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1. Transitions (and more)

****Kudos****

Shannon Davis (CPC Postdoc 2004-present) is the recipient of the 2005 "Kenneth R. Keller Research Award for Excellence in Doctoral Dissertation Research" from North Carolina State University.

Congratulations to PAA "blue ribbon" poster winners Shannon Davis and Tyson Brown (CPC Predoc 2003-present). Both award winning posters, along with other PAA 2005 posters by CPC trainees, will soon be on display in the CPC Library. "Poster photos" from PAA 2005 are available on the CPC Intranet at https://www.cpc.unc.edu/intranet/photo_gallery.html.

*Shannon's poster "Setting a Course for the Future: The Relationship between Gender Ideology and Educational Expectations for Adolescent Girls" is the result of a joint collaboration with Lisa Pearce, her CPC Preceptor.

*Tyson presented "Divergent Pathways: An Examination of Race Differences in Women's Labor Force Exit Patterns" during his poster session.

2. Upcoming CPC Seminars

Dr. Robert Mare, Professor of Sociology at UCLA, will present "Neighborhood Choice and Neighborhood Change" on April 15 from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 405.

On April 22, Dr. Sian Curtis, Associate Professor of Maternal and Child Health, CPC Fellow, and Director of the MEASURE/Evaluation project, will present "Rethinking the Jain Framework: Programmatic Responses to Contraceptive Discontinuation" at noon in Room 405.

3. Summer Plans for Funded Predoctoral Trainees

If you are a funded predoctoral trainee, please contact Jan if:

- (1) you plan to attend either of the summer sessions, and/or
- (2) you plan to be in Chapel Hill this summer.

Note: CPC will cover the SHS fee for funded CPC predoctoral trainees in residence during Summer 2005.

4. CPC Sponsored GIS Workshops Offered in May 2005

The CPC Spatial Analysis Unit will offer three introductory GIS classes during the month of May. The classes are intended to get CPCers up and running with the widely-used ArcGIS software from ESRI.

1. Intro to ArcGIS (ArcGIS I)

Tuesday, May 10: 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m., Undergrad Library 034

Intro to ArcGIS is a "getting acquainted" session for those new to ArcGIS, the widely used tool for interacting with spatial data. This class is appropriate for those with no previous experience with ArcGIS who would like to get started working with spatial data.

2. Spatial Data Viewing in ArcGIS (ArcGIS II)

Tuesday, May 17: 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m., Undergrad Library 034

A follow-on class to "Intro to ArcGIS," this class introduces more of the spatial data mapping and display functionality of ArcGIS using the ArcMap module. You will learn how to display, visually explore, and query spatial data. Attendees should have taken the "Intro to ArcGIS" class or have equivalent experience.

3. Spatial Data Management in ArcGIS (ArcGIS III)

Tuesday, May 24: 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m., Undergrad Library 034

This class focuses on managing spatial data in the ArcCatalog module of ArcGIS. You will learn what types of data ArcMap can use, how to get data in and out of ArcMap, and how to link non-spatial data (e.g. from SAS or Stata). Attendees should have taken the "Intro to ArcGIS" class or have equivalent experience.

Contact Phil Page (philpage@unc.edu) with questions or to register for the classes.

5. Carolina Asia Center

The Carolina Asia Center (CAC) is a core element of UNC-Chapel Hill's initiative to strengthen its position as a world-class international university in the era of information technology and globalization. CAC is the hub for three sets of inter-related activities focusing on Asia: cutting-edge research, innovative teaching, and community partnerships. The center initiates and promotes cutting-edge, inter-disciplinary research including Asian history, languages, societies, and cultures by Carolina faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students.

Kevin Hewison (khewison@email.unc.edu; 919.843.0130), Director of the CAC and Professor of Asian Studies, would like to integrate CPC trainees and faculty with Asia-based research interests into broader Asia initiatives and conversations across the campus. Please contact Dr. Hewison if you are interested in learning more about the Carolina Asia Center and its mission and opportunities.

Information about the CAC is available at
<http://www.carolinaasiacenter.unc.edu/home.html>.

6. Pan-Amazon Annual Guest Lecture

The Pan-Amazon Working Group's annual guest lecture will be held on Thursday, April 21. Dr. Daniel Nepstad will present "The Science of Comprehensive Conservation in the Amazon" beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Love Auditorium (B101) at Duke University. A reception will immediately follow the lecture.

Additional information is available at <http://www.pan-amazon.org/>.

7. Upcoming UNC Ecology Seminar

Dr. Theodore R. Simons, Departments of Zoology and Forestry, North Carolina State University, will present "The Importance of Estimating Detection Probabilities in Animal Sampling" on Thursday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. in 128 Wilson Hall.

Dr. Simons will discuss research on the habitat relationships of bird and salamander communities in the southern Appalachians that his group has conducted over the past 10 years. The talk will focus on what they have learned about the importance of incorporating estimates of detection probability into measures of species diversity and abundance. He will also present findings from recent experimental studies to

validate some common sampling methods for forest songbirds.

8. Next TPN Publication Date: April 22, 2005

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on April 22.

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