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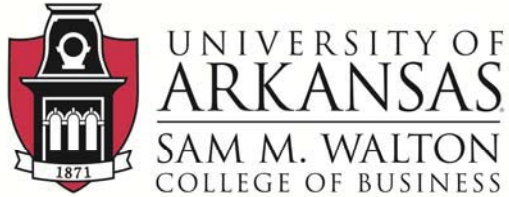
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**Business Forecast 2012
Wednesday, January 25, 2012
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Schedule of Events**

Welcome and Special Remarks	Dan Worrell, Dean Sam M. Walton College of Business, University of Arkansas
2011 Contest Awards	Kathy Deck, Director Center for Business and Economic Research Sam M. Walton College of Business, University of Arkansas
Introduction of Moderator	Dan Worrell
Introduction of Panelists	Robert Hopkins Vice President and Senior Branch Executive Little Rock Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank
Presentations	
Global Forecaster	Paul Thomas Chief Economist and Manager of Market Sizing and Forecasting Intel Corporation
Domestic Forecaster	Eugene Flood Executive Vice President, Diversified Financial Services TIAA-CREF
State and Local Economy	Kathy Deck
Panel Discussion/Question and Answer	Robert Hopkins, Paul Thomas, Eugene Flood, Kathy Deck
Recognitions and Announcements	Dan Worrell
Program Adjourns	Dan Worrell

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Robert Hopkins is vice president and senior branch executive of the Little Rock Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. In this capacity, he serves by conducting regional economic research and gathering monetary policy input from business leaders across Arkansas, sponsoring and hosting community development seminars, and providing economic education. Hopkins joined the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in 1985 following a brief stint with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. He has held a variety of managerial positions at the Fed's offices in St. Louis and Memphis. Hopkins currently serves on the following boards: Heart of Arkansas United Way, Junior Achievement of Arkansas Inc. and EconomicsArkansas. He is a member of the Downtown Little Rock Rotary Club and is actively involved with American Legion Baseball. Hopkins received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from William Jewell College and is a graduate of the Barret School of Banking.

Paul Thomas is chief economist and manager of market sizing and forecasting at Intel Corporation. Previously, he served as chief economist for Continental Airlines and senior economist at Douglas Aircraft Company. Thomas served on the faculties of Lake Forest College and Purdue University and was a National Science Foundation Fellow in Economics and a Research Fellow in Economics Studies at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the AEA advisory committee for the US Census Bureau and a member of the NSF advisory committee for research on census data, the National Business Economics Issues Council, the Conference of Business Economists, the Harvard Industrial Economics Group, the European Council of Economists, and the Board of Directors of the Global Interdependence Center. Thomas holds a Ph.D. in Business Economics from Washington University and a M.S. in Social Science and a B.S. in Biology from the California Institute of Technology.

Eugene Flood is executive vice president, diversified financial services for TIAA-CREF and oversees the organization's endowment, planned giving, and life insurance businesses. Previously, he served as president and CEO of Smith Breeden Associates, Inc. Prior to that, he served as a portfolio manager for Morgan Stanley Asset Management. He has lectured in many executive education programs at institutions like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University and has served as a professor of finance at Stanford. Currently, he is a member of the North American Executive Board for the MIT Sloan School of Management. Flood has been a guest on CNBC's Squawk Box and Power Lunch and on Bloomberg TV and has been quoted in the New York Times, Pensions & Investments and Fortune. Flood has a Ph.D. in Economics from MIT and a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University.

Kathy Deck is director of the Center for Business and Economic Research in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas. Her research interests include local economic development, industry market structure, and education and health care economics. In providing applied economic research as part of the outreach mission of the Sam M. Walton College of Business, Deck has managed studies for a wide variety of business, non-profit, and governmental organizations in the state of Arkansas. Deck also acts as a media resource for economic analysis of current events and trends. Deck earned a B.A. in Economics from the College of William and Mary and a M.S. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Before joining the Center for Business and Economic Research, Deck was the antitrust economist for the Arizona Attorney General.



A View of the World Economy

Presentation to University of Arkansas
Business Forecast Luncheon

January 25, 2012



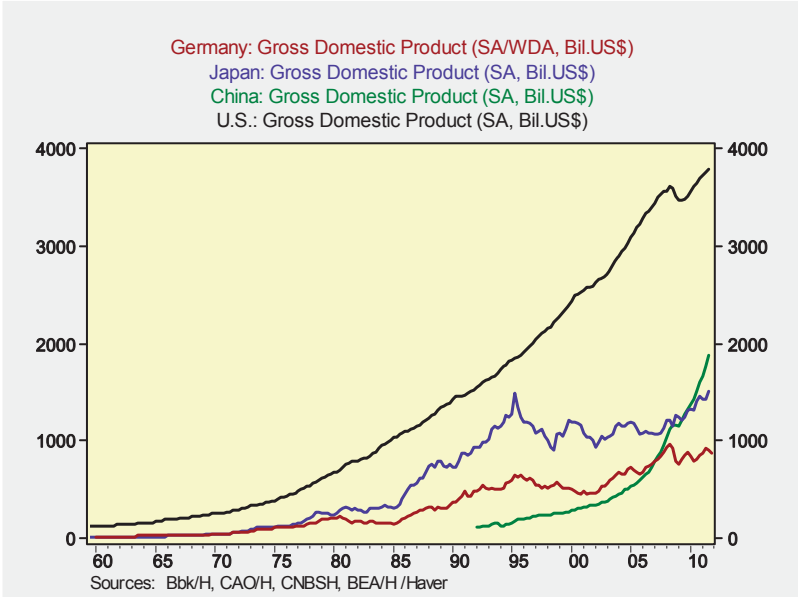
Paul Thomas
Chief Economist
Intel Corporation

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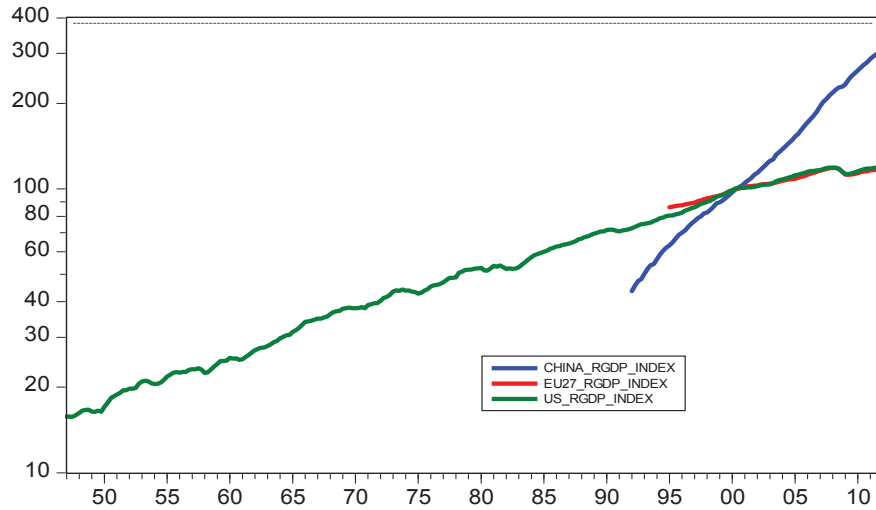


Quarterly Nominal GDP History



Real GDPs in Own Currencies Normalized to Year 2000 = 100

LOG Scaled to Illustrate Relative Growth Rates



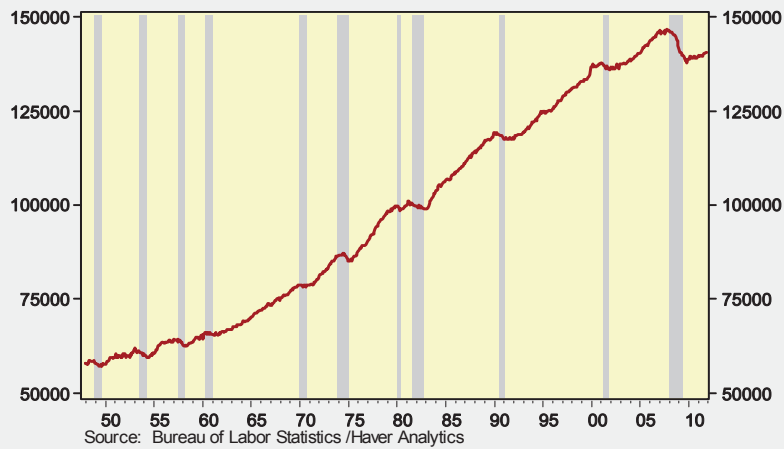
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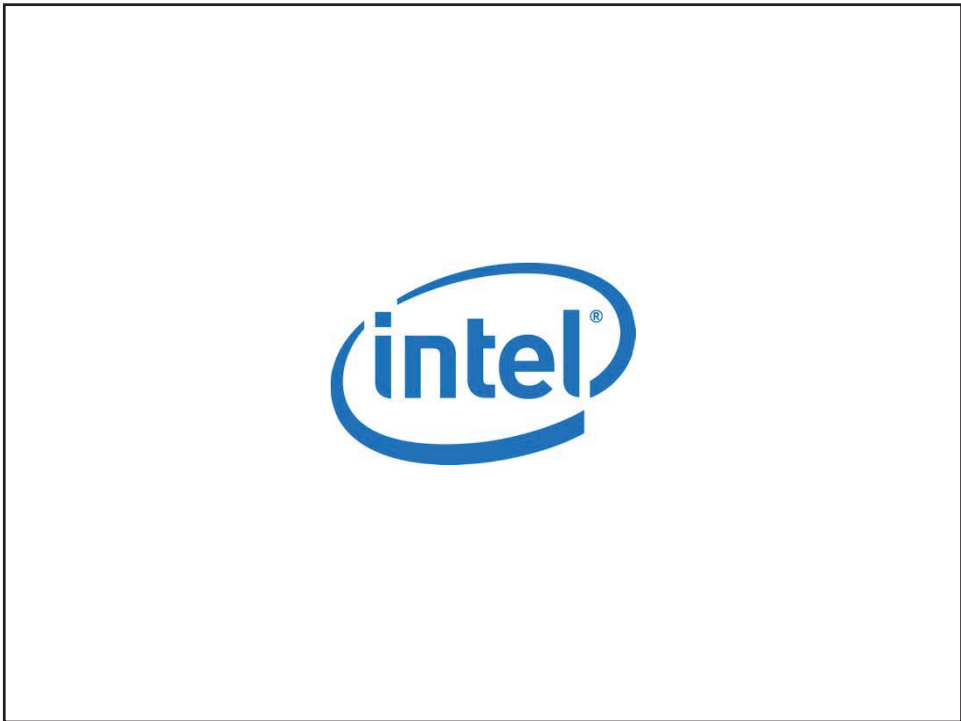
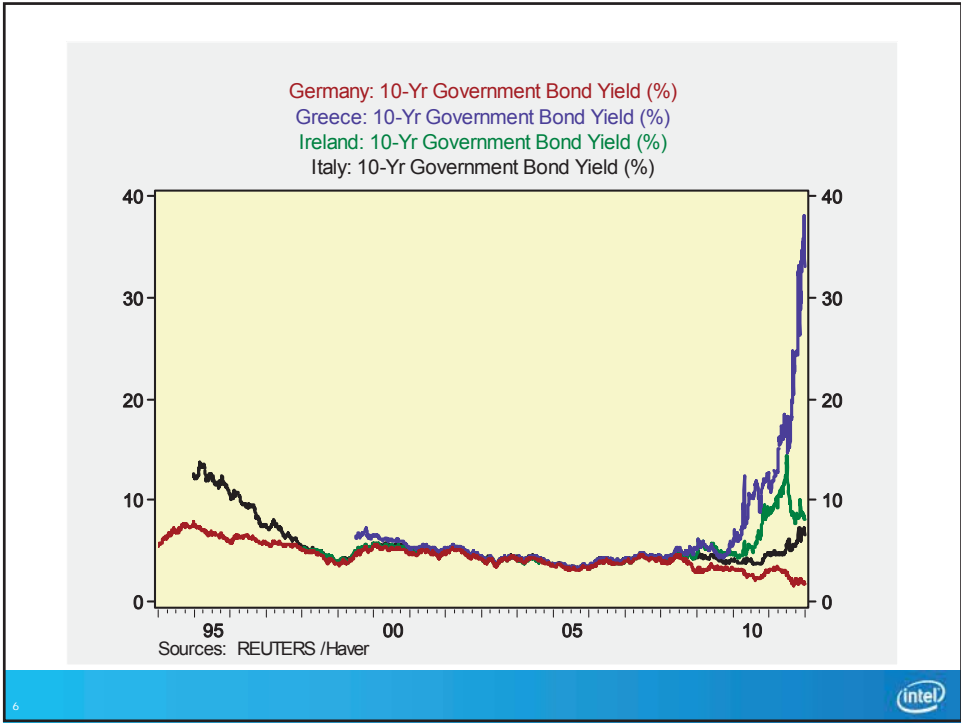
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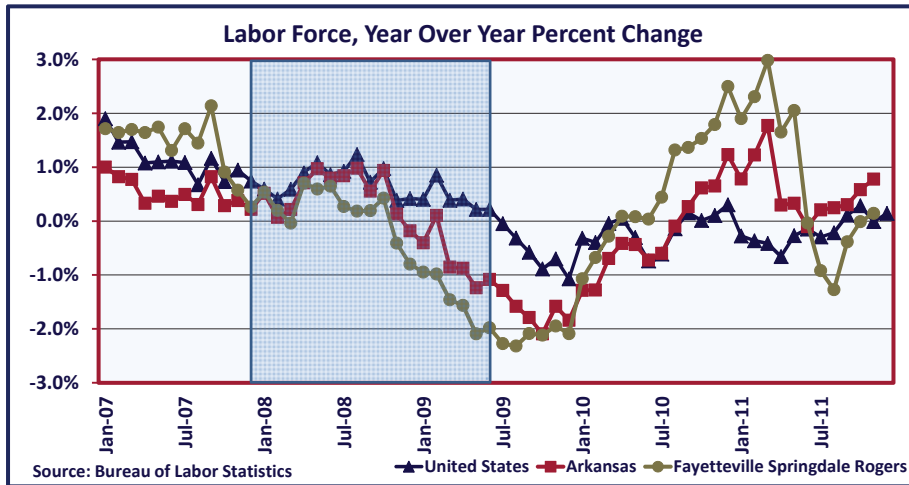
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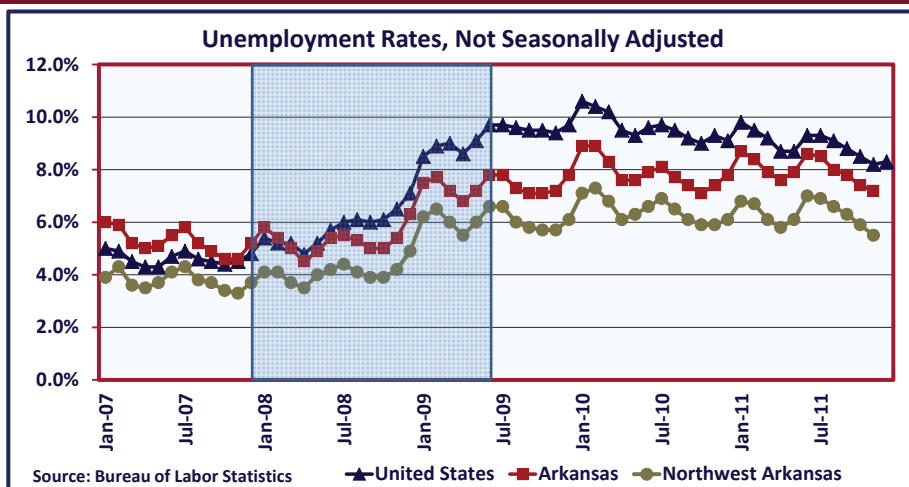
The Economic Forecast in 2012: The Recovery Continues

Kathy Deck, Director
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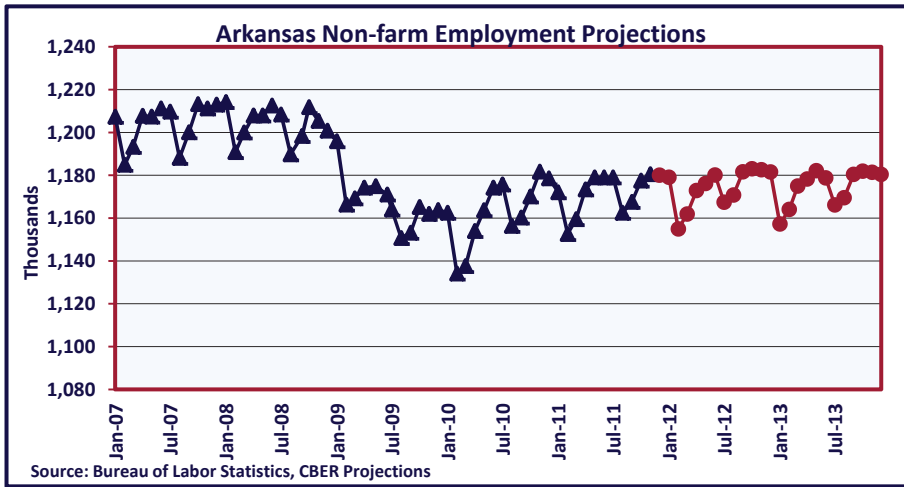
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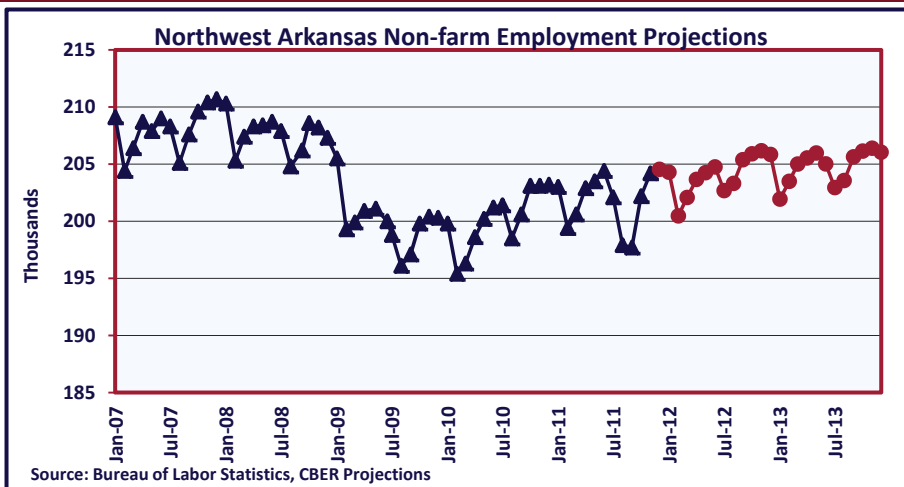
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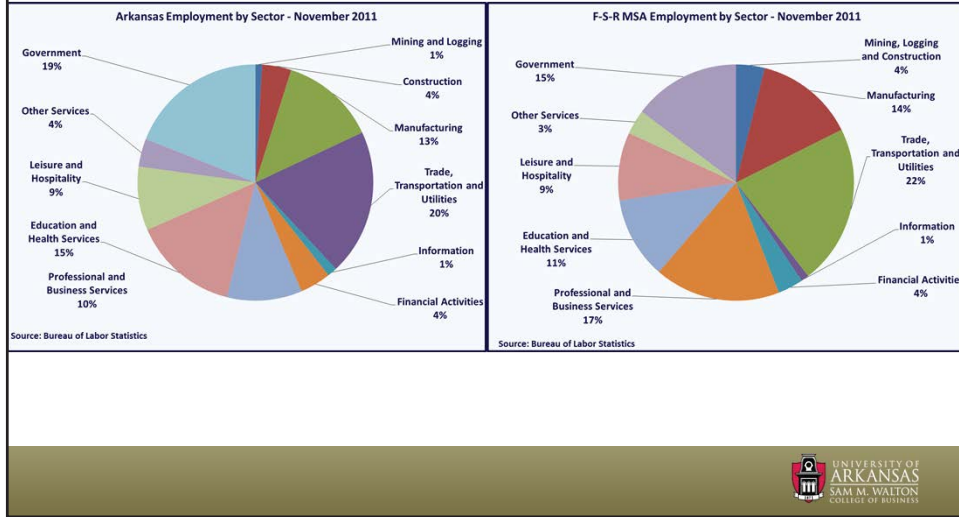
Employment Growth



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Employment by Sector



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