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1. Transitions (and more)

Crystal Hall (2003-2004 IGERT Undergraduate Intern) reports a safe arrival to Columbus, Ohio and the campus of Ohio State. Crystal began classes as a first year graduate student in Public Policy this week. She may be reached via email at hall.1006@osu.edu.

Dr. Sabine Henry (CPC Visiting scholar) arrived at CPC this week. In residence at CPC from September - December 2004, Dr. Henry is working with Richard Bilborrow on the destination choice of migrants. Please learn more about Sabine at <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/visiting/scholarlist.html>.

2. Upcoming CPC Friday Seminars

Dr. Steve Wernke (Anthropologist and CPC Postdoctoral Scholar) and Dr. Tom Whitmore (Associate Professor, Geography and CPC Fellow) will present "Reconstructing Domestic Economy and Nutritional Adequacy in the Early Colonial Colca Valley, Peru" at noon on September 24.

Dr. Deborah Balk (Associate Research Scientist at CIESIN, Columbia University) will present "Please Sign Here: How Spatial Data Transforms Our Responsibilities in Using Survey and Census Data" at noon on October 1. Dr. Balk's seminar satisfies one of the four research ethics seminar requirements for the 2004-2005 academic year.

3. PAA 2005 Call for Papers: September 23 Deadline

PAA 2005 will be held in Philadelphia on March 31-April 2, 2005. To learn more about PAA 2005, please visit <http://paa2005.princeton.edu/>.

The deadline to submit a paper/abstract is September 23. For submission instructions, please visit: http://paa2005.princeton.edu/PAA_2005_CALL_FOR_PAPERS.pdf.

4. Add Health Training: Fall 2004

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 27, 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 session will not be held until spring semester. In order to ensure that sufficient handouts are available, notify Joyce Tabor at tabor@unc.edu if you plan to attend.

5. Python Programming in ArcGIS

A limited number of slots are open for CPC trainees and affiliates in a two-day course on Python programming in ArcGIS. The course will be held on October 4 and 5, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The course will introduce the Python programming language and how it can be used to access the geoprocessing functionality in ArcGIS version 9. Some knowledge of fundamental programming techniques is a prerequisite (e.g. loops, conditional statements), as is general familiarity with the ArcGIS application framework (ArcMap, ArcCatalog, and the geoprocessing toolbox).

If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Phil Page (philpage@unc.edu) with a brief statement about how the course is applicable to your work area and your experience with the prerequisites.

Due to the limited number of seats available, attendance in the class is not guaranteed. Priority will be determined based on a combination of factors, including the order in which responses are received, prerequisite background, course applicability to your research area, and type of CPC affiliation.

6. Call for Proposals: UCIS Global American South Conference

In collaboration with the Center for the Study of the American South, the University Center for International Studies (UCIS) will host the "Global American South Conference" on March 3-4, 2005 on the UNC-CH campus. Proposals are invited for presentations on a wide range of topics relating to contemporary issues of the Global American South.

To be considered as a presenter, please send a presentation proposal (not to exceed 500 words) and an abbreviated CV (not to exceed 2 pages) by September 30 to:

Global American South Conference
University Center for International Studies
223 East Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-5145
global.south@unc.edu

Information is available on the web at <http://www.uci.s.unc.edu/global.south>.

7. Curriculum in Ecology Seminar: September 23

Dr. Seth Reice, Associate Professor in Biology and the Curriculum in Ecology, will present "A First-Hand Perspective on the World's Environmental Problems" on Thursday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m. in 128 Wilson Hall.

While a faculty member with "Semester at Sea" during spring 2004, Dr. Reice circumnavigated the globe collecting experiences and illustrations for his book on conservation and sustainable development. From Cuba to Brazil, Tanzania to India, he has returned with stories of ecological issues from around the globe. In his lecture, Dr. Reice will share his personal perspectives on some of the ecological problems facing the developing world today.

8. IARR Seminar: September 29

As part of the Institute of African American Research's "Race-ing Research, Researching Race" seminar series, Dr. Ashwini Deshpande (School of Economics, University of Delhi) will present "Identity & Exclusion: Early Liberalization and Caste Disparity in India" on September 29 at noon in Toy Lounge.

9. Career Opportunity: Penn State Faculty Position

The Department of Sociology at University Park invites applications for a tenure-line appointment in demography (assistant or associate professor) to begin in the fall, 2005. The position is co-funded by the Children, Youth, and Families Consortium at Penn State. Scholars with a research agenda focused on the well-being of children and youth, broadly defined, are encouraged to apply.

Senior candidates should have a strong academic reputation, well-developed teaching and mentoring skills, and a demonstrated record of securing external funding. Junior candidates should have a strong commitment to teaching and significant research potential, as reflected in published articles in major journals or unpublished work of substantial promise. Junior candidates also should have a Ph.D. by the time the position begins.

To apply, send a CV, the names of three references, and other supporting materials to:

Dr. Nancy Landale, Chair, Demography Recruitment Committee
Department of Sociology
Box D-4, 211 Oswald Tower
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA 16802-6207

Applications received by October 15, 2004 will receive full consideration; however, all applications will be considered until the position is filled.

10. Career Opportunity: University of Oklahoma Faculty Position

The Department of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position to begin August 16, 2005. The department seeks candidates whose area of expertise is race/ethnicity and stratification, with preference given to those who also could teach courses in demography. The successful candidate for this position must hold a Ph.D. in Sociology at the time of appointment and demonstrate promise of becoming an exceptional teacher and researcher.

Applicants should send a letter of application, a CV, and samples of written work to:

Dr. Craig St. John
Department of Sociology
University of Oklahoma
Norman, OK 73019

Applicants should have three references send letters directly to the same address. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by December 31, 2004.

11. Career Opportunity: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Pending budgetary approval, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor rank to begin August 2005. The department seeks a quantitative scholar with an active research agenda in the area of sociology of the life course, including the study of aging, health and well-being, and the family and intimate relations. Preference will be given to candidates with a particular emphasis on issues of aging as well as the ability and interest to teach quantitative methods and statistics at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The successful candidate will also be expected to pursue extramural funding.

To apply, send a letter specifying interest and qualifications along with a CV, three letters of reference, a piece of sole authored work, and evidence of teaching experience to:

Chair, Recruitment Committee

Department of Sociology
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201

Applications must be postmarked by November 10, 2004 to receive full consideration.

12. Next TPN Publication Date: October 1, 2004

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on October 1.

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