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1. Transitions (and more)

Eve Veliz (CPC predoc; Ph.D. student, Sociology) was recently appointed head of the newly established "Minority Affairs Committee" of the UNC-CH Graduate Student Association. The goal of the committee is to ensure the recruitment and retention of traditionally underrepresented minorities. Please email Eve (veliz@email.unc.edu) for more information about the committee or to become involved. Congratulations, Eve!

Holly Heard (2002 Ph.D., Sociology, UNC-CH; CPC Predoctoral trainee, 1997-2002) began a position as Assistant Professor in Sociology this fall at Rice University. Holly may be reached via email at hheard@rice.edu. For more information on her professional activities, visit her website at www.ruf.rice.edu/~soci/People/heard.html.

2. Updates to the Training Program Website

Two new sections, Visiting Scholars and Alumni News, were recently added to the Training Program website. Please visit the site (<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/>) to check out the new items, as well as updates to other areas.

3. Upcoming Friday Seminars

Please consult the Training Program website for a list of all fall 2003 Friday seminars. All CPC Friday seminars are held in Room 405 and begin at noon.

Today, the CPC Information Services staff will present "Navigating, Searching, and Managing CPC and UNC Electronic Resources."

On September 19, David Kennedy (CPC postdoc) will present "Culture, Ethnography, and Reproductive Motivation in Honduras."

On September 26, Pauline Mendola (EPA/NHEERL) will present "The National Children's Study: History, Progress and Current Issues."

4. UCIS Middle East Workshop: September 12-14

The University Center for International Studies will host a Middle East conference this weekend, September 12-14. The workshop, "Institutions, Ideologies, and Agency: Family Change in the Arab Middle East and Diaspora" is open to all in the community, and will explore historical and contemporary institutions, ideologies, and actors that shape family life in the Middle East. Please visit the workshop website at http://www.ucis.unc.edu/Middle_East/Index.htm to learn more.

5. CPC Methods Seminar: September 25

Kim Chantala (CPC Computer and Statistics Cores) will present "Sample Survey Analysis Techniques" on Thursday, September 25, from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 405.

Description

Sample surveys are used to obtain information about the characteristics of a population. To reduce the cost and time necessary to collect the data, this task is often handled by selecting a sample from the desired population. The methods used to select the sample often incorporate stratification, clustering, and unequal probability of selection of participants. These characteristics must be incorporated into analyses to obtain unbiased estimates for the desired population. This talk will cover appropriate techniques designed to handle these added complexities via a series of examples using data from the Add Health Survey. Emphasis will be placed on avoiding common errors. Examples will focus on techniques such as, contingency table analysis, multiple linear regression, logistic regression, and time-to-event analysis.

6. Fall 2003 Postdoc Lunches

The first postdoc lunch of the year will take place on Wednesday, September 17, from 12:15 - 1:15 in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

7. September TGIF: Friday, September 26

The September TGIF, a potluck dinner, will be held on September 26 beginning at 6:00 at the home of Jan Hendrickson-Smith. Partners, children, and preceptors are welcome. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

8. Funding Opportunities: Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

Postdoctoral Fellowships: Sexuality Research Fellowship Program
Deadline: December 15, 2003
Description: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=11357>

Dissertation Fellowships: Sexuality Research Fellowship Program
Amount: \$28,000
Deadline: December 15, 2003
Description: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=11356>

9. Career Opportunity: Assistant Professor, University of Texas-Austin

The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position (pending budgetary approval) with a starting date of September 2004. The primary area of specialization is demography, with an emphasis on immigration. Sub-areas of specialization may include labor force, gender, race/ethnicity, and stratification. Successful candidates should have a strong publication and teaching record, and strong potential for securing external funding. Duties will include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, conducting research, and performing service for the department. The successful candidate will also become a Faculty Research Associate of the UT Population Research Center, with access to the Center's resources. Only those individuals who have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. prior to the time of appointment will be considered. Screening will begin September 15 and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit a letter of introduction, Curriculum Vita, a writing sample, course evaluations (if available), and three letters of reference to:

Search Committee Chair (Demography)
Department of Sociology
1 University Station, #A1700
University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712-1088

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10. Health Services Research CALL FOR PAPERS: Deadline November 15

Health Services Research has announced a special publication issue on "Global and International Health, to be guest edited by C. Ross Anthony, Ph.D. and Nicole Lurie, M.D., M.S.P.H. (RAND, Washington, DC). This special issue will provide a forum for presenting the latest research and policy analysis on international health to a broad audience of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers.

Authors are encouraged to submit their completed manuscripts ASAP. Papers will be accepted until November 15, 2003. Authors can expect a decision regarding their paper no later than March 1, 2004. Accepted papers are expected to appear in print in the special issue targeted for late 2004.

Please follow the format, length, and other submission criteria contained in HSR's "Instructions for Authors" at <http://www.progressivehn.org/>. Questions about the special issue should be addressed to Meighan Schreiber, Managing Editor, at hsr@itsa.ucsf.edu.

11. Next TPN Publication Date: September 26

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on September 26.

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