

CPC Training Program News (3. 04. 2005)

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1. Transitions (and more)

Michael Pollard (CPC Postdoc 2003-present) has accepted an associate level social scientist position with the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California. The RAND Corporation is a nonprofit institution that helps improve policy and decision making through research and analysis. Michael will be a member of the Labor and Population division; a group which has built a national and international reputation for conducting high-quality, empirical research to support and improve policies and organizations around the world.

Congratulations to Beth Suthlerland (PhD Candidate in MCH and CPC predoctoral trainee) on the successful defense of her dissertation proposal on February 15.

2. Upcoming CPC Friday Seminars

Dr. David Blau, Professor of Economics and CPC Fellow, will present "A Demographic Analysis of the Family Structure Experiences of Children in the U.S." today from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 405.

Dr. Joseph Potter, Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin, will present "The Rise of Protestantism and Adolescent Fertility in Brazil" at noon on March 11. Dr. Potter will be available to meet individually or in group discussions on Friday morning. Please contact Jan Hendrickson-Smith (jhsmith@unc.edu) to arrange a meeting time.

3. Call for Summer 2005 Research Residency Proposals

Research residency funds will be available to CPC trainees during summer 2005. The funds are from grants awarded to CPC from the Mellon Foundation, The Paul Humphrey Endowment Award, and the NSF-IGERT Training Program in Population and Environment.

\* \* \* \* \* Mellon Foundation Population, Urbanization, and Migration Processes

Fieldwork research residency funds in support of research addressing migration and urbanization issues in developing countries are available to all CPC trainees. The funds must be completely spent by August 31, 2005. Thematic areas include:

1. demography of urban areas
2. urban labor markets
3. reproductive health services in urban settings
4. links between urban and rural areas
5. other (e.g., environmental and ecological effects on reproductive function)

\* \* \* \* \* The Paul Humphrey Award

Paul Humphrey established an endowment fund at CPC in May, 2001, and proceeds are being matched by other center funds. Mr. Humphrey's desire is that the gift be used toward activities that can have a direct effect on population growth, within the context of CPC's research and research training mission. Support is available for travel to a developing country for research to collaborate with a local population or development organization on a service activity directly addressing population growth.

Note: Due to the matching restriction, all Paul Humphrey 2005 research residency awards must be completely spent by August 31, 2005.

\*\*\*\*\* NSF IGERT in Population and Environment

IGERT research residencies in population and environment are available only to IGERT (U. S.) trainees.

\*\*\*\*\* Please submit your proposal to Jan Hendrickson-Smith (jhsmith@unc.edu) by Monday, April 4, 2005. Proposals must include:

- \* title and project overview,
- \* methods summary,
- \* budget and a brief budget justification,
- \* CV of the involved researchers (2-page biosketch is fine),
- \* timeline, and
- \* letter of endorsement from the CPC Faculty Preceptor.

The proposal should be no more than 1000 words (double spaced).

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4. CPC Trainee Network Storage Restrictions

Trainee storage space has been increased to 100 MB. Some trainees, however, are currently storing more than 100 MB on POP386. Please check your disk usage, and store/archive files that are no longer being edited to CD or other storage. Note that project-related files should be stored in the project's directory as opposed to personal home directories.

Consult the following FAQ for help with cleaning up server disk space and storing files in AFS:

<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/intranet/services/computer/faqs?wid=3312&func=viewSubmit&sid=827>

If you feel that you need more than 100 MB of storage space on an ongoing basis, please contact Tim Rath (tim\_rath@unc.edu) or Tim VanAcker (tim\_vanacker@unc.edu), or write to cpchelp@unc.edu.

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5. Deadline Looms for New, Required Human Subjects Education

On March 15, the University will implement new requirements for education and certification of investigators involved in research using human subjects. Training is required for all faculty, staff, and students who are engaged in the planning, conduct, or analysis of research at UNC-Chapel Hill that involves human subjects.

It doesn't matter if you've completed training at another institution or if you've completed the old NIH web-based course just last month. Unless you've taken this new course at this University, and are in the database as having done so, you need to complete the training.

To take the training, visit the website for the Office of Human Research Ethics and the page on human subjects required education:

<http://research.unc.edu/ohre/educ.php>. Click on "Direct to CITI Online Course." You will create a login and password and then select one of the three training courses that is most appropriate to the type of research that you conduct. There are

multiple modules and a required quiz that you must pass.

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6. PAA Travel Advance Deadline: March 11

All travel advance requests for PAA must be submitted to Lance Underwood (205 CPC West) by Friday March 11, 2005. You may submit any pre-paid travel expenses such as airfare, hotel deposits, and/or registration with the request. Please include the confirmation of payment receipt showing the amount paid and the method used for payment i.e., check or credit card.

If you plan to request a travel advance, please complete the CPC Travel Advance form: [https://www.cpc.unc.edu/services/admin/travel\\_advance.html](https://www.cpc.unc.edu/services/admin/travel_advance.html)

If you plan to use the UNC CABS System (Central Airfare Billing System) to purchase a plane ticket, please contact one of UNC's Certified Travel Agents and complete the CPC CABS Request form. Both links are below:

<http://www.unc.edu/mds/ts/agencies.htm>

[https://www.cpc.unc.edu/intranet/services/admin/travelmain/cabs\\_affiliate.html](https://www.cpc.unc.edu/intranet/services/admin/travelmain/cabs_affiliate.html)

Note that UNC will not reimburse Orbitz, Expedia, Travelocity, etc. booking fees when making online airfare purchases. In addition, CPC trainees will not be reimbursed for PAA Membership expenses.

If you share your travel expenses (online airfare purchases, hotels, taxis) with another trainee, all persons involved will need to request their own travel advance/reimbursement. Please include a signed memo detailing who you shared the expenses with, the total cost, and the portion you are requesting reimbursement for. The same goes for sharing expenses with a trainee or student from another institution.

Take a look at the CPC's Advice for the Bewildered Traveler for more details. <https://www.cpc.unc.edu/services/admin/dearabby.html>

Please contact Lance Underwood ([lance\\_underwood@unc.edu](mailto:lance_underwood@unc.edu); 966-2823) with any questions.

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7. March Postdoc Lunch: March 23

The March "Postdoc Lunch" will be held on 3/23 beginning at 12:15. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

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8. NLS Summer Workshops - June 2005

The Center for Human Resource Research at the Ohio State University will conduct two concurrent research workshops in Columbus, Ohio between June 27 and June 30, 2005.

The NLSY79 Young Adult Research Workshop will focus on the Young Adult surveys which include a range of information on peers, schooling, sexuality, fertility, living arrangements, neighborhoods, health, work, and non-normative behaviors for a national sample of 5000 youth ages 15-30 in 2004. Special attention will be paid to intergenerational linkages between Young Adults and their mothers (NLSY79 cohort) when they were similar ages, and to the wealth of data available from their childhoods, including cognitive and socio-emotional assessments, as potential predictors of young adult outcomes. This workshop is designed to be hands-on and geared toward graduate students, recent PhDs and more established researchers interested in developing a concrete research project focused on this transitional life course stage.

The second workshop is a more general User Workshop on the National Longitudinal Surveys aimed at new users interested in learning about various NLS cohorts including the NLSY79, the newest NLSY97, and the original cohorts, as well as the NLSY79 Child and Young Adult Surveys. This workshop is designed to be of interest to graduate students, recent PhDs and more established researchers who wish to learn

more about the NLS.

Participants in both workshops will meet together on the first two days to cover the mechanics of using the various NLS data sets, overviews of the young adult and child data, and methodological issues. Workshops will then continue separately. Young Adult participants will work on their own projects with faculty mentors in their areas of interest. General NLS User participants will be exposed to information from various domains across the various NLS surveys.

Lodging, meals, and travel costs are covered through generous grants from NICHD and support from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Further information and application forms for each workshop are available at:  
<http://www.bls.gov/nls/userconference/summer2005.htm>.

Applications are due April 15.

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9. Next TPN Publication Date: March 25, 2005

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on March 25.

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