

CPC Training Program News (8.25.2006)

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Please be sure to check and respond to CPC-related deadlines, due dates, and time-dependent opportunities in:

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2. Transitions (and more)

**\*\* CPC's Newest PhD \*\***

Congratulations to Dr. Caryn Bredenkamp (CPC Predoc, 2003-2006; Public Policy) on the successful defense of her dissertation this month.

**\*\* Beginnings \*\***

Laura Brewington (first year doctoral student in Geography) began an IGERT postdoctoral traineeship on August 15. Working with Dr. Steve Walsh, Laura's research will focus on population migration and environmental change in Latin America. Laura may be reached via e-mail at [laura@sdf.lonestar.org](mailto:laura@sdf.lonestar.org). Her office is in 104 CPC South.

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Jelena Cali (first year doctoral student in Nutrition) also begins an IGERT predoctoral traineeship in population and environment this month. Jelena will work with Drs. Peggy Bentley and Paul Leslie on land use and population effects on nutrition. She may be reached via email at [jelenamc@email.unc.edu](mailto:jelenamc@email.unc.edu). Her office is in 308B CPC West.

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Jessica Hardie (second year doctoral student in Sociology) begins a CPC traineeship this month. She will work with Dr. Lisa Pearce on family relationships, family structure and economic mobility, and adolescent outcomes and educational transitions. Jess may be reached via email at [jhardie@unc.edu](mailto:jhardie@unc.edu). Her office is in 539 CPC East.

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Dr. Bernardo Hernandez (CPC Visiting Scholar; 2006-07 Fulbright Fellow) will spend the upcoming year at CPC collaborating with Dr. Gustavo Angeles. Dr. Hernandez holds B.Sc. and Master's degrees in Social Psychology from London University, and a D.Sc. in Health and Social Behavior from the Harvard School of Public Health. In Mexico, he is a researcher in the area of reproductive health at the National Institute of Public Health in Cuernavaca. Since 2002, he has

coordinated the quantitative component of the evaluation of Oportunidades (<http://info.worldbank.org/etools/docs/reducingpoverty/case/119/summary/Mexico-Oportunidades%20Summary.pdf>), a nation-wide social program in Mexico. During his one year stay at CPC, he will analyze data on the evaluation of Oportunidades.

Bernardo may be reached via email at [bhprojo@hotmail.com](mailto:bhprojo@hotmail.com). His office is in C208 CPC North.

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Shana Judge (second year doctoral student in Public Policy) joined the CPC predoctoral ranks in mid-August. Shana will work with Dr. Krista Perreira on issues surrounding women's reproductive health and the well-being of immigrant children and families. She may be reached via email at [sjudge@email.unc.edu](mailto:sjudge@email.unc.edu). Her office is in 104 CPC South.

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Jamie Lewis (second year doctoral student in Sociology) begins a CPC traineeship this month, working with Dr. Lisa Pearce. Her research practicum will focus on family formation/dissolution, gendered division of labor, and intergenerational transmission. Jamie may be reached via email at [jamieml@email.unc.edu](mailto:jamieml@email.unc.edu). Her office is in 539 CPC East.

Note: Congratulations to Jamie on her marriage this month to Joel Thomas.

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Andy Sharma (first year doctoral student Public Policy) will work with Dr. Ashu Handa during his CPC traineeship. He may be reached via email at [asharmal@email.unc.edu](mailto:asharmal@email.unc.edu). His office is in 101 CPC South.

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After a summer of field work in Mexico, Alexis Silver (third year doctoral student in Sociology) begins a CPC traineeship working with Dr. Ted Mouw on international migration and the social and economic repercussions of Mexico-U.S. migration. Alexis may be reached via email at [alexissilver@unc.edu](mailto:alexissilver@unc.edu). Her office is in 104 CPC South.

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Aubrey Spriggs (second year doctoral student in MCH) begins a CPC traineeship this month. She will work with Dr. Carolyn Halpern on social networks and racial/ethnic reproductive health disparities among U.S. adolescents. Aubrey may be reached via email at [spriggs@email.unc.edu](mailto:spriggs@email.unc.edu). Her office is in 305D CPC East.

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Brandon Wager (first year doctoral student in Sociology) recently arrived in Chapel Hill to begin a CPC traineeship with Dr. Kathie Harris. Brandon's research will focus on immigration and social-biological interactions. He may be reached via email at [bgwagner@email.unc.edu](mailto:bgwagner@email.unc.edu). His office is in 101 CPC South.

\*\* Alumni News \*\*

Alison Buttenheim (CPC Visiting Scholar 2005-06) reports a safe journey home to Los Angeles. Alison's plans for the new year include a teaching position at Pomona College and completing her dissertation. She may be reached via email at [abuttenheim@hotmail.com](mailto:abuttenheim@hotmail.com).

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3. Fall 2006 Seminar Kick-off on September 1

The fall 2006 Friday seminar series begins on September 1. Dr. Elizabeth Frankenberg (<http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/soc/faculty/frankenberg/>) will kick-off the series with "The Economic and Demographic Impact of the Tsunami in Sumatra, Indonesia" at noon, in Room 405 CPC East. Professor Frankenberg is Assistant Professor of Sociology at UCLA.

Please email Jan Hendrickson-Smith if you would like to meet with Dr. Frankenberg on Friday morning.

On September 8, Dr. Myron Gutmann (<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/staff/gutmann.html>) will present "Sharing Data and Protecting Respondent Privacy: Understanding the Balance" at noon in Room 405. Professor Gutmann is Director of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and Professor of History at the University of Michigan.

Note: Dr. Gutmann's seminar satisfies one of the four research ethics seminar requirements for the 2006-07 academic year.

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#### 4. 2006-07 CPC Predoc Breakfast

The 2006-07 CPC Predoc Breakfast will be held on Thursday, September 21, from 8:30-10:00, in Room 405 CPC East. The session will include a review of the requirements for the predoctoral program, the annual evaluation process and criteria, and general CPC and Training Program policies.

This is a required function for ALL predoctoral trainees.

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#### 5. CPC Training Program Orientation/TGIF: September 29, 4:00

Mark your calendars! The 2006-07 CPC Training Program Orientation will be combined with the September TGIF on 9/29 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Room 405 CPC East. CPC staff will provide rich information concerning services and "how tos" around the Center.

Attendance at the CPC Orientation is required for ALL trainees.

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#### 6. PAA 2007 Call for Papers: September 22 Deadline

PAA 2007 will be held in New York City on March 29-31. The deadline to submit a paper or poster abstract is September 22.

To learn more about PAA 2007 and for submission instructions, please visit: <http://www.popassoc.org/> and <http://paa2007.princeton.edu/>.

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#### 7. Recruitment: Undergraduate CPC IGERT Internships

The Carolina Population Center is soliciting applications from underrepresented populations for two undergraduate internships within its Spatial Analysis Unit for the 2006-07 academic year. The internships are available beginning in fall 2006, with the possibility of funding through the summer of 2007. 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/IGERTinternship\\_0607.pdf](http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/IGERTinternship_0607.pdf).

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#### 8. Where's the Mail???

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

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#### 9. Odum Institute Fall 2006 Short Courses

During each semester, the Odum Institute offers a series of workshops and short courses for faculty, graduate students, and university staff in areas including statistical programming, spatial analysis, qualitative analysis, and advanced research techniques and methods.

Of possible interest to new CPCers include introductory workshops in:

- \*ArcGIS on August 30,
- \*SAS offered on September 18, 20-22, and
- \*STATA on October 4-6 and repeated on October 31, November 1-2.

Please see [http://152.2.32.107/odum/jsp/content\\_node.jsp?nodeid=21](http://152.2.32.107/odum/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=21) for a complete list of workshops and short courses for fall 2006.

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#### 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 6, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in 307 Health Sciences Library. Susan Gramling, GrantSource Librarian, will provide

tips for conducting a funding search as well as an overview of resources available to researchers.

Contact the GrantSource Library (962.3463; [gs@unc.edu](mailto:gs@unc.edu)) with questions.

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#### 11. Statistical Consulting

In addition to 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](mailto:marron@email.unc.edu)) with questions, or to take advantage of the opportunity. Additional information is available at <http://www.stat-or.unc.edu/stat-or/consulting/quantitative>.

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#### 12. Funding Opportunity: Census Dissertation Fellowship Program

The Census Bureau Dissertation Fellowship Program funds the dissertation research of doctoral candidates who propose and investigate solutions to problems on the list of 11 topics identified by the Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/srd/www/DissertationFellowshipTopics.pdf>). When fully implemented, up to ten dissertation fellowships will be awarded annually for up to \$50,000 each.

The application package and supporting documents for each Dissertation Fellow must be submitted by his/her university. Dissertation Fellowships will be awarded to institutions of higher education for doctoral candidates of unusual promise and ability whose general fields of research relate to statistics and demography.

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#### 13. Career Opportunity: African Population and Health Research Center

The African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) is currently recruiting for a number of senior research positions, especially nationals of sub-Saharan Africa.

Individuals with a record of peer-reviewed publications in high impact journals, a strong commitment to mentoring junior scholars, and broad interests in linkages between research and policy and practice are of particular interest. These positions will complement existing expertise at the Center in meeting the growing need of African scholars seeking post-doctoral research experience at the Center, and younger ones seeking mentorship in developing skills and career in research.

Additional information and application instructions are available at:

<http://www.aphrc.org/opportunities/opportunities.html>.

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#### 14. Postdoc Opportunity: Michigan State

Michigan State University is recruiting for a postdoctoral associate to join an interdisciplinary team that integrates ecology and economics for studying forested landscapes. The integrated project takes a systems approach to examine ecological and economic effects of forest management on both public and private lands in a large region of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Applicants should have strong interests in systems modeling, landscape ecology, forest ecology, wildlife ecology, or resource economics. Strong quantitative skills (e.g., computer modeling, mathematics, geographic information systems, remote sensing, and/or statistics) and programming experience (e.g., C, C++, or Java) are desirable. Salary and benefits are competitive. The starting date is negotiable.

Please email, mail, or fax the below application materials to:

Sherrie Lenneman  
Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability  
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife  
13 Natural Resources Building

1. cover letter indicating general and specific research interests
2. statement of professional goals
3. resume
4. transcripts
5. list of three references
6. GRE scores
7. TOEFL scores (if applicable)

Reviews of applications will continue until the position is filled.

For additional information about the project, please contact Dr. Jack Liu (systems modeling/landscape ecology; [jliu@panda.msu.edu](mailto:jliu@panda.msu.edu)), Dr. Frank Lupi (resource economics; [lupi@msu.edu](mailto:lupi@msu.edu)), Dr. Mike Walters (forest ecology; [mwalters@msu.edu](mailto:mwalters@msu.edu)), or Dr. Kim Hall (wildlife ecology; [hallkim@msu.edu](mailto:hallkim@msu.edu)).

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