some of the positives and negatives of this arrangement. The talk will then describe the applied research philosophy of the Goldenson Center and focus on 3 major initiatives being undertaken by the Goldenson Center in partnership with Towers Watson:

1. The Replicated Stratified Sampling modelling algorithm which was awarded two US patents in March 2012
2. The National Retirement Satisfaction Index (NRSI) which captures both financial and non-financial factors impacting retirement readiness. The NRSI will be updated annually and will be jointly branded by Towers Watson and the Goldenson Center.
3. ERM for Small Businesses initiative which has received tremendous publicity and has led to a request for a text on this topic

The talk will conclude with an open Q&A discussion.