

2023 Panel: ACCI Then and Now

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The 2023 ACCI Conference Planning Committee under the leadership of SooHyun Cho developed a panel to present information about the history of ACCI. Sharon DeVaney suggested having a panel in place of one of the keynote speakers and the topic for the panel. The members of the panel were expected to be trailblazers, currently active, and visionary for ACCI's future. The topic was timely because there were many newcomers in attendance.

Members of the panel were Dr. George Haynes, Dr. Jane Kolodinsky, Dr. Jing Jian Xiao, and Dr. Sharon DeVaney. Dr. Cho moderated the panel. Dr. Haynes is a Professor at Montana State University, Dr. Kolodinsky is a Professor at the University of Vermont. Dr. Xiao is a Professor at the University of Rhode Island. Dr. DeVaney is a Professor Emeritus, Purdue University. Dr. Cho is an Associate Professor at California State University-Long Beach.

The conference planning committee decided on the following questions for the panel. (1) Please share your first experience with ACCI. What made you join ACCI? (2) Briefly share a description of your research and explain how your research agenda has evolved over the course of your career. (3) How has ACCI influenced you, professionally and personally? In other words, how has your involvement in ACCI impacted your research, teaching, or service? (4) What do you see as the future of Consumer Finance/Family Economics and how can ACCI play a role in shaping that future? (5) ACCI has a diverse membership from various backgrounds and disciplines. How can ACCI help members learn from each other and share knowledge and expertise in ways that benefit the field as a whole? (6) What advice would you give to our student attendees and first-time attendees about ACCI membership and involvement?

The conference was held in Las Vegas, Nevada from May 16-18, 2023. The panel was presented on May 17, 2023. Based on comments, the panel was well received.

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