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1. Transitions (and more)

\*\*\* Beginnings \*\*\*

Please welcome Chris Hodges and Marcus Rountree, the 2004-05 "NSF IGERT Population and Environment" undergraduate interns.

Chris, a senior at NCCU, is a double major in Sociology and Criminal Justice. He is currently assisting the Spatial Analysis Unit (SAU) with work on the Tanzania project. Chris' future plans include graduate work in geography or a related field.

Marcus, also at NCCU, is a junior majoring in Environmental Science with a concentration in Geography. Marcus' future plans include graduate school in an environmental field.

Both Chris and Marcus are housed in the SAU unit in room 208 East. Please visit <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/training/interns.html> to read more about the IGERT interns.

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2. Upcoming CPC Friday Seminars

Dr. Ted Mouw, Assistant Professor of Sociology and CPC Fellow, will present "Dead-End Jobs or Stepping Stones to Upward Mobility? Evidence on the Working Poor from the Survey of Income and Program Participation" at noon today. Dr. Mouw's seminar is the last of the fall series.

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Note: The spring seminar series begins on January 14.

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3. New CPC Approved Courses

Two new courses will be added to the CPC approved course list for spring 2005.

Geography 303 (Human Environment Research Seminar), taught by Dick Bilsborrow, is a seminar course focused on development and population and the environment, especially in developing countries. Proposed lecture topics include economic development and the persistence of poverty and inequality, trends in population dynamics and environmental change in developing countries, theories of population-environment linkages, and empirical evidence. The course will meet on Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:45 p.m. in 210 Dey Hall.

Sociology 326 (Empirical Research on Family Change), taught by Kathie Harris and Phil Morgan (Duke), is designed to review existing knowledge on family change and variation in both attitudes and behavior among men and women and across race,

ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural groups. The course will focus on patterns and explanations for the dramatic changes that have occurred to the family over the last half century in the United States and other industrialized countries. The course will meet on Friday from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at UNC and Duke. The schedule is still under consideration, but allowances will be made for students needing to attend CPC seminars.

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#### 4. Population-Environment Research Network (PERN) Cyberseminar

The Population-Environment Research Network (PERN) invites participation in the "cyberseminar" entitled "Urban Expansion: The Environmental and Health Dimensions," from November 29-December 15, 2004. For more information visit: <http://www.populationenvironmentresearch.org/seminars.jsp>

A background paper by Dr. Charles Redman (Center for Rapidly Urbanizing Regions, Arizona State U.) is now available on the cyberseminars page. If you wish to participate in this cyberseminar, please send an email message to [majordomo@cesin.columbia.edu](mailto:majordomo@cesin.columbia.edu) with the body text "subscribe pernseminars."

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#### 5. University Calendars

The University Registrar Calendars for the 2005 first and second summer sessions, 2005 fall semester, and 2006 spring semester are now available on the registrar's web site at: <http://regweb.oit.unc.edu/calendars/index.php>.

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#### 6. December Social Events

CPC's celebration of the holiday season will take place on Monday, December 13, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the West End Wine Bar, 450 West Franklin Street. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 8 to Bridget Riordan at [briordan@email.unc.edu](mailto:briordan@email.unc.edu) or 966-1710.

The December postdoc lunch will be held on Wednesday, December 15, beginning at 12:15 in Room 405. Please RSVP to Jan no later than December 10 if you plan to attend.

To complete the week of festivities, the December TGIF will begin at 4:30 on December 17. Set-up help and food contributions are always appreciated!

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#### 7. NIH Loan Repayment Program

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRP) can repay up to \$35,000 a year of qualified educational debt for health professionals pursuing careers in clinical, pediatric, contraception and infertility, or health disparities research. LRP's also provide coverage (39 percent in addition to the amount of loan repayment) for Federal and state tax liabilities. Last year NIH awarded loan repayment contracts totaling nearly \$68 million to more than 1,400 researchers across the nation. This brought the total number of awards to over 3,200 since the programs inception in 2002. The success rate for last year's application cycle was approximately 58 percent.

U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or U.S. nationals who have a doctoral-level degree, devote 50 percent or more of their time to domestic nonprofit- or government-funded research, and have educational debt equaling at least 20 percent of their institutional base salary may apply.

All applications for 2005 awards must be submitted online by 8:00 p.m. EST, DECEMBER 15, 2004. The online application and detailed information about the LRP's are available at <http://www.LRP.nih.gov> or by calling 866-849-4047.

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#### 8. Career Opportunity: University of Iowa

The Department of Epidemiology, Reproductive Molecular Epidemiology Research and Education Program, is seeking an Assistant/Associate Research Scientist (Assistant Director) to provide methodological and statistical expertise and conduct etiologic

research on genetic and environmental risk factors for adverse pregnancy outcomes using cutting edge methods applied to large datasets, including surveillance data, survey data, and biologic sample data. Additional duties include jointly establishing program priorities with the Director, participating in planning activities, and providing leadership and coordination in developing and implementing procedures to carry out program mission and goals.

The position requires a doctoral degree in Epidemiology, Public Health, Biostatistics or related discipline, and a demonstrated ability to plan, execute, and oversee a research study through progressively responsible independent research work, and demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Desirable qualifications include prior training in quantitative research methods using SAS and related software, and ability to plan and execute data analyses, experience with proposal writing and funding, development and publication of scientific manuscripts, and supervisory experience. The University of Iowa is an Equal Opportunity and Diversity employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Send resume and cover letter to:

Jenell Nelson  
Recruitment #50919  
The University of Iowa  
Department of Epidemiology-RMERE  
W108 Oakdale Hall  
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

or by email to [jenell-nelson@uiowa.edu](mailto:jenell-nelson@uiowa.edu).

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9. Career Opportunity: UNC Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity

As part of a continuing commitment to advance underrepresented scholars in higher education, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to announce the availability of 5 positions in the Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity. Postdoctoral Scholars will spend essentially full time on research, but will be allowed to teach no more than one course per year. Applications for study in any discipline represented at the University are welcome.

The stipend will be \$35,625 per calendar year. Health benefits are available. Some funds are available for research expenses, including travel. Minority students who will have completed their doctoral degree no later than July 1, 2005, and no earlier than July 1, 2001 are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. This program is funded by the State of North Carolina and places emphasis on underrepresented minorities.

A complete application will include CV, sample publications and/or dissertation chapters, a statement of research plans, three letters of recommendation, an application, and a statement of why you should be selected for the program. Applications can be found at <http://research.unc.edu/red/postdoc.html>. All materials must be postmarked by January 7, 2005 and sent to:

Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, CB# 4000  
UNC-CH, 312 South Building  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-4000

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

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10. Next TPN Publication Date: December 17, 2004

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on December 17.

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