

CPC Training Program News (2.06.2004)

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1. Transitions (and more)

The CPC recently started an undergraduate internship program in population and environment. Please welcome Henry Ebron and Crystal Hall as the first "NSF IGERT Population and Environment" interns. Crystal is a senior at NCCU, with a double major in Sociology and Geography. She is currently assisting the Spatial Analysis Unit (SAU) with work on the Nang Rong project. Crystal's future plans include graduate work in a city and regional planning program. Henry, also a senior at NCCU, is a Geography major working with Paul Leslie and the SAU on the Tanzania project. Henry's future plans include a career in law with a focus on environmental law. Both Henry and Crystal are housed in the SAU unit in room 208 East.

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2. 2004-05 CPC Funding Decisions

The CPC Training Committee meets in late February to evaluate applications for the 2004-05 academic year. Funding decisions will be made in early March. Please discuss any concerns with Jan Hendrickson-Smith or Barbara Entwisle.

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3. PAA Roommate Search

Are you looking for a roommate for PAA 2004? If so, please email Jan ([jhsmith@unc.edu](mailto:jhsmith@unc.edu)) with your plans (arrival and departure dates, room and roommate preferences, etc) by February 25. A list will be compiled and sent out to everyone by the end of the month.

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4. Peer Critique of CPC Trainees' 2004 PAA Presentations

Sessions for a peer critique of 2004 PAA pre- and postdoc presentations are being organized for March. All CPC trainees presenting at PAA are encouraged to participate in one of these sessions which will offer an opportunity to rehearse the presentation, practice public speaking, and receive constructive criticism from peers. Dates have not been set so please respond with any preferences. It is hoped that a large group of CPC trainees will support their peers by attending these sessions! Be sure to look for dates in forthcoming CPC Training Program Newsletters. Please contact Jan Hendrickson-Smith or Daniel Adkins ("critique organizer") with date preferences, questions, or concerns.

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5. Upcoming Friday Seminars

On February 13, Jay Kaufman (Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and CPC Fellow) will present "Estimation of Direct Effects in the Presence of Unmeasured Confounding of Intermediate Variables" at noon in Room 405.

Jane Brown (James L. Knight Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications and CPC Fellow) will present "Sexual Teens, Sexual Media: N.C. Adolescents' Exposure to Sexual Media Content and Their Sexual Beliefs and Behaviors" on February 20 at noon in Room 405.

Please consult the Training Program website for a list of all spring

2004 Friday seminars.

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6. Suchindran to Hold Workshop on Multistate Life Tables

Dr. Chirayath Suchindran (Professor of Biostatistics and CPC Fellow) will conduct a workshop on "Multistate Life Tables" on February 26 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Details will be available in the next newsletter.

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7. February TGIF: February 27

The February TGIF will be held on the 27th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Room 405.

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8. February Postdoc Lunch: February 25

The next postdoc lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 25, from 12:15-1:15 in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

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9. Career Opportunity: PRB Population and Environment Position

The Population Reference Bureau seeks an experienced writer and analyst with project management skills. Responsibilities include writing, project evaluation & monitoring, and technical assistance overseas. The position requires a graduate degree in natural or social sciences, 5 years experience in writing on PHE issues, and 3 years of developing country work experience. If interested, send a Resume and cover letter with salary requirements to:

HR Specialist, PRB  
1875 Connecticut Ave. Suite 520  
Washington D.C. 20009.

Visit the PRB website at <http://www.prb.org> for more details.

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10. Career Opportunity: PRB International Programs Department

The Population Reference Bureau seeks a senior staff member to work in the International Programs Department. The person will be responsible for writing materials, coordinating writing projects that deal with population, health, and environment linkages, coordinating evaluation activities, monitoring country activities on PHE linkages, and conducting technical assistance overseas including capacity building. If interested, send a Resume and cover letter with salary requirements to:

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11. Career Opportunity: Duke Postdoc in Demographic Analysis

An NSF-funded postdoctoral position in demographic analysis is available in the lab of Susan Alberts at Duke University. The position will start between March and May 2004 or between Dec 2004 and Feb 2005. The start date is flexible, but the research staff prefer that the candidate begin as soon as possible. The position is for one year but is potentially extendable to two or three years.

Work will focus on the demographic analysis of a wild primate population, the Amboseli baboons, using long-term data extracted from a behavioral and demographic database. The database includes over 30 years of high quality demographic data. Applicants should have extensive experience with demographic modeling and computer simulations. The position is laboratory rather than field based, but a trip to the field site is possible.

For information on the lab and ongoing research, visit:  
<http://www.biology.duke.edu/albertslab/>.

For information about the Amboseli Baboon Research Project visit:  
<http://www.princeton.edu/~baboon/>.

Interested applicants should send a CV, letter of interest, and contact information for three references via email to Susan Alberts at [alberts@duke.edu](mailto:alberts@duke.edu).

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12. Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)

The NICHD Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (MRSDA) program is being expanded to include the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch (DBSB), Center for Population Research. The DBSB will utilize the K01 to support career development for junior-level researchers in the area of population research. The DBSB population research program focuses mainly on fertility, reproductive health, family and household structures, health, mortality and morbidity, migration, immigration, population and the environment, and population distribution and characteristics.

Please visit <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/notice/HD-01-004/hd-01-004.htm> for details.

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13. Next TPN Publication Date: February 20, 2004

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

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