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1. Transitions (and more)

****Kudos****

Shannon Davis (CPC Postdoc 2004-present) recently received the "Society for the Study of Social Problems (Family Division) Graduate Student Paper Competition" first place award for her dissertation research.

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.

3. Summer Plans: Respond by May 6

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 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 A 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. Odum Institute Summer 2005 Short Courses

Each semester the Odum Institute offers a series of short courses on advanced research techniques, programming, and methods for faculty, graduate students, and university staff. For example, a four-day overview of SAS will be offered on May 23-25 and 27 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., and a three-day course in STATA on July 19-21 from 3:30 - 5:00. Both the SAS and STATA courses will meet in Room 1 Manning Hall.

A complete list of courses for summer 2005 is available on the web at:
http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/tpn/Odum_summer05.pdf

6. Career Opportunity: Research Project Manager

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, seeks a Research Project Manager to begin in July 2005. The mission of the National Campaign is to improve the well being of children, youth, and families by reducing teen pregnancy.

This position reports to the Senior Director of Research and will be responsible for managing and preparing an array of research projects at the Campaign. The individual in this position prepares research products, serves as the research expert on topics in the field of teen pregnancy prevention, and responds to day-to-day research requests from Campaign staff and outside constituents. She/he will work closely with the Senior Director of Research on a Campaign initiative called "Putting What Works to Work" (PWWTW), which is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Through this project, the Campaign is assessing the needs of the field, developing high-quality research-based materials, broadly disseminating these products to the field, and evaluating the impact of these materials.

A bachelor's degree and a minimum of five years of relevant professional experience are required; a master's degree in sociology, psychology, demography, public health, or a related field is preferred. A proven track record in conducting research and preparing research products on teen pregnancy prevention or a related issue are required. Experience working in a national organization that involves analysis and preparation of research products is preferred. The ideal candidate will be an experienced researcher who is able to manage multiple projects simultaneously and meet deadlines.

Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and salary history by May 15, 2005 to:

Research Program Manager Search

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

or via email to: recruitment@teenpregnancy.org

7. Career Opportunities: United Nations Population Division

The United Nations Population Division recently announced two vacancies. The first is for a Population Affairs Officer at the P-3 level (5 years of experience in population analysis and research) in the Fertility and Family Planning Section of the Division. The second is for a Population Affairs Officer at the P-4 level (7 years of experience in population analysis and research) in the Mortality Section of the Division. Detailed information is available at <http://jobs.un.org>.

8. Career Opportunity: Research Associate - Child Trends

Child Trends is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization dedicated to improving the lives of children by conducting research and providing science-based information to improve the decisions, programs, and policies that affect children.

Child Trends has an opening for a Research Associate in its Fertility and Family Structure research area. Current research projects focus on adolescent relationships, sexual activity, and contraceptive use; unintended pregnancy and childbearing; male fertility behaviors; and nonmarital childbearing and union formation. These projects use data from the National Survey of Family Growth, the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 cohort, and the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (Kindergarten and Birth cohorts). Experience with one or more of these data files is preferred.

Typical duties and responsibilities include:

1. Developing or participating in developing research topics, proposals, budgets, and research design.
2. Selecting appropriate statistical techniques to analyze collected data.
3. Supervising and/or participating in data collection, tabulation and analysis by research analysts and research assistants; participating in interpreting data from policy and program perspectives.
4. Maintaining budget and managing resources for segments of research project under his/her responsibility; supervising junior-level researchers and clerical staff.
5. Writing final reports and presenting results to clients. Preparing papers for presentations, publications, and testimony.
6. Disseminating/responding to public information requests from reporters, Congress, and researchers.

A combination of quantitative, analytical, and writing skills, relevant substantive knowledge, and social policy research experience is required. Experience with structural equation modeling or discrete time event history analysis is a plus. The academic knowledge of and research experience in a discipline that is generally associated with the attainment of the Ph.D. or equivalent level of knowledge or experience is preferred. Masters or other relevant degree may be considered with relevant substantive experience. Proficiency with SAS and/or Stata and experience using large nationally representative data sets is required.

Mail or fax (202/362-5533) cover letter with salary requirements, a detailed resume, transcripts, and a list of three professional references to:

HR2, Child Trends
4301 Connecticut Avenue NW
Suite 100
Washington, DC 20008

Only individuals selected for an interview will be contacted. Child Trends offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, excellent

benefits, and a good working environment.

Note: Dr. Suzanne Ryan (CPC Predoc - 1996-2001; 2001 PhD in Sociology) is a Research Associate at Child Trends. She can be reached via email at sryan@childtrends.org.

9. May Postdoc Lunch: May 18

The next postdoc lunch will be held on Wednesday, May 18, from 12:15-1:15 in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

10. May TGIF (with a twist): May 20

Mark your calendars! Details will follow.

11. Next TPN Publication Date: May 20, 2005

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on May 20.

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