

Form **990-EZ**

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-1150

## 2008

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)  
▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.  
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , 2008, and ending , 20

<p><b>B</b> Check if applicable:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<p>Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.</p>	<p><b>C Name of organization</b> The Economic Science Organization</p> <p>Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1405. Marion Ave.</p> <p>City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Tallahassee, FL 32303</p>	<p><b>D Employer identification number</b> 74 2471312</p> <p><b>E Telephone number</b> (850) 224 1557</p> <p><b>F Group Exemption Number</b> . . . ▶</p>
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• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**G Accounting method:**  Cash  Accrual  
Other (specify) ▶

**H Check**  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**I Website:** ▶ www.economicsscience.org

**J Organization type** (check only one)—  501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K Check**  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

**L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ** ▶ \$ 117,851.88

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

	Description	Line	Amount
<b>Revenue</b>	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	0
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	101032.88
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	16819
	4 Investment income	4	0
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	0
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8	0	
9 <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8.	9	117851.88	
<b>Expenses</b>	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	9384.83
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>confrence fees, journal fees, administrative expenses</u> )	16	77,431.81
17 <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	86016.64	
<b>Net Assets</b>	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9).	18	31,835.24
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	29,622.24
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0
	21 <b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year.</b> Combine lines 18 through 20.	21	60,657.48

**Balance Sheet** (See the instructions for Part III)

Description	2008 Beginning (A)	2008 Ending (B)	Change (B minus A)
22 Cash, savings, and investments	29,622.24	22	60,657.48
23 Land and buildings	0	23	0
24 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	0	24	0
25 <b>Total assets</b>	29,622.24	25	60,657.48
26 <b>Total liabilities</b> (describe ▶ _____)	0	26	0
27 <b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	29,622.24	27	60,657.48

<b>Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <b>scientific and educational</b>		(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)	
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.			
<b>28</b>	<b>Expenses involved in sponsoring the journal Experimental Economics</b>		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>	12,236.00
<b>29</b>	<b>Expenses involved in sponsoring scientific conferences</b>		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>	61,583.47
<b>30</b>	<b>Expenses involved in hosting a public website</b>		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>	9,536.33
<b>31</b>	<b>Other program services (attach schedule)</b>		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>	
<b>32</b>	<b>Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)</b>	<b>32</b>	

<b>Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)</b>				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Other compensation account and other allowances
James Andreoni Dept. of Economics, UCSD, La Jolla, CA	President (all <10)	0	0	0
Tim Cason Dept. of Economics, Purdue Univ, W. Lafayette, IN	President-Elect	0	0	0
R. Mark Isaac Dept. of Economics, Florida State Univ. Tallahassee	Treasurer	0	0	0
Jacob Goeree Division of Humanities & Social Sciences, Cal Tech	North American V.P.	0	0	0
Simon Gaechter School of Economics, Univ. of Nottingham, UK	European V.P.	0	0	0
John Kagel Dept. of Economics, Ohio State Univ., Columbus, O	Past President	0	0	0
David Reiley Leave from Dept. of Economics, Univ. of Arizona	V.P. of Information	0	0	0
Soo Hong Chew HKUST Business School, Hong Kong	Asia/Pacific VP	0	0	0
Yan Chen School of Information, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Executive Committee	0	0	0
David Cooper Dept. of Economics, Florida State Univ. Tallahassee	Executive Committee	0	0	0
Armin Falk Dept. of Economics, Univ. of Bonn, Bonn, Germany	Executive Committee	0	0	0
Lata Gangadharan Fac. of Economics and Finance, Univ. of Melbourne	Executive Committee	0	0	0
Theo Offerman Dept. of Economic, Univ. of Amsterdam, The Neth.	Executive Committee	0	0	0
Ragan Petrie Dept. of Economics, Georgia State Univ., Atlanta	Executive Committee	0	0	0
Tasuyosi Saijo Osaka Univ., Japan	Executive Committee	0	0	0
Martin Sefton School of Economics, Univ. of Nottingham, UK	Executive Committee	0	0	0
Bart Wilson Chapman University, Orange, CA	Executive Committee	0	0	0
Rami Zwick Dept. of Marketing, HKUST, Hong Kong	Executive Committee	0	0	0

**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	✓	
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
35a	a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
35b	b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ <b>37a</b> 0		
37b	b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
38b	b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
39a	a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
40b	b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
40c	c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
40d	d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
40e	e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ <u>Arizona</u>		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ <u>R. Mark Isaac</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(850) 324-1557</u> Located at ▶ <u>1405 Marion Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32303</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>32303</u>		
42b	b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	Yes	No
42c	c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		✓
43	Section 1047(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ <b>43</b>		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- |     | Yes | No |
|-----|-----|----|
| 46  |     | ✓  |
| 47  |     | ✓  |
| 48  |     | ✓  |
| 49a |     | ✓  |
| 49b |     |    |
- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .
- b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? . . . . .
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
<b>Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000</b> ▶				

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
<b>Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000</b> . . . ▶		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

Signature of officer: *R. Mark Isaac* Date: *3/09/09*

Type or print name and title: **R. Mark Isaac, Treasurer**

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**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: \_\_\_\_\_ EIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions): \_\_\_\_\_

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.  Yes  No

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**  
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	14884	10716	18795	17375	16819	78589
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	28950.40	32378.57	74827.78	80333.70	101032.88	317,523.33
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	00	0	0	0
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1-5	43834.40	43094.57	93622.78	97708.70	117851.88	396112.33
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	760	1135	2455	3665	3870	11885
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b	760	1135	2455	3665	3870	11885
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						384227.33

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6	43834.40	43094.57	93622.78	97708.70	117851.88	396112.33
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						396112.33

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	97.0
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	97.50

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.00
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	0.00

**19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

**b 33 1/3 % support tests—2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

**19c Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box only if the organization is a private foundation.

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Additional Executive Committee member: Timothy Salmon, Dept. of Economics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Note on membership income: because of a hacker-caused crash of the associations's website, the income from 1/01/08 to 1/21/08 had to be estimated as to it's component of conference registration fees versus membership fees. Given the schedule of conferences, the entire amount, approx \$1300, was estimated to be membership fees.