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1. Transitions (and more)

****Beginnings****

David Warner began a CPC postdoctoral fellowship on October 7. David completed his PhD in Sociology at Penn State in early October. He will work with Glen Elder on health inequalities, gender and the life course, and marriage and marital quality. He may be reached via email at david.warner@unc.edu.

****Kudos****

Michelle Cheuk (PhD student in Sociology; CPC Predoctoral Trainee) won the "Best Graduate Research Paper Award" for her presentation of "Disability Transitions in the Older Population in the United States: Findings from the LSOA II" at the Southern Demographic Association meetings last weekend.

Jipan Xie (PhD Candidate in HPAA; CPC Predoctoral Trainee) successfully defended her dissertation proposal, "The Effects of Fertility Change and Son Preference on Intergenerational Support to the Oldest Old in China" on October 6. Congratulations Jipan!!

2. Upcoming CPC Friday Seminars

Dr. Deborah Balk, Associate Research Scientist--CIESIN, Columbia University, will present "Please Sign Here: How Spatial Data Transforms Our Responsibilities in Using Survey and Census Data" at noon on October 29. Attendance at Dr. Balk's talk may be used to satisfy one of the four required research ethics seminars for 2004-05.

Dr. Barry Popkin (Professor, Nutrition and CPC Fellow) will present "Dynamics of the Nutrition Transition: The Shifting Burden of Noncommunicable Diseases Toward the Poor and Rural Areas" at noon on November 5.

3. Voter Registration: From Chancellor Moeser

"November 2 is Election Day, and we at Carolina want to do everything we can to encourage faculty, staff, and students to vote. Orange County registered voters may also vote early at the Carrboro Town Hall and Morehead Planetarium from October 18-30 (Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)."

Note: Please visit the State Board of Elections' website at (<http://www.sboe.state.nc.us>) for information on a variety of issues, including

absentee voting and polling sites.

4. Curriculum in Ecology Seminar: November 4

Dr. Johnny Randall (Assistant Director of Conservation, North Carolina Botanical Garden) will present "The North Carolina Botanical Garden: Research Past, Present, and Future" on Thursday, November 4 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in 128 Wilson Hall.

As Assistant Director for Conservation, Dr. Randall oversees the management of approximately 600 acres of natural area and administers rare plant programs including participation in the Center for Plant Conservation and many other conservation related topics. His special interests include the ecology of alien plants, plant reproductive ecology, and fire ecology. His talk will primarily focus on current research at the North Carolina Botanical Garden and the research opportunities for faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates.

5. Multicultural Center Faculty Lecture: 10/28

Dr. Sherman A. James will present "MultiLife-Course Socioeconomic Position and the Health of African Americans" on Thursday, October 28, 2004, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Multicultural Center (bottom floor of the Bryan Center).

Abstract: The contribution of social and economic deprivation during childhood and adulthood to premature morbidity and mortality from heart disease, diabetes, stroke, etc. has attracted strong interest among researchers and health policymakers in the U.S. and Western Europe. To date, however, this research has focused almost exclusively on European and European American populations. Dr. James extends his research to African Americans, a population notably at high risk for both life-long poverty and the early onset of risk factors such as hypertension and obesity that are largely responsible for the well-known excess mortality among African Americans from heart disease, diabetes, and stroke. This presentation discusses findings from his ongoing work on African Americans in Pitt County, NC.

For information about other events in the Multicultural Center's Faculty Lecture Series, visit <http://mcc.studentaffairs.duke.edu/mcc/calendar.html>.

6. November TGIF: Friday, November 12

The November TGIF will begin at 4:30 on November 12. Please email Jan if you can provide assistance with set-up and/or food contributions.

7. November Postdoc Lunch: November 17

The next postdoc lunch will be held on Wednesday, November 17, from 12:15-1:15 in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

8. Successful NIH Grant Writing

The Center for Demography and Ecology at the University of Washington website includes a section on successful NIH grant writing (<http://www.csde.washington.edu/funding/grantwriting.shtml>). Also included are PowerPoint presentations and handouts from NIH staff and information from others in the field.

Many thanks to Peggy Bentley for the pointer to the site!

9. Career Opportunity: University of Pennsylvania Faculty Position

The Department of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania invites applications for two tenure-track positions. At least one will be at the rank of assistant professor, but an early-career senior appointment will also be considered. The area of specialty is open, with some preference given to candidates in the areas of

theory and culture. Candidates with exceptionally strong research records and a strong commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching are sought.

Send applications to:
Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology
University of Pennsylvania
3718 Locust Walk
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6299

Please include a CV and a statement of research and teaching. Candidates for an assistant professorship should also send three letters of reference. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2004, and will continue until the positions are filled. Candidates are encouraged to apply by November 15, 2004.

For more information about the Sociology Department at the University of Pennsylvania, please see <http://www.soc.upenn.edu/soc>.

10. Career Opportunity: CDC

The Demographic Research and Program Evaluation Team (DRPET) in the Maternal and Infant Health Branch/Division of Reproductive Health at CDC seeks a Sociologist/Demographer to develop and conduct statistical and demographic research activities related to reproductive health surveys and public health surveillance activities. Projects conducted by DRPET relate to reproductive health, family planning, fertility, and maternal and child health, and are conducted in international settings.

The scientist identified for this position will provide leadership in the design, implementation, and development of analytic projects with international policy or program implications. The incumbent will provide high-level consultation and technical assistance directly to international health agencies and organizations, including Ministries of Health, research institutions, and non-governmental organizations. The position will require approximately 20% international travel. International experience in public health and language proficiency in Spanish, French, or Russian are desirable.

This is a permanent, full-time civil service position at the GS-13 level, open to applicants with Master's or doctoral degrees. The position is being posted via QuickHire, and the application must be completed no later than November 5, 2004. Please see the job announcements at the following links:

<http://www2.cdc.gov/hrmo/viwdetail.asp?AnnouncementNumber=1-05-249&QuickHireAnnouncement=Y>
<http://www2.cdc.gov/hrmo/viwdetail.asp?AnnouncementNumber=1-05-250&QuickHireAnnouncement=Y>

To learn more about the position, please contact: Mary Goodwin (goodwin@cdc.gov; 770.488.6232) or Paul Stupp (pstupp@cdc.gov; 770.488.6234).

Note: This is a permanent, full-time civil service position and is open only to U.S. Citizens. Non-citizens with a U.S. work visa will be considered through an alternative contract mechanism. Non-citizens should send their CV directly to Mary Goodwin, and not apply through the website.

11. Career Opportunity: RAND Postdoctoral Fellowship

RAND is soliciting applications for an NICHD postdoctoral fellowship in the study of population, with a start date no later than April 30, 2005. To be eligible, the person must have received their PhD before this date and must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Each fellowship is awarded for an initial period of one year, renewable for a second. The stipend level ranges from \$45,700 to \$59,000 depending on

qualifications. A detailed description of the Program and the application procedure can be found at <http://www.rand.org/labor/fellows/>.

The deadline for completed applications is December 15, 2004.

12. Next TPN Publication Date: November 5, 2004

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on November 5.

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