

CPC Training Program News (9. 02. 2005)

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1. Transitions (and more)

****Beginnings****

Matthew Dupre (PhD, Sociology, Duke University) began a CPC postdoctoral traineeship on August 28. Working with Drs. Glen Elder and Jay Kaufman, Matthew's research will focus on social epidemiology and the demography of aging, with an emphasis on life course processes and age-related patterns of disease and mortality. Matthew may be reached via e-mail (temporarily) at mdupre@soc.duke.edu. His office is in 401F CPC East.

Caryl Feldacker (first year doctoral student in HBHE) began an IGERT predoctoral traineeship in population and environment on August 15. Caryl will work with Dr. Richard Bilborrow on population-environment interactions in Latin America. She may be reached via email at feldacke@email.unc.edu. Her office is in 101 CPC South.

Susan Marshall (first year doctoral student in Epidemiology) recently arrived from the United Kingdom to begin a CPC predoctoral traineeship. Susan will work with Dr. David Savitz on issues surrounding inequities in preterm birth and infant mortality, and the role of women's psychosocial health in birth outcomes. She may be reached via email at ssmars@email.unc.edu. Her office is in 101 CPC South.

After a long trek from Chicago, Kelly Quinn (first year doctoral student in Epidemiology) joins the CPC predoctoral ranks. She will work with Dr. Sharon Weir on the social determinants of HIV/AIDS. Kelly may be reached via email at kquinn@email.unc.edu. Her office is in 101 CPC South.

Miles Taylor (PhD, Sociology, Duke University) begins a CPC postdoctoral fellowship this month. She will work with Drs. Glen Elder and Peter Uhlenberg on health inequalities, health outcomes over the life course, and grandparent-grandchild relationships across the life course. Miles may be reached via email (temporarily) at mtaylor@soc.duke.edu. Her office is in 302C CPC East.

****Vital Events****

The population clock (<http://www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html>) increased by one with the birth of Mara Judy Erickson on Friday, August 26, at 5:02 p.m. Born to Lance Erickson (CPC predoctoral trainee) and his wife Jen, Mara weighed in at 7 pounds-5 ounces, and is 20 inches long.

****Celebrations****

Greg Taff (PhD Candidate in Geography and CPC Predoc) will perform three arrangements he wrote for piano at UNC's Memorial Hall, on Sunday, September 11, at 2:00 p.m. He will open the "Carolina Performs" concert at Memorial Hall, a day of UNC student group performances. The concert is free. There will be an opportunity to give money to the American Red Cross devoted to Katrina relief at the door.

****Alumni News****

Monica Gaughan (CPC Predoc 1994-99; PhD, Sociology 1999) was recently awarded a National Science Foundation Career grant to look at the institutional determinants of academic career success. Monica is an Assistant Professor of Public Policy at Georgia Tech (<http://www.spp.gatech.edu/faculty/faculty/mgaughan.php>; <http://www.advancei.ac.gatech.edu/profile.php?firstname=Monica&lastname=Gaughan>).

2. UNC-CH Online Resources

There are many UNC-based online resources which provide information about research support, funding opportunities, and events across campus. Please consider bookmarking the following:

CITations is an online publication featuring information technology-related news of interest to UNC-Chapel Hill faculty members, graduate instructors, and the staff who support them. CITations, published twice a month, is an electronic service of the ITS Center for Instructional Technology. The current issue is available at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/citations/citations150.html>

The Office of Postdoctoral Services (OPS) supports and promotes postdoctoral training at the university. Among its services, OPS provides individual career counseling appointments, CV/resume/cover letter reviews, career development seminars and symposia, mock interviews, and general information and referrals for both postdocs and faculty to other administrative units at UNC (child care assistance, health insurance, housing, etc.). OPS Website: <http://postdocs.unc.edu/>

Research Support is published by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development. Its objective is to provide Carolina faculty and research staff with sponsored research news, funding tips, and timely information from the offices supporting research at Carolina. Research Support. The September 2005 issue is available at <http://research.unc.edu/rs/>

The University Center for International Studies (UCIS) publishes an online newsletter each semester (<http://www.uci.s.unc.edu/resources/pubs/UCIS%20Fall%202004.pdf>), and a bi-weekly International E-Bulletin. Contact ucis@unc.edu if you would like to receive the International E-Bulletin.

New resources will be featured in upcoming newsletters. Please send suggestions to Jan Hendrickson-Smith.

3. NIH Loan Repayment Program

On September 1, 2005, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) began accepting applications for its five Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs). The five LRPs offered by the NIH include the Clinical Research LRP, Clinical Research LRP for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Contraception and Infertility Research LRP, Health Disparities LRP, and Pediatric Research LRP. Through these programs, the NIH offers to repay up to \$35,000 annually of the qualified educational debt of health professionals pursuing careers in biomedical and behavioral research. The programs also provide coverage for Federal and state tax liabilities.

To qualify, applicants must possess a doctoral-level degree, devote 50% or more of their time (20 hours per week based on a 40-hour work week) to research funded by a domestic non-profit organization or government entity (Federal, state, or local),

and have educational loan debt equal to or exceeding 20% of their institutional base salary. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or U.S. nationals to be eligible.

For an online application, program information, or other assistance, visit the LRP Web site at www.lrp.nih.gov, telephone the Helpline at 866-849-4047, or send email inquiries to lrp@nih.gov. Applications for 2006 awards must be submitted online by 8:00 p.m. EST, December 1, 2005.

**Note: Several CPC trainees have been successful in their LRP applications. Please contact Jan Hendrickson-Smith for information about the recipients.

4. Undergraduate CPC IGERT Internship Available During 2005-06

The Carolina Population Center is soliciting applications from underrepresented populations for an undergraduate internship within its Spatial Analysis Unit for the 2005-06 academic year. One internship position is available, beginning in fall 2005, with the possibility of funding through the summer of 2006. Interns work a maximum of 200 hours (at \$12 per hour) per semester. Additional information is available at <https://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/0506internship.pdf>.

5. Add Health Fall 2005 Training

Due to the sensitive nature of the data collected by the Add Health study, all new users are required to attend a security training session before gaining access to the data files. The fall training session is scheduled for Monday, September 26, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Room 405. If you need access to the data this semester, please make plans to attend as another training will not be held until spring semester.

Contact Joyce Tabor (tabor@unc.edu) if you plan to attend.

6. Friday Seminar Kick-off on September 16: Dr. William Darity

The fall 2005 Friday seminar series begins on September 16. Dr. William Darity will kick-off the series with "Naming Races: Classification and Health Disparities" at noon, in Toy Lounge (Dey Hall). Professor Darity is the Cary C. Boshamer Professor of Economics, CPC Faculty Fellow, Director of the Institute of African American Research, and adjunct faculty in Sociology. He also serves as Research Professor of Public Policy Studies, African and African American Studies, and Economics at Duke University.

Please visit <http://www.unc.edu/depts/econ/profiles/darity.htm> to learn more about Dr. Darity and his research.

7. September 2005 CPC Library Training

CPC Library staff will offer the following training sessions in Room 309 CPC East during September:

Searching PubMed
Thursday, September 8
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Using EndNote
Monday, September 12
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Using RefWorks
Tuesday, September 13
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please sign-up to attend by emailing cpclib@unc.edu and indicating which training(s)

you plan to attend.

8. September Postdoc Lunch: September 26

The next postdoc lunch will be held on Monday, September 26, from 12:00-1:15 in 405 East. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

9. Odum Institute Fall 2005 Short Courses

Each semester the Odum Institute offers a series of short courses on advanced research techniques and methods for faculty, graduate students, and university staff. New this year is a GIS short course series for social science researchers that introduces new tools and approaches for research design and analysis.

Of possible interest to new CPCers is a four-day long overview of SAS offered on September 12-13, and 15-16 from 3:00 -5:00 p.m., and a three-day course in STATA on September 21-23. Most short courses are held in Manning Hall. A complete list of courses for fall 2005 is available on the web at <http://www2.irs.unc.edu/irs/shortcourses/Short%20Courses%20Fall%202005.pdf>.

10. Seminar: Finding Funding Basics for Postdoctoral Scholars

The GrantSource Library and the Office of Postdoctoral Services invite postdoctoral scholars to a hands-on workshop about finding funding to support research, fellowships, and other scholarly endeavors. The seminar will be held on September 15, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in 01 Manning Hall. Rebecca Rhodes, GrantSource Librarian in the Office of Information and Communications, will provide tips for conducting a funding search as well as an overview of resources available to researchers.

Participants will learn to:

- make the most effective use of multidisciplinary funding opportunity databases,
- set up a customized funding alert,
- search for funding using specialized funding resources, and
- identify internal funding opportunities.

Contact the GrantSource Library (962.3463; gs@unc.edu) with questions.

11. Statistical Consulting

In addition to the consultative support offered by the CPC Statistics Core, the UNC Department of Statistics and Operations Research provides free statistical consulting to faculty, staff, and graduate students as part of a graduate class requirement.

In the past, the class has worked with a wide range of clients -- from Masters students to distinguished professors. Please contact Professor Steve Marron (962-2188; marron@email.unc.edu) with questions, or to take advantage of the opportunity. Additional information is available at <http://www.stat.unc.edu/consulting.html>.

12. Career Opportunity: University of Texas at Austin

The University of Texas at Austin anticipates a substantial number of tenure-track faculty openings in the population sciences over the next four year period. The purpose is to continue developing one of UT's major areas of scientific excellence. Recruitment will occur across a range of disciplines including, but not limited to, sociology, economics, anthropology, human development, geography, and public policy. This is a collaborative initiative between UT's Population Research Center (PRC) and the University's social science departments. Successful candidates must demonstrate research excellence in their home discipline, the potential for or track record of a program of funded research, and an interest in collaborative, interdisciplinary research. Faculty lines will reside within academic departments, with research infrastructure provided by the PRC. UT's Population Research Center is an

NI CHD-funded interdisciplinary research and training unit of the University of Texas at Austin that provides the resources and culture necessary to facilitate the highest level of population-related research and training activities among its faculty members and students. The University of Texas is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and Educator. Institutional policy requires a background check for security sensitive positions, which includes all faculty positions.

The Department of Sociology anticipates one more or more openings for a tenure-track Assistant Professor (pending budgetary approval) with a starting date of September 2006. Areas of specialization are open but preference will be given to candidates with expertise in the following areas: aging and life course, race/ethnicity, gender, migration, stratification, and organizations. Job duties will include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, research, and service to the department. We will consider only those individuals who have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. prior to the time of appointment. Screening will begin August 10th and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit a letter of introduction, curriculum vita, a writing sample, and three letters of reference to, Search Committee Chair, Dept. of Sociology, 1 University Station #A1700, The University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712-1088.

The Department of Sociology anticipates an opening for a senior scholar with demonstrated research excellence and a history of funded research in the areas of family, poverty, race, ethnicity, and the life course (pending budgetary approval) with a starting date of September 2006. Preference will be given to candidates with expertise in qualitative methodology and the blending of qualitative and quantitative methods. Successful candidates should have a strong publication, teaching, and mentoring record. Depending on a candidate's scholarly interests, this opening may be filled in collaboration with the Population Research Center as part of UT's new initiative to enhance faculty positions in the population sciences. Screening will begin August 10th and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit a letter of introduction, a curriculum vita, and the names of three references to, Search Committee Chair, Dept. of Sociology, 1 University Station #A1700, The University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712-1088.

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The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on September 16.

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