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1. Transitions (and more)

Alisson Barbieri (City and Regional Planning) successfully defended his dissertation proposal on November 13.

Soumya Alva (CPC Postdoctoral Scholar 2001-2003) recently began a position as Study Director in the Child and Family Study Area at Westat in Maryland. Soumya can be reached via email at [soumya@brookmoor.com](mailto:soumya@brookmoor.com).  
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2. Upcoming Friday Seminars

Please consult the Training Program website for a list of all fall 2003 Friday seminars.

On November 21, Dr. Michael Oakes (Assistant Professor in Epidemiology and IRB Chair, University of Minnesota) will present "The Ethics of Constructing SES Indicators" at noon in Room 405. This seminar will satisfy one of the four required research ethics workshops for CPC trainees.

On December 5, Dr. Yu Xie (Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor of Sociology and Director, Quantitative Methodology Program at the Survey Research Center, University of Michigan) will present "Asian Americans: A Demographic Portrait" at noon in Room 405.  
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3. Upcoming CPC Research Methods Workshop

Dr. David Guilkey will present "Discrete and Continuous Hazards Modeling" on December 2 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 405 CPC East.  
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4. November Postdoc Lunch

The November postdoc lunch will be held on Wednesday, November 19, from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.  
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5. CPC Thanksgiving Lunch

The CPC Thanksgiving potluck lunch will be held on Monday, November 24. Please RSVP to Bridget Riordan ([brriordan@email.unc.edu](mailto:brriordan@email.unc.edu)) by November 19.  
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6. Upcoming Institute of African American Research Seminars

Micah Gilmer will present "South African Hip-Hop" on November 21 from noon-2:00 p.m. at the Carolina Union.

Edward Curtis will present "Islamicizing the Black Body" on Wednesday, December 3 from noon-2:00 p.m. in Room 405 CPC East.  
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7. Introduction to SUDAAN: November 20, 2003

The Odum Institute will offer an "Introduction to SUDAAN" on Thursday,

November 20 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. SUDAAN is a statistical software package for analyzing survey data from complex sampling designs (e.g., cluster, disproportionate, nested data) as found in the health and social sciences. The workshop will provide an introduction to common sampling schemes that require weighted analyses and adjusted covariance estimates. For more information, contact Chris Wiesen (843-5110; [chris\\_wiesen@unc.edu](mailto:chris_wiesen@unc.edu)).

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8. 2004 NIH Summer Institute for Randomized Clinical Trials

The "Fourth Annual Summer Institute on Design and Conduct of Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral and Social Interventions" will be held in Virginia on July 11-23, 2004. The workshop will provide a thorough grounding in the conduct of randomized clinical trials to researchers and health professionals interested in developing competence in the planning, design, and execution of clinical trials involving behavioral or social interventions.

The Office of Behavioral Sciences Research, NIH, will pay for travel to and from the Summer Institute site, room and board, and course materials. There are no additional fees. The application form and instructions are available at [http://obssr.od.nih.gov/Conf\\_Wkshp/rct/RCT\\_Info.htm](http://obssr.od.nih.gov/Conf_Wkshp/rct/RCT_Info.htm).

Applications are due February 27, 2004. For additional information, contact Ms. Michaela Shank ([mds2114@columbia.edu](mailto:mds2114@columbia.edu)).

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9. Summer Program 2004: IIASA Young Scientists Summer Program

Each summer, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) near Vienna, Austria hosts a selected group of graduate students, primarily doctoral, from around the world in its Young Scientist's Summer Program (YSSP). These students work closely with IIASA's senior scientists on projects within the Institute's theme areas of Natural Resources and Environment, Population & Society, and Energy and Technology. The U.S. Committee for IIASA provides airfare and a modest living allowance for the applicants from American institutions who are selected to participate.

Detailed information about each project is available on the IIASA Website at <http://www.iiasa.ac.at/>

Each applicant must submit (preferably online) an application form, CV, two references, and a 500-word essay explaining how their skills and interests relate to the project with which they would most like to work. Application forms are available on the web at <http://www.iiasa.ac.at/yssp/register/index.html?sb=5>

For more information, visit the IIASA website at <http://www.iiasa.ac.at/> or contact Margaret Goud Collins ([mcollins@nas.edu](mailto:mcollins@nas.edu); 508.548.2502), Program Director for the U.S. Committee for IIASA.

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10. Career Opportunity: Assistant Professor of Biobehavioral Health (Penn State)

The Biobehavioral Health Department (<http://bbh.hhdev.psu.edu>) in the College of Health and Human Development at The Pennsylvania State University is seeking applicants for a new-tenure track faculty position in biobehavioral health at the rank of assistant professor. A research focus on biological, behavioral, and social processes in humans is essential. In addition to establishing a productive line of research, the position entails teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level. An earned doctorate in the biological, behavioral, or social sciences, or a medical degree, and the promise of outstanding scholarly accomplishments are required. Send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, 3 representative reprints/preprints and 3 letters of reference to: Douglas A. Granger, Ph.D., Search Committee Chair, Department of Biobehavioral Health, East 315 Health and Human Development Building, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802.

Applications and nominations will be reviewed beginning immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Candidates are encouraged to contact Dr. Granger (814.863.8402; [dag11@psu.edu](mailto:dag11@psu.edu)) for more information.

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11. Career Opportunity: University of Minnesota (IPUMS Project)

The Minnesota Population Center is recruiting graduate research assistants and postdoctoral research associates to work on new initiatives related to the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (<http://ipums.org>). Graduate research assistants must enroll in a relevant graduate program at the University, with deadlines for those programs are approaching rapidly. Postdocs may apply at any time; applications will be reviewed until the positions are filled. Appointments can begin in 2004.

Information on the positions and application procedures are available on the web for:

GRAs at <http://www.pop.umn.edu/jobs4grads.html>, and for postdoctoral positions at <http://www.pop.umn.edu/jobs4research.html>.

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12. Career Opportunities: ORC MACRO

Position 1:

ORC MACRO has an immediate opening for a MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST to work on the MEASURE Evaluation Project. Duties will include developing and implementing country performance monitoring and evaluation strategies for population, health, and nutrition programs, contributing to research and M&E methodology development activities, supervision of data collection activities including population and facility-based surveys, and data analysis and report writing including writing articles for publication. Candidates must be able to effectively coordinate and collaborate with US and international donor agencies and host country institutions. The position requires strong knowledge of HIV and/or infectious disease monitoring and evaluation and experience working in developing country settings.

Excellent social interaction skills and writing skills are essential; a Ph.D. or equivalent in demography, Epidemiology, public health, or a related discipline and the ability to travel internationally 20-30% time are required. Language skills (French, Spanish, or Russian) are highly desirable.

Position 2:

ORC MACRO is seeking a PROJECT ASSISTANT for HIV/infections disease activities with the MEASURE Evaluation Project. Duties will include developing and maintaining an HIV technical assistance database, assisting with coordination of activities among international donors and developing countries, maintaining an HIV-related moderated listserv, and other project activities as necessary. The person in this position must be a self-starter with excellent verbal and written communications skills. An MPH or equivalent degree and experience in working with developing countries are required. Language skills (French, Spanish or Russian) are highly desirable.

For more information or to apply for either position, contact Erin Eckert ([erin.eckert@orcmacro.com](mailto:erin.eckert@orcmacro.com)).

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13. Career Opportunity: Director, Population Council Reproductive Health

The Population Council is seeking a director for its reproductive health program. The successful candidate will lead a worldwide professional staff in setting strategic directions and strengthening the Council's reproductive health research program. Current areas of research include sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, abortion and post-abortion care, adolescent reproductive health, quality of reproductive health services, safe motherhood, postpartum health, and involvement of men in reproductive health. This position requires a substantial knowledge of reproductive health issues in developing countries, excellent research skills, and a strong fundraising track record. The director will be expected to collaborate closely with colleagues from other organizations, from country and regional offices, and from other divisions of the Population Council. S/he must have excellent communication and management skills, a collaborative spirit, and the ability to work well with professionals from a wide range of national and international institutions.

The job description is available on the Council's website at

[www.popcouncil.org](http://www.popcouncil.org).

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