

Question	Responses	Percent	
1 Did you attend			39 respondents
Boulder 2011, Celebrating 50 Years of Cliometrics	25	64.1%	
Tucson, Arizona 2012	20	51.3%	
2 Were you			39 respondents
graduate student	9	23.1%	
faculty	29	74.4%	
other: faculty at Boulder, faculty and host at Tucson	1	2.6%	
3 Did you present a paper? (if no go to question 7)			39 respondents
yes	17	43.6%	
no	22	56.4%	
4 If you presented a paper, were you at that time			17 respondents
graduate student	5	29.4%	
faculty	12	70.6%	
5 How did presentation at the Cliometrics Conference help your work?			17 respondents
free response see sheet Q5			
6 Please describe the current status of the paper you presented. Is it published or forthcoming; submitted; revised, etc.			17 respondents
free response see sheet Q6			
7 If you participated at the Cliometrics Conference without presenting, how beneficial was your participation for your research and professional activity?			21 respondents
free response see sheet Q7			
8 Please make suggestions for improving the conference.			23 respondents
free response see sheet Q8			

Question

How did presentation at the Cliometrics Conference help your work?

Responses

Comments and discussion were extremely helpful, and showed the way to a finished work the audience would want to read.

Amazing feedback and excellent comments really improved the paper and helped its trajectory. very helpful

Many useful suggestions. Most importantly, it gave me a sense of the concerns people had with the paper. I then had enough time to fix them before going on job market.

The feedback is great. People really dive into the paper and look at the details. Usually when you present at a seminar people don't pay that much attention to the details.

This conference allows you to have 50-60 people reading the paper thoroughly

It gave me a number of specific new ideas for a way forward with the paper; it gave me a sense of what people found interesting about the work.

We got lots of fantastic feedback and we are currently revising the paper to incorporate this.

Good feedback as always

I received many useful comments (it was very helpful that the participants read the paper beforehand).

Lots of great comments

It gave me a better idea of how to focus the paper. And I learned of some possible misunderstandings of what we had done.

The participant questions helped shape the future presentation of the results, and suggested further avenues to explore.

Paper is an early work in progress so the questions and feedback will be critically helpful as we go about further data collection, analysis, and interpretation.

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Many great questions because people really read the paper. I have presented this paper already about 5 or 6 times before and I usually always received the same questions : but not at the Clio conf !! It helps me to be more precise and it also gave me a lot of interesting suggestions for further work.

Pointed to related literature. Provided examples of the process described.

Nice feedback. Made new connections with other faculty and grad students on market.

Question

Please describe the current status of the paper you presented.
Is it published or forthcoming; submitted; revised, etc.

Responses

- 1 Will be submitted soon.
- 5 Submitted.
- 1 Analysis and data collection are still ongoing -- will not be submitted for at least a couple of months.
- 1 The paper is being revised.
- 1 Still ongoing
- 1 Revise and resubmit at JEH.
- 1 Submitting this summer
- 1 We plan to revise soon and then submit to a journal.
- 1 Submitted to a journal
- 1 Paper is an early work in progress.
Co-author and I hope to have a draft ready for more serious circulation by summer's end.
- 1 dead
- 1 working paper. submitted soon.
- 1 I am revising it with the new suggestions from the conference.

Question

If you participated at the Cliometrics Conference without presenting, how beneficial was your participation for your research and professional activity?

Responses

- 1 Valuable in three ways: networking with other scholars, hearing papers at an early (unfinished) stage, informal discussions of mutual interest that benefit my research and (hopefully) others'
- 2 It is very important to be able to network with other Cliometricians about the field.
- 3 Very beneficial. I learned about papers in my area of research so this helps me stay on top of my own area as well as the field more generally, and also I learned about new techniques that I will use in my own research.
- 4 It was invaluable. The quality and quantity of comments was unparalleled.
- 5 The conference is a gold standard for how the "peer-to-peer" review process should work. It really helps the author overcome confirmation bias. Excellent learning forum. Plus, the golf was great!
- 6 Clio is one of the best ways to stay current in the profession. it helps my research indirectly and my teaching directly
- 7 Very.
- 8 It was inspiring. The quality of the work presented was extremely, and the discussion far better than that of any other conferences I have been to in recent years.
- 9 Highly. It gave me better knowledge of the people, with their interests, who are most influential in economic history scholarship.
- 10 Meeting colleagues Learning (a lot) for the presented papers Having the occasion to focus on reading and commenting economic history papers
- 11 Simply excellent!!!
- 12 These meetings, like all Clio meetings I have attended, were very stimulating intellectually and provide me with new ways of thinking about my own research. It is also always invigorating to talk to the grad students about their work.
- 13 The contacts I made and the ideas that were generated from the discussions were invigorating and inspiring. I always come away from these meetings with fresh perspectives on my own work, new ideas for future work, and a renewed energy for carrying on my research.
- 14 Cliometrics is always a great conference to attend. It has an excellent mix of senior and junior faculty and graduate students.
You get to see peoples work at an early stage.
- 15 The participation was very beneficial. The papers were all of strong quality and I was able to talk to quite a few people about their research agendas.
The comments helped me see areas where my own research could be improved.
As a result, I learned a great deal from the papers and particularly the comments that others made about the papers.
Meanwhile, the discussions at lunches, dinners, and during breaks gave me a good sense of what was going on in the research in the field.
- 16 Very beneficial, I got to know what other people are working on and what type of questions interest them. I also met some author that I knew only by their name and their work.
- 17 my research life is over.
- 18 Very Beneficial
- 19 It was excellent for my emotional health! I've worried a lot---less since Bourgeois Dignity came out,
I suppose---that people have forgotten that I am also an economic historian, and that Sam and I (after all)
founded the Society and were the hosts for the Conference for many years. Boo hoo! But it was a delight. No more open mics, tho!
- 20 Quite beneficial. Always good to see the latest research while it's in progress.
- 21 research - not much (it was mainly u.s. related, which is not my interest) professionally - very much - great place to network and meet people

Question

Please make suggestions for improving the conference.

Responses

- 1 We should pay more attention to acoustics and consider using microphones, especially in non-classroom settings.
I love the Westward Look, but we definitely needed mics.
- 2 meeting rooms and lodging (and meals) in same building (hotel).
- 3 None
- 4 I have attended twice. I think the first time we had a smaller group. the last time we had probably 60 people.
For some of the heated discussions I felt having that many people made it hard to jump in and participate.
I personally would cap it at 50 or so. Also, I always sat in the back and it was sometimes hard to hear everything, so if we are going to keep it this big it would be good to think about using microphones (at least a mic for the speaker).
- 5 It is already a great template. A later start on day two might be nice.
- 6 I don't have any. Don't mess with success.
- 7 Hard to say from just one experience. The format for presentations and comments, definitely, is great and should not be changed. I would really have to have more experience of these conferences before I could realistically suggest improvements.
- 8 Don't change the format
- 9 I can think of nothing at the moment. But there are 3 things about the clio conference that I like very much: 1) Participants read the papers beforehand; 2) The number of participants (~40?) allows for some very lively discussion but is at the same time small enough to keep almost everyone engaged; 3) there is a good mix of young and experienced scholars.
- 10 Organizing a meeting with journal editors during the conference.
- 11 This was a great conference. We got so many helpful comments, and had fun listening to the other presentations. The awards were hilarious (and helpful), too. Thanks for organizing.
- 12 I think it works very well as is.
- 13 Moving the Sunday morning sessions to Friday morning would be nice.
- 14 I like the conferences with 40 people, not 100.
- 15 This is the best conference that I attend. Everybody is intensely focused on the research and the format makes for far more interesting interactions on the research than the standard format of presentation, discussion, and little or no time for comment.
- 16 Since this is kind of an informal meeting and a small group, I would organize some activity on Thursday night so that people can meet and talk to each other. For faculty members this might not be so useful, but it is very useful for grad students especially to break the ice. The activity could be a Trivia contest by groups, and in each group there should be junior faculty, senior faculty and grad students.
- 17 The conference in Tucson was great -- the papers were high quality, the discussion was lively, the participants were all engaged, and the venue was outstanding. I have no suggestions for improving things.
- 18 None. It's so bad, it can not be improved.
- 19 I repeat: no more open mics!

- 20 Everything was great. Minor comment: it was maybe a little bit unfair for people presenting on sunday morning after the reception night: less comments, less enthousiasm..
- 21 The Clio conference is great - one of the best there is. Don't change it.
And don't let the occasional disgruntled person persuade you to change it.
- 22 less u.s. focus
- 23 Open it up for greater attendance. Attending every two or three years isn't really enough to maintain community.