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1. Transitions (and more)

Steve Wernke (PhD, Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison) begins a CPC postdoctoral fellowship on December 9. Steve, along with his preceptor Tom Whitmore, will develop a model of early colonial agricultural production and caloric demand using detailed landholding, crop, and demographic data recorded in early colonial censuses from the Colca valley. Steve may be reached (temporarily) via e-mail at sawernke@students.wisc.edu. His office is in 302C East.

Katherine Wildman (2001 Ph.D., MCH, UNC-CH; CPC Predoctoral trainee, 1996-2001) died suddenly on November 23, 2003 in Paris. From Jonathan Kotch:

"It is with great sadness that we inform you that one of our recent alumni, Katherine Wildman, MPH '96, PhD '01, passed away on November 23, 2003, in Paris, France. At the time, Katherine was working in the Epidemiological Research Unit of the Institute for Medical and Health Research on national indicators to monitor European perinatal health. Some of her work was very recently published in the British and European Journals of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She leaves behind two daughters, ages 2 and 3, and her husband, Geb Berry. She will be sorely missed by her many friends and colleagues. Plans for recognizing Katherine's achievements in her brief life time are under development."

2. Upcoming Friday Seminars

The Fall seminar series ended today.

On December 12, a special CPC seminar will be held by Sara Curran, a former CPC trainee. Dr. Curran, an Assistant Professor in Sociology at Princeton University, will present "Globalization, Gender, and Family Dynamics in Thailand" at noon in Room 405.

The spring series will open on January 9 with a presentation by Dr. David Savitz, Professor and Chair of Epidemiology and CPC Fellow. He will present "Why Have We Done Such a Poor Job Predicting and Preventing Preterm Birth? Lessons from the Pregnancy, Infection, and Nutrition Study."

Please consult the Training Program website for a list of all Spring 2004 Friday seminars.

3. December Social Events

The annual CPC Holiday Party will be held on Monday, December 15 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the West End Wine Bar. Please RSVP to Bridget Riordan (briordan@email.unc.edu) if you plan (or not) to attend!

The December TGIF will be held on Thursday, December 18. The December TGIF is a "TGIF with a twist." A potluck lunch for all trainees will be held on Thursday, December 18, from noon - 1:30 in Room 405. Jan Hendrickson-Smith will provide the main dish and drinks; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let Jan know by December 16 if you plan to attend and the dish you will share.

The CPC Holiday Breakfast takes place on Friday, December 19 at 9:00

a.m. in Room 405.

4. Introduction to ArcGIS Workshop: December 9 or 11

ATN-GIS Support will offer two sessions of "Introduction to ArcGIS" next week. The intended audience is very broad, from new GIS (Geographic Information Systems) users with no ArcGIS experience to regular users who wish to gain a better overall understanding of the software. All course materials are available online at <http://www.unc.edu/atn/gis/courses/arcgis/>. Online registration for either session (December 9 or 11) is available at: <http://help.unc.edu/tracs/>.

5. Career Opportunity: Assistant Professor, Economics, FSU

The Department of Economics at Florida State University seeks (pending final budgetary approval) an assistant professor in economic demography to be housed in the Center for Demography and Population Health. Duties will include undergraduate and graduate teaching, normal service requirements, and participation in multidisciplinary funded research. Both new Ph.D.s and candidates with 2-3 years of experience are encouraged to apply. Completion of the Ph.D. prior to (or soon after) the date of hire is expected. More information on FSU's Economics Department can be found at <http://www.economics.fsu.edu>.

To apply, send a curriculum vitae, research papers, evidence of teaching experience, and at least 3 letters of recommendation to:

Demography Search Committee
Department of Economics
Florida State University
Tallahassee FL 32306-2180

Initial interviews will take place at the AEA meetings in San Diego. Florida State University is an equal opportunity employer.

6. Career Opportunity: University of Wisconsin-Madison (CDE), Research Associate

The Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is accepting applications for a Research Associate position in demography, funded by the College of Letters and Science. The purpose of this position is to provide support for and assist in the development of the research and professional skills of a recent minority Ph.D.. The candidate should have a background in sociology, economics, or complementary disciplines, with a desire for further exposure to theoretical, methodological, and policy issues of interest to demographers. Preference will be given to applicants interested in the role of families, communities, social capital and/or social support in the lives of adolescents or older adults. The position will be for one year with possible renewal for a second year, and carries an annual stipend of \$40,000 plus travel budget. An appointment can be made as early as September 1, 2004.

The Center provides a training environment which is strong in collegiality, data and library facilities, and computing and administrative services. Persons interested in this position should send a letter of application (referencing the L&S Research Associate position), curriculum vitae, a 1-2 page statement of research interests, examples of written work, and three letters of recommendations to:

Postdoctoral Search Committee
Center for Demography and Ecology
180 Observatory Drive
Social Science Building
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706

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7. Science and Development Network Website: www.scidev.net

For those with an interest in developing country economic and social development, please check out <http://www.scidev.net/index.cfm>. The site

is a very useful compendium of scientific information about developing countries aimed at developing country scientists. Be sure to check out the "spotlight on informed consent" section.

8. Add Health Data Training for New Users

Training on Add Health data for new users of Add Health will be held on January 27, 2004. Please contact Francesca Florey (fflorey@unc.edu; 962-8412) to register or for additional information.

9. Next TPN Publication Date: January 9, 2004

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on January 9.

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