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1. Transitions (and more)

Sunitha Jasti successfully defended her dissertation on October 23. Dr. Jasti is now a resident of New York City where she is pursuing various career options. She may be reached via email at sunitha_jasti@unc.edu.

2. Upcoming Friday Seminars

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

On November 7, Kim Shuey and Andrea Willson (CPC postdoctoral scholars) will present "Cumulative Advantage and Trajectories of Self-rated Health" at noon in Room 405.

On November 14, Emilio Parrado (Department of Sociology, Duke University) will present "Gender Structures Among Recent Latina Immigrant Women: The Case of Durham, NC" at noon in Room 405.

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3. IGERT Training Program Information Session: November 7

CPC was recently awarded a five-year NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) training grant. With the IGERT program as a starting point, CPC is developing an interdisciplinary program in Population and Environment led by Barbara Entwisle, CPC Center Director and Professor of Sociology. Also involved with the program are CPC Fellows, Richard Bilsborrow (Biostatistics), Paul Leslie (Anthropology), Ron Rindfuss (Sociology), and Steve Walsh (Geography).

The grant will fund a program for doctoral students with a research focus on population and environment which integrates areas within the social, spatial, and biophysical sciences. Major research themes include deforestation, agricultural extensification, land fragmentation, intensification, soil degradation, secondary plant succession, and urbanization. CPC's IGERT training program is international in focus, with particular attention to population and land use in developing countries, specifically Ecuador, Tanzania, and Thailand.

IGERT funding will provide stipends for up to eight doctoral students during the 2004-05 academic year. The IGERT program is open to anyone interested, but IGERT funding is restricted by NSF to U.S. students.

An information session on the new IGERT Training Program in Population and Environment will be held on Friday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 405 CPC East. The application process, course requirements, eligibility, and other program mechanics will be discussed, followed by a question and answer period. Please contact Barbara Entwisle (entwisle@unc.edu) or Jan Hendrickson-Smith (jhsmith@unc.edu) with questions concerning the program.

4. November TGIF

The next TGIF will be held on November 14, beginning at 4:30 in Room

405. All trainees and preceptors are encouraged to attend.

5. November Postdoc Lunch

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

6. Odum Institute Short Courses

Each semester, the Odum Institute offers a series of short courses for social science faculty, graduate students, and government staff. During fall 2003, a broad range of topics from ATLAS/ti to Exploratory Factor Analysis are offered in 2-3 hour workshops.

For example, Walter Davis will offer a two-hour workshop on multi-level modeling on November 17. The course will provide a brief introduction to multi-level models, focusing on the logic and structure of these models, and present a wide range of examples.

Please consult the short course schedule at <http://www.irss.unc.edu/irss/shortcourses/shortcourse.asp> for additional information.

7. Graduate Certificate in International Development

The University Center for International Studies (UCIS) offers a Certificate in International Development to graduate students in any UNC-CH department/school. The requirements are relatively modest and the accomplishment is noted on the students' transcripts.

For more information, please visit http://www.ucis.unc.edu/programs/development_certificate.htm or email Dr. Niklaus Steiner at nsteiner@unc.edu.

8. UNC Postdoctoral Awards for Research Excellence

The UNC Office of Postdoctoral Services is pleased to introduce Postdoctoral Awards for Research Excellence. The awards, in the amount of \$500 - \$1000, are to be expended during the period January 1, 2004-December 31, 2004. Funds from the awards may be used for books, travel to a conference, skills workshops, or other resources or activities that will directly enhance the postdoc's professional development. The application deadline date is Friday, November 14, 2003.

Applications must include:

- ** A brief cover letter (no more than one page) to the Chair of the Postdoctoral Awards for Research Excellence Committee that includes a description of how the funds will be spent.
- ** A current curriculum vitae.
- ** A narrative description (no more than two pages in length) of the applicant's research accomplishments. The narrative should be written for a non-expert audience.
- ** A letter of endorsement from the applicant's mentor (in a sealed envelope).

The original and six copies of the application should be mailed to:

Office of Postdoctoral Services
CB #7017
37 MacNider Building.

For additional information, please email Melanie Sinche at sinche@unc.edu.

9. Career Opportunity: Penn State Tenure-line Faculty (Demography)

The Department of Sociology at University Park invites applications for a tenure-line appointment (rank open) in demography to begin fall, 2004. The position is co-funded by the Children, Youth, and Families Consortium (CYFC) at Penn State, with a specific interest in scholars with a research agenda on the well-being of children and youth.

Senior candidates should have a distinguished academic reputation, strong teaching and mentoring skills, and a demonstrated record of

securing external funding. Junior candidates should have a Ph.D. by the time of the appointment.

To apply, send a curriculum vita and other appropriate materials to:

Dr. Robert Schoen, Chair, Demography Recruitment Committee
Department of Sociology, Box D-5,
211 Oswald Tower
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA 16802

10. Career Opportunity: Postdoctoral Fellowship in Asian MetaCentre

The Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS) invites applicants for a Postdoctoral Fellow to be based at the Asian MetaCentre headquarters in ARI, Singapore. The Postdoctoral Fellow will work with staff in the Asian MetaCentre and other collaborating centers on research in the area of migration and health in East and Southeast Asia.

Applicants should hold a Ph.D. degree in Social/Health Psychology, Health Geography, Medical Demography, Medical Sociology, Epidemiology or a related discipline, and have research experience in the area of migration and health in East and Southeast Asia, as well as expertise in conducting surveys, and managing and analyzing large data sets. A familiarity with standard measures of self-assessed health (e.g.. measures of physical functioning and depression) in the context of Asia, and fluency in Mandarin (Chinese), or other Southeast Asian languages will be an asset.

Interested applicants should submit the following:

- * Curriculum vitae, with complete list of publications
- * At least one sample of published work (non-returnable)
- * A proposal for research to be carried out if awarded the Fellowship

For complete information on the terms and conditions of the fellowship,

please visit:

http://www.populationasia.org/Vacancies/PostDoctoral_Fellowship.htm.

11. Career Opportunity: 2003 Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program

The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) recently announced a fellowship program that supports advanced regional research. The program is open to US doctoral candidates and scholars who have already earned their Ph.D. in fields in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences, and wish to conduct research of regional or trans-regional significance. Fellowships require scholars to conduct research in more than one country, at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center.

For more information, please visit the CAORC website at :

<http://www.caorc.org/PAGES/CPAGES/caorcus.html>.

12. Next TPN Publication Date: November 14

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on November 14.

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