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CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2004

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WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION  
Current & Emerging Issues

A Conference in Memory of  
Terry L. Thomason

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## Program

**Registration** **8:30-9:00**

**9:00-9:15**

### Greetings & Opening Remarks

Richard W. Scholl  
Director  
University of Rhode Island  
Schmidt Labor Research Center

Matthew M. Bodah  
Research Coordinator

**9:15-10:30**

### Workers' Compensation in Rhode Island: The Reform Effort and Beyond

Honorable George E. Healy  
Acting Chief Judge  
R.I. Workers' Compensation Court

George H. Nee  
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Workers'  
Compensation

Moderator: Charles T. Schmidt, Jr.  
Professor & Director Emeritus  
University of Rhode Island  
Schmidt Labor Research Center

**Break** **10:30-10:45**

**10:45-12:30**

### Panel I

*The Role of the Federal Government in Workers' Compensation*

Peter S. Barth  
University of Connecticut

*The Adequacy of Workers' Compensation Cash Benefits*

Leslie Boden  
Boston University

*Workers' Compensation, Incentives, and Behavioral Economics*

Robert Reville  
Rand Corporation

Seth Seabury  
Rand Corporation

Leslie Boden  
Boston University

*Health Care for Occupational Illnesses and Injuries*  
Cameron Mustard  
Institute for Work & Health (Toronto)

Sandra Sinclair

*Permanent Disability Benefits*

John F. Burton  
Rutgers University

Moderator: Amy Tabor  
University of Rhode Island  
Schmidt Labor Research Center

**12:30- 1:30**

### Lunch at the Memorial Union Ballroom

*Terry Thomason and His Contributions to Workers' Compensation Research*

John F. Burton  
Rutgers University

**1:30- 3:30**

### Panel II and Discussion of Conference Papers

*Performance Measures in Workers' Compensation*

H. Allan Hunt  
W.E. Upjohn Institute

*Dispute Resolution in Workers' Compensation*

Douglas Hyatt  
University of Toronto

*Prevention of Workplace Injuries and Diseases*

Silvana Pozzebon  
HEC Montréal

*Structures and Incentives of Insurance Pricing in Workers' Compensation*

Karen Roberts  
Michigan State University

Conference Discussant: Alan B. Krueger  
Princeton University

Moderator: Timothy P. Schmidle  
New York State Workers' Compensation  
Board

### Reception

URI University Club

**3:45- 5:00**

## In Memory of Terry L. Thomason

This conference honors the memory of Terry L. Thomason. Dr. Thomason was Director of the Schmidt Labor Research Center and a professor at the University of Rhode Island from 1999 until his death on April 20, 2002 at age 51. He received his doctorate at Cornell University and had spent eleven years at McGill University in Montreal before moving to his position at URI. Dr. Thomason's main research interest was workers' compensation. He was the author of many articles and several books, including *Workers' Compensation: Benefits, Costs, and Safety under Alternative Insurance Arrangements* (with Timothy P. Schmidle, and John F. Burton, Jr.), which was published shortly before his death by the Upjohn Institute.

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