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- 1. Transitions (and more)

Bridget Gorman (CPC Postdoctoral Scholar, 2000-2002), now in her second year as a faculty member at Rice University, recently received an "NIH Loan Repayment" award.

From the NIH website... "NIH Loan Repayment Programs are a vital component of our nation's efforts to attract health professionals to careers in clinical, pediatric, health disparity, or contraceptive and infertility research. In exchange for a two-year commitment to your research career, NIH will repay up to \$35,000 per year of your qualified educational debt, pay an additional 39% of the repayments to cover your Federal taxes, and may reimburse any state taxes that result from these benefits."

To learn more about the program, please visit: <http://www.lrp.nih.gov/>. The 2004 application cycle closes on December 31, 2003.

To learn more about Bridget's current work, visit her website at: <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~soci/>. Choose People-->Faculty-->Bridget Gorman. She may be reached via email at [bkgorman@rice.edu](mailto:bkgorman@rice.edu).

- 2. Upcoming Friday Seminars

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

On October 17, Francesca Florey (Add Health Project Manager) will present "Understanding Ethical Issues in Asking Sensitive Questions in Survey Research: The Add Health Experience" at noon in Room 405.

On October 31, Dr. Pamina Gorbach (Assistant Professor in Residence, Epidemiology, UCLA and former CPC predoctoral trainee) will present "Transmission of STIs/HIV: Between Individual and Network Level Analyses" at noon in Room 405.

- 3. CPC Methods Seminar: Tuesday, October 14

Dan Brown (University of Michigan) will present "Methodological Issues in Spatial Statistics" on October 14 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Room 405. The workshop introduces the basic concepts addressed by spatial analysis methods and outlines available methods for investigating spatial patterns and processes.

Breakfast will be available beginning at 8:15.

- 4. CPC Approved Course Number Change

The course number for "Reproductive Health in Developing Countries" was recently changed to MHCH 216 (formerly MHCH 110).

- 5. October Postdoc Lunch

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

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6. October TGIF (Rescheduled--Fall Potluck Dinner): Friday, October 17

The Fall potluck dinner will be held on October 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jan Hendrickson-Smith. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

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7. CPC Spatial Analysis Unit (SAU) Open House

The SAU staff will host an Open House on Monday, October 13, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Room 208 CPC East. Please plan to drop by, meet the SAU staff, and see their newly renovated space. Dr. Dan Brown (October 14 workshop speaker) will be available to chat with visitors. Drinks and snacks will be served.

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8. CPC Population Environment Undergraduate Internship

The Carolina Population Center (CPC) is soliciting applications from underrepresented populations for an undergraduate internship within its Spatial Analysis Unit for the 2003-2004 academic year. Two internship positions are available, both beginning fall 2003, with the possibility of funding through the summer of 2004. Interns will work a maximum of 200 hours (at \$12 per hour) per semester. Please make any undergraduate students aware of this opportunity.

For more information, please see:  
<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/PEintern.pdf>.

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9. Certificate Program in Methodology

The Odum Institute recently announced a new "Certificate Program in Survey Methodology." An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in 14 Manning Hall. Refreshments will be served.

The Certificate in Survey Methodology will be a 17-hour graduate program which includes coursework in sampling, questionnaire design, data collection methods, and computing, as well as hands on experience working as a survey specialist in a local survey data collection facility. It is designed to complement a master's or doctoral degree in social sciences, public health, journalism, business administration, statistics and other fields which use survey data.

For more information about the program or the meeting, contact Paul Biemer ([biemer@email.unc.edu](mailto:biemer@email.unc.edu)) or Teresa Edwards ([teresa\\_edwards@unc.edu](mailto:teresa_edwards@unc.edu); 843-0253).

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10. New Service: Current Demographic Research Report

CDERR (Current Demographic Research Report) is a weekly email report produced by the Center for Demography and Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The report is designed to help researchers keep up to date with the latest developments in the field. The report will contain selected listings of new reports, articles, bibliographies, working papers, tables of contents, conferences, data, and websites. For more information, including an archive of back issues and subscription information, visit  
<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/library/cderr/subscribe.htm>

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10. Career Opportunity: CDC Lead Epidemiologist

The CDC is soliciting applications for the position "Lead Epidemiologist." The position is housed within the CDC's Demographic Research and Program Evaluation Team (Maternal and Infant Health Branch, Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) in Atlanta.

For additional information about the position, applicants may contact Dr. Eve Lackritz at [EAL3@CDC.GOV](mailto:EAL3@CDC.GOV) or 770.488.6507, or visit the CDC website at  
<http://vaps.hrmo.cdc.gov/viewdetail.asp?AnnouncementNumber=1-04-048>.

11. Career Opportunity: Wisconsin (CDE) Postdoc

The Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is accepting applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in demography funded by the Hewlett Foundation. Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of a developing country in Asia, Africa or Latin America. The position is designed to support training and research in one of two areas: maternal and child health or population and environment.

The initial appointment is 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. Persons interested in this position should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a short proposal for a one-to-two year research project (not more than 5 double spaced pages), and other examples of written work in English if available. At least three letters of recommendation should be sent separately by the referees. All correspondence and materials should be sent to:

Hewlett Post-Doctoral Program  
c/o Carol Tetzlaff  
Center for Demography and Ecology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Social Science Bldg. 4437  
1180 Observatory Drive  
Madison-WI 53706 USA

Materials may also be sent by email attachment to Tetzlaff@ssc.wisc.edu. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; review of applicants is expected to begin by February 1, 2004. For information about CDE please visit <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde>.

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12. Next TPN Publication Date: October 31

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on October 31.

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