

CPC Training Program News (9.16.2005)

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1. Transitions (and more)

****Beginnings****

David Howard (Ph.D., Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University) began a CPC postdoctoral traineeship on September 9. Working with Drs. David Savitz and Anna Maria Siega-Riz, David's research focuses on perinatal epidemiology. He may be reached (temporarily) via email at dhoward@jhsp.edu. His office is in 105 CPC South.

****Kudos****

Daniel Adkins (Ph.D. student in Sociology; CPC predoc) received the Shils-Coleman Memorial Award and the Evolution and Sociology Best Student Paper award at the 2005 American Sociological Association (ASA) meeting in Philadelphia (August 2005). The Shils-Coleman Memorial award is for distinguished work in theory by a graduate student. Congratulations, Daniel!

2. UNC-CH Online Resources (continued)

Upcoming issues of the Training Program News will feature UNC-based online resources which provide information about research support, funding opportunities, and events across campus. Please consider bookmarking the following:

The North Carolina Institute on Aging (IOA) publishes a monthly newsletter. Information on IOA-sponsored seminars, funding opportunities is included in each issue. The September issue is available at:
<http://www.aging.unc.edu/news/newsletter/2005/2005-9.html>

UNC-CH's Institute of African American Research (led by William Darity, the September 16 CPC seminar speaker), publishes an online newsletter each semester. The fall 2005 issue is now available at:
<http://www.unc.edu/depts/iaar/IAARNewsletter2005.pdf>.

3. Upcoming CPC Friday Seminars

Annie Cross (Regional Coordinator, ORC Macro Inc.) will present "HIV Testing as Part of the DHS Program: Methodology, Confidentiality, and Results" at noon on September 23 in Toy Lounge (Dey Hall). Attendance at the talk may be used to satisfy one of the four required research ethics seminars for CPC trainees during 2005-06.

Dr. Phillip Cohen (Associate Professor, Sociology and CPC Fellow) will present "Barriers to Employment: Disabilities Among Single Mothers and Their Children" at noon on September 30 in Toy Lounge (Dey Hall).

4. CPC Working Groups

The ABD Working Group meets on Monday, September 19, from 2:30 - 4:00 in Room 309 CPC East.

The Population and Environment (IGERT) Working Group meets on Thursday, September 22, from 1:30-3:00 in Room 405 CPC East.

5. PAA 2006 Call for Papers: September 23 Deadline

PAA 2006 will be held in Los Angeles on March 30-April 1, 2006. The deadline to submit a paper or poster abstract is September 23.

To learn more about PAA 2006 and for submission instructions, please visit:
<http://paa2006.princeton.edu/>

6. Add Health Fall 2005 Training

Due to the sensitive nature of the data collected by the Add Health study, all 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. Please notify Joyce Tabor (tabor@unc.edu) if you plan to attend.

7. Recruitment: Undergraduate CPC IGERT Internships

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. The internship is available, beginning in fall 2005, with the possibility of funding through the summer of 2006. IGERT interns work a maximum of 200 hours (at \$12 per hour) per semester.

Additional information is available at:
<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/0506internship.pdf>.

8. Where's the Mail???

Please contact Jan if you are not receiving mail, or do not know where your CPC mailbox is located.

9. Applying for North Carolina Residency

A UNC-CH Graduate School -sponsored workshop will be held on October 4 (<http://gradschool.unc.edu/residency/#Workshops>) for those interested in learning more about the guidelines for North Carolina residency. A guide for residency resources is available at: <http://gradschool.unc.edu/residency/>.

10. September TGIF: Friday, September 23

The September TGIF will begin at 4:30 on September 23. Please email Jan if you can provide assistance with set-up and/or food contributions. The location will be announced via email on Thursday, September 22.

11. September Postdoc Lunch: September 26

The first postdoc lunch of the year will be held on Monday, September 26, from 12:00-1:30 in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

12. Career Opportunity: RAND Corporation, Labor and Population Research

The RAND Corporation invites applications for junior, mid-career, and senior sociologists interested in labor and population research (pending final budgetary approval). RAND is a non-profit policy research organization with over 600 full-time researchers that houses the RAND Graduate School, the world's leading producer of PhDs in policy analysis. The Labor and Population Program includes a post-doctoral training program, NIH-funded centers, and two active seminar series in labor and population issues. Research topics include US labor markets, demography of families and children, social welfare policy and family and child well-being, social and economic functioning of the elderly, and economic and social change in developing countries.

Program staff have been involved in collecting and analyzing data from large survey efforts, including the Los Angeles Family and Neighborhood Survey, the New Immigrant Survey, the Health and Retirement Study, the Indonesian and Malaysian Family Life Surveys, the Guatemala Survey of Family Health, and the Matlab Health and Socioeconomic Survey in Bangladesh. Candidates will have opportunities to receive appointments and teach in the RAND Graduate School and collaborate with researchers in other programs, such as RAND Health, the nation's largest health policy research organization, and established programs in criminal justice, education, manpower, and other areas. Information about RAND and its research activities is available from <http://www.rand.org>.

A PhD in sociology or a related field is required. For mid- and senior level positions, five to ten plus years related experience is required. Candidates at the senior level should possess a distinguished research record, a proven ability to attract significant research funding, a strong record of peer-reviewed publications, a willingness to provide mentoring for more junior researchers and the skills to lead interdisciplinary research teams. Candidates at the mid career level should possess a promising record of peer-reviewed publications, experience in obtaining external research funding, and an interest in leading and participating in interdisciplinary research teams. Candidates at the junior level should show strong research and publication potential.

Review of applications begins on November 15, 2005 until the position is filled. To apply, please visit <http://www.rand.org/jobs/>. Click "Find a Job," search under "Research - Social Science/Law," and choose job reference associated with Soc, Demo, Anthro, and Related. Applicants should send a letter describing qualifications and research interests, CV, and sample publications via the website. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Questions may be addressed to Megan Beckett (Megan_Beckett@rand.org). Junior candidates should arrange to have three letters of reference sent to:

Nell Forge
RAND, 1776 Main Street
PO Box 2138
Santa Monica, CA 90407-2138

****CPC Trainees****

Note that Micheal Pollard (CPC Postdoc 2003-05) is now a Research Scientist at Rand (mpollard@rand.org).

13. Career Opportunity: GIS Position/Bureau for Intelligence and Research

This position is located in the Humanitarian Information Unit (HIU), within the Office of The Geographer and Global Issues, Bureau of Intelligence and Research. The office is responsible for the identification, collection, analysis, and dissemination of information on complex humanitarian emergencies, and the encouragement of best practices in humanitarian information management. The HIU uses a variety of technologies and tools to produce databases, map products, and other analyses that meet defined needs of senior level policy makers in Washington and in

the field.

The position will provide technical resources to enable HIU to improve the inter-agency collection and management of data regarding HIV/AIDS using Geographic Information System (GIS) applications. He/she will serve as a technical resource to enable HIU to improve the inter-agency collection and management of data regarding HIV/AIDS using Geographic Information System (GIS) applications, perform strategic analysis of HIV/AIDS and related data for humanitarian policy and operational decision-making, and design and produce GIS products. This position will directly support the efforts of the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC).

The incumbent in this position is an expert in public health issues with particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS, demography and population-based methods, expert in information and data management with considerable experience in the design and production of geospatial products. A Master's degree in a public health field and three to five years of experience are desirable. The incumbent will serve as a member of the Strategic Information Committee in OGAC to develop Geospatial products based on data collected from the field, from OGAC reporting and from additional sources as identified by both OGAC and HIU. The incumbent will interact with field representatives implementing PEPFAR in its focus countries and will participate in meetings and conferences domestically and abroad. The incumbent of this position is an expert in information and data management and is responsible for production of geospatial products and knowledge of database requirements. Geospatial products and analysis will be developed to inform the status of PEPFAR activities and will be done in collaboration with OGAC and HIU staff.

A Master's degree in a public health field and three to five years of experience are desirable. 3+ years experience in the field of health data analysis and geospatial analysis or the equivalent in educational programs. Expertise in public health issues with particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS, demography and population-based methods, as well as information and data management with considerable experience in the design and production of geospatial products. Skills will include experience manipulating raw data to prepare for analysis, development of analysis using accepted methodologies, maintenance of metadata and the ability to communicate complex concepts effectively to non-health experts and non-GIS users. Cartographic skills and familiarity with remote sensing and manipulation of imagery is desirable.

For application instructions or more information, please contact:

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Application deadline: Friday, September 23.

14. Next TPN Publication Date: September 30, 2005

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on September 30.

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