

## CPC Training Program News (11.10.2006)

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## 1. Action Items for CPC Trainees

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

3. Upcoming Friday Seminars
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## 2. Transitions (and more)

\*\* Congratulations \*\*

Darren Dahly (CPC Predoc; PhD student in Nutrition) was awarded approximately \$1,000 by the UNC-CH Libraries Holsenbeck funds for the purchase of Landsat imagery to support his dissertation work in the Philippines.

Note: Darren's award comes as a result of his response to an October 18 announcement on the CPC Predoc listserv.

## 3. Upcoming CPC Friday Seminars

Dr. Laura Rudkin (CPC Training Program Alumna and Associate Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, University of Texas Medical Branch) will present "Sleep Problems and Chronic Disease Among Elderly Mexican Americans: Findings from the Hispanic EPESE" at noon on November 17 in Room 405 CPC East. A pizza lunch will be held immediately following the seminar. All CPC trainees and preceptors are encouraged to attend. Please email Jan by November 15 if you plan to attend the lunch.

The last seminar of the semester will be presented by Dr. Oksana Leukhina (Assistant Professor of Economics and CPC Fellow) on December 1. Professor Leukhina will present "Intergenerational Links and Population Aging" at noon in Room 405 CPC East.

## 4. CPC Research Methods Workshop: Dr. David Guilkey - November 16

Dr. David Guilkey (Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor of Economics, CPC Faculty Fellow, and CPC statistical advisor) will present "Parallel Processing and the Estimation of Multilevel Models" on Thursday, November 16, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Room 405 CPC East.

## 5. Approved Course Nominations Deadline: November 17

During the fall of each academic year, the CPC Training Committee evaluates new course additions for the approved course list for predoctoral trainees. The list of approved courses is available on the web at: (<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/appcourse.html>).

Course nominations must be submitted by Friday, November 17 in order to be considered for the 2007 spring and fall semesters. Please send nominations to Jan Hendrickson-Smith (CB#8120; [jhsmith@unc.edu](mailto:jhsmith@unc.edu)) and include the following materials:

- \*the course number and title,
- \*instructor(s),
- \*syllabus (if available), and
- \*a brief statement on the population content/focus of the course

## 6. November Postdoc Lunch: November 27

The November lunch is scheduled on November 27, beginning at noon, in Room 405 CPC East. The focus of the November lunch will be a discussion of "Behavioral science at the crossroads in public health: Extending horizons, envisioning the future," an article by Thomas Glass and Matthew McAtee in (April 2006) Social Science and Medicine. Please email Jan Hendrickson-Smith if you plan to attend.

Note full citation:

Glass T.A., McAtee M.J. (2006) "Behavioral science at the crossroads in public health: Extending horizons, envisioning the future" *Social Science and Medicine*, 62 (7), pp. 1650-1671.

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7. November-December Training Program TGIF

The next Training Program TGIF will be a combined November-December event on 12/1, beginning at 4:30 in Room 405 CPC East. Please join the Training Program community for an early evening of games and refreshments.

Please email Jan if you plan to bring food or drink, or can assist with the set-up.

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8. Career Opportunity: UC-Berkeley MCH Faculty Position

The School of Public Health at the UC-Berkeley is seeking a new member of the Maternal and Child Health faculty. Candidates must possess strong leadership, teaching, research, and management skills in child or maternal health. The School is particularly interested in candidates who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for disadvantaged students. This position is available at the Assistant Professor level beginning Fall 2007.

Applicants must have a doctoral degree in a social science, epidemiology, or other field of public health, biomedical field, or a medical degree, experience in teaching, and demonstrated ability and research interest in MCH.

To apply, submit a statement of interest and qualification, detailed CV, bibliography, and arrange for four letters of reference to be sent to:

Brenda Eskenazi Ph.D.  
Chair, MCH Search Committee c/o Carol Cadigal  
Community Health and Human Development  
School of Public Health  
140 Warren Hall  
University of California  
Berkeley, CA 94720-7360

or via email to ([CHHD\\_MSO@berkeley.edu](mailto:CHHD_MSO@berkeley.edu)).

Potential reviewers should review the UC Berkeley Statement of Confidentiality found at (<http://apo.chance.berkeley.edu/evalltr.html>).

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9. Career Opportunity: Michigan State ES Faculty Position(s)

Michigan State University seeks three faculty members in the area of coupled and human and natural systems. One of the positions will emphasize environmental policy, one land use, and one population and environment. We are especially interested in researchers who apply modeling to understanding human-environment interactions. Appointments will be joint between the Environmental Science and Policy Program and the Departments of Geography (land use position), Political Science (environmental policy position) and Sociology (population and environment position), or another appropriate department. The appointments will be tenure system at the assistant professor level on an academic year basis. The Ph.D. or equivalent is required at the time of appointment.

Candidates should have strong methodological skills and rigorous theoretical focus. International experience or demonstrated interest in international issues is an advantage. The positions will be structured to allow development of internationally renowned research programs with extramural support. Preference will be given to candidates who could engage in an initiative to introduce computational and other formal modeling techniques into the undergraduate social science curriculum. Letters of application should be accompanied by a CV, short statement of professional goals, a list of references, and examples of published work. Applications will be reviewed starting November 24, 2006, and will be accepted until the positions are filled. Applications can be mailed or sent electronically.

Mailed applications should be addressed to:  
Dr. Thomas Dietz, ESPP Search Committee  
Environmental Science and Policy Program  
Michigan State University  
274 Giltner Hall  
East Lansing, MI 48824-1101.

Electronic applications should be sent to [ESPP@MAIL.MSU.EDU](mailto:ESPP@MAIL.MSU.EDU) and directed to Search Committee.

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10. Career Opportunity: NIA Health Scientist Administrator

NIA's program in Behavioral and Social Research is recruiting a Demographer to serve as Health Scientist Administrator. Responsibilities of the position include: providing scientific leadership, defining short-range and long-term goals for research on the demography of aging; developing areas of focused research emphasis by inviting grant applications from the scientific community; identifying research areas warranting increased or decreased funding emphasis; serving as project officer on a wide-range of research and training grants in the social sciences related to aging; working with aging-related offices and projects at the Census Bureau, National Center for Health Statistics, and other Federal agencies, and with the United National Office of Population, the World Health Organization, and other international agencies dealing with aging; and serving as a spokesperson for agency programs in dealing with the scientific community, the Congress, and other Federal Agencies.

Please see (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-067.html>) for additional information and application instructions.

Please contact Dr. John Haaga ([HaagaJ@mail.nih.gov](mailto:HaagaJ@mail.nih.gov); 301.496.3131) with questions.

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 11. Postdoc Funding Opportunity: University of Michigan

The Population Studies Center is searching to fill several postdoctoral positions sponsored by NIH. Appointments will begin on or about September 1, 2007. Fellows devote most of their time to independent research. There are many opportunities for collaboration with ongoing projects, including the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) and Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). Fellows may teach on a light-load basis and attend specialized courses to extend their expertise. Some background in aging is desirable for the positions sponsored by NIA, but not required. Eligibility is restricted to U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents. Applicants must have completed the Ph.D. before fellowship support can begin. Screening of applications will start on January 16, 2007 and will continue until the positions are filled.

To apply, send a letter of application, CV, 1-2 page statement of research interests (please do not omit), and examples of written work in PDF format via email to Heather MacFarland ([hmacfarl@umich.edu](mailto:hmacfarl@umich.edu)). In addition, please arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent directly to:

Chair, Postdoctoral Search Committee  
 Population Studies Center  
 426 Thompson St.  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248.

For more information about the Center, see: (<http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/>).

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 12. Postdoc Funding Opportunity: Emory University

Several postdoctoral and/or Research Assistant Professor position(s) are available immediately at the Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. The successful candidates will work with Dr. K.M. Venkat Narayan, Hubert Professor of Global Health and Epidemiology for a 2-year term, with possibility of renewal.

Candidates are sought with either of the following backgrounds:

- (1) a medical degree or doctoral degree in epidemiology with substantive knowledge of diabetes, obesity, nutrition, or vascular diseases; or
- (2) doctoral degree in demography, economics, sociology or psychology with interest in global migration and health.

Strong quantitative ability, English writing and verbal skills, interdisciplinary attitude, and creative ability are desirable. The position will involve designing and developing innovative large observational and intervention studies of chronic diseases, preparing study protocols, participating in research, and publishing in peer-reviewed journals. Exciting scientific challenges and career progression opportunities are available for motivated, high quality candidates.

Send cover letter, statement of research experience, CV, and three references to:

Ms. Jacqueline Profit, Administrative Assistant  
 Hubert Department of Global Health  
 Rollins School of Public Health  
 Emory University  
 1518 Clifton Road, NE, Room 732A  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30322

Note: Rob Stephenson (CPC Training Program Alumnus) is an Assistant Professor of Global Health at Emory. Please contact Dr. Stephenson ([rbsteph@sph.emory.edu](mailto:rbsteph@sph.emory.edu)) if you have an interest in Emory or the postdoc.

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 13. Postdoc Funding Opportunity: Asian MetaCentre

The Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS), invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow to work on a research project entitled Transnational Migration in South-East Asia and the Health of Children Left Behind. The position will be based in Singapore.

This project will examine health and welfare outcomes, in four South-East Asian countries for children under 12 years of age left behind when their father and/or mother became a transnational migrant. Primary cross-sectional data will be collected from both migrant and non-migrant households across sampled communities and will include anthropometric measurements, validated health measures (e.g. SDQ) and wellbeing measures. Multivariate techniques (logistic or multinomial regression) will be used to build a series of models incorporating contextual and individual independent variables and designed to test five important hypotheses. In sum, these formalize expectations that the health and well-being of left-behind children is positively associated with father's absence, and (for physical health) with mother's absence under certain conditions, but (for mental health/well-being) negatively associated with mother's absence. Child age and gender and country/local community characteristics are expected to influence outcomes, once other independent variables are taken into account. The Research Fellow based at St Andrews will be working primarily on this part of the project.

The successful candidate will hold a Ph.D. degree and has research interests and expertise in Social/Health Psychology, Health Geography, Medical Demography, Medical Sociology, Epidemiology, or a related discipline.

The candidate should preferably have research experience in the area of migration and health in Southeast Asia, as well as expertise in managing multi-country research (questionnaire surveys and in-depth interviews). Experience with qualitative data analysis, e.g. Nud\*ist or equivalent, is highly desirable. A familiarity with questionnaire design, sampling methodology, anthropometric measurements and validated health measures in the context of Asia, and fluency in one or more Southeast Asian languages will be an asset.

Please see (<http://www.populationasia.org/Vacancies.htm>) for additional information and fellowship terms.

Applications are due by December 15, 2006 and must include:

- application form,
- CV, with complete list of publications,
- academic certificates and transcripts,
- at least one sample of published work (non-returnable), and
- a write-up, no more than 800 words, explaining the candidate's past research experience and aptitude in relation to the research project.

A minimum of two referees, one of whom should be the PhD supervisor, should submit a confidential report on the applicant's academic standing and research directly to the Asian MetaCentre by December 15, 2006.

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14. Internship Opportunity: Advocates for Grassroots Development in Uganda

Advocates for Grassroots Development in Uganda (AGRADU) is a UNC student initiative, housed under the African Studies Program, aiming to support indigenous grassroots efforts at community building and economic development in Uganda. AGRADU helps to raise awareness about grassroots development by giving students the opportunity to participate directly in such efforts through a summer internship.

Each intern will be sent to work on-site with a Ugandan community-based organization (CBO) to aid in project implementation and to experience indigenous grassroots organizing. Such projects include but are not limited to:

- HIV/AIDS support and advocacy,
- orphans and vulnerable children support and advocacy,
- sustainable agriculture,
- business and financial training for community groups, and
- microfinance.

The eight week program will take place June-July 2007. Interested students should visit AGRADU's website (<http://www.agradu.org>) for more information and application instructions.

Please contact Jennifer Monroe ([jimmonroe@email.unc.edu](mailto:jimmonroe@email.unc.edu)) or Jonathan Pourzal ([pourzal@email.unc.edu](mailto:pourzal@email.unc.edu)) with questions.

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15. Next TPN Publication Date: November 24, 2006

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on November 24.

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