

CPC Training Program News (4.23.2004)

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1. Transitions (and more)

May Baydoun (CPC predoc; Epidemiology) is the 2004 student recipient of the Gordon DeFriese Career Development award. The award recognizes current research accomplishments and the recipient's potential as a future researcher and leader in aging research.

Tyson Brown (CPC predoc; Sociology), Tilda Farhat (CPC predoc; HBHE), and Michael Pollard (CPC Postdoc) each won a poster ribbon during PAA 2004.

Melanie Wasserman (CPC predoc; HPA) received the Department of Health Policy and Administration's award for "Outstanding Doctoral Student in 2004."

Henry Ebron and Crystal Hall (CPC-NSF Undergraduate Interns) will graduate from NCCU on Saturday, May 1. Henry will attend law school in Michigan, with a focus on environmental law. Crystal will begin a graduate program in Public Policy at Ohio State University during Fall 2004. Please visit the CPC Training Program website to learn more about Crystal and Henry (<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/interns.html>).

Sunitha Jasti (CPC predoc 1997-2003; PhD Nutrition, 2003) will begin a tenure track faculty position at Queen's College in New York this Fall.

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2. CPC Training Program "Year in Review"

Following on the "Training Program News -- Transitions and (more) column," a "Training Program Year in Review" will be published in late May. Please send Jan information about any vital events, academic milestones, and awards you (or other CPCers and alumni) received during the past year.

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3. Summer Plans: Respond by April 30

Pre- and postdocs: Please let Jan know your summer plans for travel and time away from CPC. The computer staff will use the summer months to upgrade hardware and software.

Funded predocs: CPC pays the GRA Health insurance for funded predocs during the period when they are receiving a stipend. CPC will pay the Student Health Services (SHS) fee for funded predocs resident in the Chapel Hill area during the summer. Note: Graduate students are required to initiate their medical care at (SHS) when resident in the Chapel Hill area. The SHS requirement is waived if medical care is required outside of the Chapel Hill area.

CPC will cover tuition and fees for funded predocs. Please indicate in your summer plan response if you plan to enroll in classes during Summer 2004.

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#### 4. Friday Seminars

Today's seminar, presented by Flora Lu Holt (Anthropology and Curriculum in Ecology), is the last seminar for AY 2003-04. The Fall series begins on August 27.

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#### 5. Research Residency Proposal Funding Decisions

Funding decisions for research residency proposals will be made during the next week.

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#### 6. Odum Institute: An Introduction to Survey Management

Michael F. Weeks, Senior Survey Director at Research Triangle Institute, will conduct a two-day short course in survey management on June 24-25 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Manning Hall. The course will cover a broad range of survey management topics, including: proposal preparation, work breakdown structures, gantt charts, organization charts, staffing, budgeting, earned value analysis, project leadership skills, types of survey contracts, and an overview of survey design issues that survey managers need to know. Course participants will receive a workbook containing all material presented in class.

Preregistration is required. To register for the short course, please call 962-3061 before June 10. There is no fee.

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#### 7. New Population-Environment Course Offered During Fall 2004

A new team-taught course, "Population-Environment: Thailand and Southeast Asia," will be offered in Fall 2004 by Ron Rindfuss, Sociology (Sociology 165) and Steve Walsh, Geography (Geography 165). Students can enroll for the course either through Sociology or Geography, but not both.

The new course brings together social, biophysical, and geographic elements to examine population and environmental interactions. Population change, climate change, and land use change are among the topics addressed. Students will learn about diverse data sources, ranging from satellite images to demographic data. Global issues will be addressed, such as rising sea levels, deforestation, and species endangerment. The focus of the course will be Thailand and neighboring countries, such as Cambodia, Laos, Burma, and Malaysia. Within Thailand, attention will range from Bangkok, the fabled capital, to a recently settled frontier region where tigers and wild elephants once roamed.

For further information, contact Dr. Rindfuss at [ron\\_rindfuss@unc.edu](mailto:ron_rindfuss@unc.edu) or Dr. Walsh at [swalsh@email.unc.edu](mailto:swalsh@email.unc.edu).

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#### 8. May Postdoc Lunch: May 19

The next postdoc lunch will be held on Wednesday, May 19, from 12:15-1:15 in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

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#### 9. May TGIF (with a twist): May 28

Mark your calendars! Details will follow.

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#### 10. Next TPN Publication Date: May 28, 2004

The TPN will be published monthly during May, June, July. The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on May 28.

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