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1. Transitions (and more)

*** Beginnings ***

Mary Shenk (Anthropology; University of Washington) begins a CPC postdoc this spring, dividing her fellowship between the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE) at the University of Washington and CPC. Mary defended her dissertation which focused on "the evolutionary economics of marriage and parental investment in urban South India" in December 2004.

Mary will work with Paul Leslie (Anthropology) and Tom Mroz (Economics) on a project which aims to... "combine the theoretical approach of human behavioral ecology with methodological training in economics and demography to increase the explanatory power of evolutionary models and extend their scope outside the discipline of anthropology." Mary will be in residence at CPC beginning summer 2005. She may be reached via email at mshenk@u.washington.edu.

*** Congratulations ***

Kim Korinek (CPC postdoc; 2002-present) will join the University of Utah faculty as an assistant professor of Sociology in August 2005. Kim's teaching activities will focus on population and development, social inequality, and the sociology of gender and the family. Her research agenda includes work on migrants' experience of change and their impact upon urbanization processes in less developed countries, Thailand and Vietnam in particular. Her research goals also involve further comparative work on family, employment, and carework in China and Vietnam.

Eve Veliz (CPC predoc; 2002-present) successfully defended her Master's thesis, "Determinants of Latina Adolescent Fertility" on December 17.

2. Upcoming CPC Friday Seminars

The CPC Spring Seminar Series begins on January 14 with a presentation by Dr. Bob Hummer from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Hummer will present "Paradox Found: Health and Mortality among the Mexican Origin Population in the United States" at noon in Room 405.

Kate McIntyre, CPC Training Program Alumnus, will present "Measuring Malaria and Tuberculosis -- How Can Demography Help?" at noon on January 21. A pizza lunch will be held in 405 immediately following the seminar. All CPC trainees and preceptors are encouraged to attend.

3. 2005-06 Training Program Applications Due February 1

All traineeship applications for 2005-06 are due no later than Tuesday, February 1. Applications are required for both funded and non-funded trainees, as well as for returning postdocs, regardless of funding support.

Application instructions for returning predocs may be found at: <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/reapppredoc.html>. A reapplication template is available on the network at: sys2: \wp\ski\backup\CPC Training\reapp_yourname_0506.doc.

Additional information for IGERT applicants is available at: http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/igert_announce.html.

Returning postdocs should submit a summary of progress to-date, plans for the upcoming year, and a support letter from their preceptor.

4. New CPC Approved Courses Offered Spring 2005

Two new courses will be added to the CPC approved course list for spring 2005.

Geography 303 (Human Environment Research Seminar), taught by Dick Bilsborrow, is a seminar course focused on development and population and the environment, especially in developing countries. Proposed lecture topics include economic development and the persistence of poverty and inequality, trends in population dynamics and environmental change in developing countries, theories of population-environment linkages, and empirical evidence. The course will meet on Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:45 p.m. in 210 Dey Hall.

Sociology 326 (Empirical Research on Family Change), taught by Kathie Harris and Phil Morgan (Duke), is designed to review existing knowledge on family change and variation in both attitudes and behavior among men and women and across race, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural groups. The course will focus on patterns and explanations for the dramatic changes that have occurred to the family over the last half century in the United States and other industrialized countries. The course will meet on Friday from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at UNC and Duke. The schedule is still under consideration, but allowances will be made for students needing to attend CPC seminars.

5. Information Services Workshop: Poster Creation Basics

Tom Swasey will conduct a workshop on the basics of poster creation on Wednesday, January 26, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 405. The class will cover basic poster presentation info and the use of PowerPoint templates. Please plan to attend, especially if you will present a poster at PAA or other conference(s) during spring and summer.

6. Research Ethics Seminar Opportunity

Dr. Peggys Dilworth-Anderson, Director, Center on Aging and Diversity, will present "The Science of Inclusion in Behavioral Science Research" on Wednesday, January 19, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Institute on Aging (720 Airport Road). The session will fulfill one of the four research ethics requirements for CPC trainees.

Directions to the IOA are available at: <http://www.aging.unc.edu/about/directions.html>.

7. January Postdoc Lunch: January 19

The first postdoc lunch of the new year will be held on Wednesday, January 19, from 12:15-1:15 in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

8. January TGIF: Friday, January 28

The January TGIF will begin at 4:30 on January 28. Please email Jan if you can

provide assistance with set-up and/or food contributions.

9. Odum Institute Short Courses: Spring 2005

Each semester the Odum Institute offers a series of short courses on advanced research techniques and methods for faculty, graduate students, and university staff. For example, a three-day long overview of STATA will be offered on January 24-26, and repeated on March 7-9. Most short courses are held in Manning Hall.

A complete list of courses for spring 2005 is available on the web at <http://www2.i.rss.unc.edu/i.rss/shortcourses/shortcoursesched.pdf>.

10. Postdoc Opportunity: Cornell University

The Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University, announces a two-year postdoctoral fellow opening, starting August 15, 2005. The fellow participates as a team member of the theme project on the "Evolving Family" and conducts interdisciplinary research on the family, including, but not limited to, topics such as causes of family change, family policy, law and family, marriage, fatherhood, and gay marriage/families. The postdoctoral program is designed to provide an intense apprenticeship in research on the family through collaborations with faculty and to assist young scholars in launching their own programs of research.

The fellow will have access to the full range of university resources and receive an annual stipend of \$50,000 plus health benefits. Applicants must have a PhD in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, or another related social science discipline by August 15, 2005. Screening of applications begins January 15, 2005, and will continue until the position is filled. Send letter of application, curriculum vita, a 3-4 page statement of research interests, examples of written work, and three letters of recommendation to:

Elizabeth Peters (in care of Anneliese Truame)
Institute for the Social Sciences, 356 Uri's Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY, 14853

or amt58@cornell.edu. Cornell is an equal opportunity employer. For more information, see http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/evol_v_fam_desc.html.

11. Michigan State University: Open Positions

Michigan State University is establishing a new center of excellence, "Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability". The goal is to address complex issues related to sustainability through innovative systems integration (i.e., integration of multiple disciplines including both social and natural sciences, such as ecology, human demography, and socioeconomics). Specific objectives are to conduct cutting-edge research on emerging issues related to ecological sustainability at local, national, and international levels; train new generations of leaders for sustainability research, education, and practice; and disseminate research findings across the globe. Example topics of research include sustainability theory, methods, and applications (e.g., sustainable management of nature reserves as well as ecosystem goods and services); ecological effects of household dynamics; human-environment interactions; coupled human and natural systems; biodiversity conservation; integration of ecology with human demography and socioeconomics; agent-based modeling; and scenario simulation.

The Center invites applications from highly-motivated individuals to fill the following positions and make contributions to achieving a sustainable Earth:

(1) Associate Director (Assistant/Associate Professor). The successful candidate will assist the Director in all aspects of activities, including research, education, outreach, and administration. The position is renewable every five years with recurring funds from the Office of the Provost. The candidates should have a

PhD in a relevant field to ecological sustainability (such as ecology, sociology, economics, human demography, remote sensing, geography, and natural resource management), strong research records, experience in outreach, and excellent administrative skills.

(2) Academic Specialist. This position will provide support in computer hardware, software, programming, data analysis, and database management for research and outreach programs. Experience with remote sensing, geographic information systems, and spatial database is required. A Master's Degree with background in computer science (or a related field) with previous natural resources/ecology as well as three to five years of related and progressively more responsible or expansive work experience is preferred.

(3) Administrative Assistant. The duties include financial management, proposal preparation, manuscript editing, and other related administrative activities.

(4) Postdoctoral Associate(s). Applicants must hold a PhD in relevant fields and should be strongly interested in one or more research topics mentioned above.

(5) Graduate Student Assistant(s). Applicants should have strong interests in one or more research topics mentioned above.

Interested individuals should submit: (1) a letter of interest, (2) CV or resume, (3) description of professional experiences and goals, and (4) names and contact information of three references. If available, a copy of transcripts, GRE scores, and TOEFL scores (for international applicants) should be included. Applications will be reviewed starting January 15, 2005, and will be accepted until the positions are filled.

Please send application materials to:
Dr. Jianguo (Jack) Liu
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
13 Natural Resources Building
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824

Direct questions to Dr. Liu at jliu@panda.msu.edu or by phone at 517.355.1810

12. Job Opportunity: Data Manager/Analyst (CSDE)

The Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE) at the University of Washington seeks a data analyst/statistical programmer/data manager. The analyst will provide data analysis and statistical programming support for Center affiliates, including faculty, students, and Center staff with a wide range of analytic tasks. The consultant must have experience with a number of statistical programs, and the ability to learn new programs quickly as needed. He or she must also have a strong service orientation, excellent communications skills, creativity, and the ability to formulate feasible solutions in a fast-paced and sometimes high-pressure environment with changing regulatory requirements. The incumbent serves as a member of the Center's research support team, so will work both with this group and with other computing units in the University to ensure the data analysis needs of the Center are met.

Information about the position can be found at: <http://www.csde.washington.edu/> -- follow the link under "Employment Opportunities at CSDE." Specific questions may be directed to Cori Mar (cmar@u.washington.edu) at CSDE.

13. Next TPN Publication Date: January 21, 2005

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on January 21.

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