

A Centennial Conference

The History of the United States International Trade Commission



The U.S. International Trade Commission has convened this Centennial Conference in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of its creation. On September 8, 1916 President Wilson signed into law the legislation that created the United States Tariff Commission (the Commission's predecessor). We meet today, 100 years later, to commemorate the agency's past, celebrate its present, and look to its future.

To capture the Commission's past and commemorate its present, the Commission has turned to prominent academics, former Commissioners and agency personnel, and practitioners before it to provide their perspectives for a forthcoming book entitled *A Centennial History of the United States International Trade Commission*.

The book contains chapters on the creation of the Commission, its evolution as an institution, and the steady growth in its areas of responsibility. The book also discusses how changes in legislation, policy and practice have affected each of the major areas of the Commission's responsibilities: tariff affairs, antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings, intellectual property-related proceedings, safeguards investigations, and industry and economic analysis for the Congress and Executive branch.

At today's conference, the authors of each chapter in the book will present their chapter. A team of experts composed of present and past Commission personnel, representatives of the institutions the Commission serves, and practitioners who contribute to and benefit from the work of the USITC reviewed each chapter. At the conference the reviewers will reflect on the chapters they reviewed.

We hope that this Centennial Conference will provide in-depth discussions of how the goals of its founders and the intervening economic and political events and issues of the past 100 years have shaped the Commission to date and how the rapidly changing international trade environment pose new challenges for it going forward.

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*Voice of America Building Auditorium, 330 Independence Avenue, SW
(C Street between 3rd & 4th) Washington, DC*

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:15 **Chairman’s Welcome, Administrative Announcements (Paul Bardos)**

9:15 – 10:00 **Keynote Speakers**

- ❖ *The Honorable Kevin Brady, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means*
- ❖ *Ambassador Michael Froman, U.S. Trade Representative*
- ❖ *The Honorable Sharon Prost, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit*
- ❖ *Everett Eissenstat, Chief International Trade Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Finance (Majority)*
- ❖ *Jayme White, Chief Advisor for International Competitiveness and Innovation, U.S. Senate Committee on Finance (Minority)*
- ❖ *Angela Ellard, Chief Trade Counsel and Trade Subcommittee Staff Director, U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means (Majority)*
- ❖ *Jason Kearns, Chief International Trade Counsel, U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means (Minority)*

10:00 – 10:10 **Break**

10:10 – 11:10 **The Creation of the Commission**

Moderated by Commissioner Meredith Broadbent

- ❖ *Before the U.S. Tariff Commission: Congress’s Efforts to Obtain Statistics and Analysis for Tariff-setting, 1789–1916 (Ch. 2 of Centennial Book)
Professor Andrew Reamer, The George Washington University*
- ❖ *The Creation of the U.S. Tariff Commission (Ch. 3)
Professor W. Elliot Brownlee, University of California, Santa Barbara*

Reviewers: Professor Douglas Irwin, Dartmouth College; Robert A. Enholm, the President Woodrow Wilson House

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11:10 – 12:10 **Tariff Activities**

Moderated by Vice Chairman David Johanson

- ❖ Tariff Activities (Ch. 7)
Gene A. Rosengarden, former USITC Director of the Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements; Janis L. Summers and Arun Butcher, Attorney-Advisors in the USITC Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements

- ❖ The Tariff Commission in Transition, 1917-1974 (Ch. 8)
Former USITC Chairman and Professor Alfred Eckes, Ohio University

Reviewers: Barbara Norton, former Harmonized System expert at the USITC and USTR; former USITC Secretary Kenneth R. Mason

12:10 – 1:10 **Lunch Break**

1:10 – 1:15 **Keynote Speakers (Cont.)**

- ❖ *The Honorable Leo M. Gordon, Judge, U.S. Court of International Trade*

1:15 – 2:15 **Import Injury Proceedings**

Moderated by Commissioner Dean Pinkert

- ❖ Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations (Ch. 9)
Former USITC Director of Investigations Lynn Featherstone; former USITC General Counsel James Lyons

- ❖ Safeguards (Ch. 10)
Professor Kara Reynolds, American University

- ❖ Reflections of Members of the Trade Bar (Ch. 11)
Former USITC Chairman and Professor Alfred Eckes, Ohio University, Terence P. Stewart, Stewart and Stewart

Reviewers: Professor Chad Bown, Peterson Institute; former USITC Secretary Kenneth R. Mason

2:15 – 3:15 **Intellectual Property-Related Proceedings**

Moderated by Commissioner F. Scott Kieff

- ❖ Intellectual Property Investigations (Ch. 12)
V. James Adduci, Sarah Hamblin; former USITC Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun, Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg

Reviewers: Former USITC Assistant General Counsel N. Timor Yaworski; Stephanie Roberts, Steptoe and Johnson

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3:15 – 4:15 **Industry and Economic Analysis**

Moderated by Commissioner Rhonda Schmidlein

- ❖ Industry and Economic Analysis (Ch. 13)
Dr. Michael Ferrantino, World Bank
- ❖ Economic Analysis at the Commission (Ch. 14)
Professor Michael Moore, The George Washington University
- ❖ Industry and Economic Analysis for Congress (Ch. 15)
Former USITC Vice Chairman Thelma Askey, Rockardt Group
- ❖ Industry and Economic Analysis for the Executive Branch (Ch. 16)
Catherine Field, former USTR Deputy General Counsel

*Reviewers: Professor Thomas Prusa, Rutgers University;
Neena Shenai, Medtronics*

4:15 – 4:25 **Break**

4:25 – 5:25 **The Institutional Evolution of the Commission**

Moderated by Chairman Irving Williamson

- ❖ The Substantive and Institutional Evolution of The U.S. Tariff Commission/U.S. International Trade Commission (1917–2016) (Ch. 4)
F. David Foster, Foster, Murphy, Altman and Nickel
- ❖ Evolution of the USITC Chairmanship (Ch.5)
*Former USITC Chairman Shara Aranoff, Covington and Burling;
former USITC Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun, Adduci Mastriani &
Schaumberg; former USITC Chairman Daniel Pearson, Cato Institute*
- ❖ The Commission's Headquarters and Field Office Buildings (Ch.6)
*Former USITC Assistant General Counsel Paul Bardos, Editor-in-Chief
of the Centennial History*

*Reviewers: Former USITC Chairman Lynn Bragg, Glass Packaging
Institute; former USITC Director of the Office of External Relations
Daniel Leahy; former USITC Secretary Kenneth R. Mason*

5:25 – 5:35 **Closing Remarks**

*Former USITC Assistant General Counsel Paul Bardos, Editor-in-Chief of the
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