Food and Eating
Consequences of Time-Use Decisions

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Goals

- Generate enthusiasm for new time-use data and stimulate economic research
- Bring together experienced time-use researchers and novices to share ideas
- Promote research on policy issues involving time-use decisions and eating
Why is ERS interested in time use data?

Changes in eating patterns are affected by time use decisions

- Women in the workforce
- Technological change
- Work requirements of welfare reform
Time and food choices

Policy issues require an understanding of time use decisions

- Obesity and effectiveness of nutrition guidance
- Compatibility of food assistance and new TANF work requirements
Today’s plan

- Katherine Abraham—Visionary behind the American Time Use Survey
- Diane Herz—Bureau of Labor Statistics’ expert on ATUS
- Karen Hamrick—ERS’ expert of the Food and Eating Module of ATUS
- 3 distinguished panels to discuss research and policy ideas