

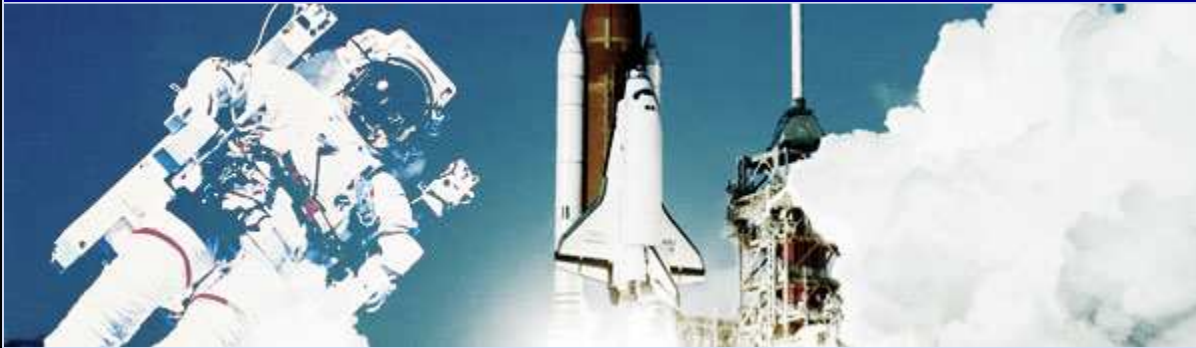
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Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time

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Traveling the Troubled Skies

by Andrea Bennett

With everyone on airplanes seemingly inconvenienced by one thing or another, how do we keep things from getting out of hand?

There have been plenty of stories in the news over the last few years about the growing tension between airline crew and passengers disobeying the rule about powering down electronics before takeoff. Travelers are, frankly, angry about the multitude of inconveniences to air travel, from long security lines to paying for services a la carte that were once included with the price of

Friday's Speaker

Michael H. Slotkin, Ph.D.

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Personal Overview
Michael H. Slotkin, Ph.D.

(Mike) holds an appointment as Associate Professor of Economics in the College of Business at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida. He earned his doctoral degree in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and has taught economics courses in undergraduate, graduate, and executive MBA programs for more than 15 years.

He has published articles in peer reviewed academic journals such as the International Journal of Management and Decision Making, the Journal of International Education in Business, the Journal of Vacation Marketing, the Journal of Accounting and Finance Research, and others.

Dr. Slotkin is frequently asked to comment on local,



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a ticket (in-flight meals, checked bags, even pillows and blankets).

A recent article by Susan Stellan in The New York Times contends that it might not be the inconveniences to those traveling in what many call "cattle class" that are causing the frustration, but the fact that airlines are investing more money in amenities for higher-paying customers.

An ever-stratifying travel experience is keeping some people literally in their place - and causing "minor tiffs" to escalate faster.

Stellan recounts the story of one Zurich-to-Dulles passenger who used the passageway behind the galley in the plane's midsection to visit his wife seated on the opposite aisle, after asking a flight attendant about a sign telling passengers not to go beyond the curtain separating economy class from the rest of the plane. But when he began recording the conversation, the situation escalated quickly: the flight attendant seized his phone and federal air marshals held him against a counter with his hands behind his back.

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regional, and national economic matters by regional newspapers as well as make media appearances on local public television. His research and consulting interests include sustainability and ecotourism, economic impact assessments, feasibility studies, cost-benefit analyses, and pedagogical issues.

Dr. Slotkin was the lead professor in developing a short-term study abroad program offered by the College of Business and based in Madrid, Spain. This program, designed for both traditional and working students, combines online and classroom lectures with cultural and historical excursions as well as company visits, and integrates students from Florida Tech's main campus, extended studies division, and online programs. Originally from Miami, Florida, Dr. Slotkin resides in the town of Grant-Valkaria with his girlfriend Karen and their three cats: Gman, Zippy, and Curry. He is a long time Miami Dolphins football fan.

Upcoming Speakers

06/14 [Dr. Michael Slotkin, F.I.T. College of Business,
Local Economy Outlook](#)

06/21 TBA

If you are interesting in presenting at an STN breakfast meeting, or know of someone who you would like to see, please contact Bob Mann, Jr., Speaker Coordinator at email at: bartoberts333@gmail.com or www.STNRebuilds.org

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The Spacecoast Technical Network, STN, meets every Friday to network, share a meal, and learn from informative speakers. The membership is over one hundred and growing weekly. STN is about securing Employment for its members, enhancing skill sets through Educational resources, and providing ongoing professional support and expertise for new and exciting Entrepreneurial efforts.

Networking begins at 8:00am. A hot breakfast is served at 8:30. Cost for the breakfast is \$4 per person. The SpaceCoast Technical Network meets in the parish hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, located at 414 Pine St., Titusville. [CLICK HERE FOR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)
For more information, contact Kevin Harrington at (321)302-4787, email: Kevin@STNrebuilds.org

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Business Support Member - Business support members offer the expertise and resources of their businesses to aid and assist the STN in its quest to strengthen the economic situation of the community. The support of the local business community is the key to the completion of all STN goals.

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For more information contact Herb McElrath, Director of Membership Services at (321) 544-5932

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