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1. Transitions (and more)

Kudos

Lance Erickson (CPC Predoc, 2002-present) accepted a tenure track assistant professor position with the Department of Sociology at Brigham Young University, beginning January 2006. Lance's teaching focus will include courses in "Introduction to Sociology," "Sociology of the Family," and multiple regression.

Steve Hitlin (CPC Postdoc 2003-present) accepted a tenure track assistant professor position with the Department of Sociology at the University of Iowa, beginning fall 2005. Steve reports that in addition to its reputation for being highly collegial, the department is also highly ranked in social psychology, his main area of focus.

** Vital Events **

Lisa Sacco (CPC Postdoc 2004-present) will marry Farzad Mohebatia on April 23 in Maine. Please visit their website http://weddings.theknot.com/pwp/view/co_mai n.aspx?coupleid=3242026266309296 to learn more about the upcoming nuptials. Congratulations Lisa!

2. 2005 CPC Distinguished Lecture: April 5

Professor James Vaupel will deliver the 2005 Carolina Population Center Distinguished Lecture, "The Plasticity of Longevity" on Tuesday, April 5, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Toy Lounge (Dey Hall). Dr. Vaupel is the Executive and Founding Director of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research and Director of the Duke University Program on Population, Policy, and Aging.

Background information and a list of Dr. Vaupel's publications and presentations can be found at <http://user.demogr.mpg.de/jvw/>.

A reception will immediately follow the lecture.

3. Research Ethics Talks at PAA

Several sessions at PAA, with a focus on research ethics, may be used to satisfy a portion of the research ethics requirement for CPC trainees.

Session 17

Thursday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
HOW SHOULD THE CENSUS BUREAU RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR DATA?:
POLITICAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES

Session 113
Friday, April 1, 2:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.
CONFIDENTIALITY AND SPATIALLY EXPLICIT DATA

Attendance at each session may be used to satisfy one of the four research ethics requirements for CPC trainees during 2004-05.

4. Call for Summer 2005 Research Residency Proposals

Research residency funds will be available to CPC trainees during summer 2005. The funds are from grants awarded to CPC from the Mellon Foundation, The Paul Humphrey Endowment Award, and the NSF-IGERT Training Program in Population and Environment.

* * * * * Mellon
Foundation Population, Urbanization, and Migration Processes

Fieldwork research residency funds in support of research addressing migration and urbanization issues in developing countries are available to all CPC trainees. The funds must be completely spent by August 31, 2005. Thematic areas include:

1. demography of urban areas
2. urban labor markets
3. reproductive health services in urban settings
4. links between urban and rural areas
5. other (e.g., environmental and ecological effects on reproductive function)

* * * * * The Paul
Humphrey Award

Paul Humphrey established an endowment fund at CPC in May, 2001, and proceeds are being matched by other center funds. Mr. Humphrey's desire is that the gift be used toward activities that can have a direct effect on population growth, within the context of CPC's research and research training mission. Support is available for travel to a developing country for research to collaborate with a local population or development organization on a service activity directly addressing population growth.

Note: Due to the matching restriction, all Paul Humphrey 2005 research residency awards must be completely spent by August 31, 2005.

* * * * * NSF IGERT in
Population and Environment

IGERT research residencies in population and environment are available only to IGERT (U.S.) trainees.

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submit your proposal to Jan Hendrickson-Smith (jhsmit@unc.edu) by Monday, April 4, 2005. Proposals must include:

- * title and project overview,
- * methods summary,
- * budget and a brief budget justification,
- * CV of the involved researchers (2-page biosketch is fine),
- * timeline, and
- * letter of endorsement from the CPC Faculty Preceptor.

The proposal should be no more than 1000 words (double spaced).

5. New Approved CPC Course for Fall 2005

Dr. Richard Bilborrow will offer a new CPC-approved population course in fall

2005. Geography 303, "Development, Population, and the Environment" will include topics such as:

Development, Poverty, Inequality, and Vulnerability
Cultural Ecology, Indigenous Populations and the Environment
Population, Agriculture and Land Use
Tropical Deforestation
Migration and the Environment
Urbanization and Population-Environment Linkages
Population, Health and the Environment
Modeling Linkages between Population, Environment and Development
Policies for Conservation and Sustainable Development

Please contact Dr. Bilborrow (richard_bilborrow@unc.edu) with questions.

6. CPC Sponsored GIS Workshops Offered in May 2005

The CPC Spatial Analysis Unit will offer three introductory GIS classes during the month of May. The classes are intended to get CPCers up and running with the widely-used ArcGIS software from ESRI.

1. Intro to ArcGIS (ArcGIS I) (Tuesday, May 10: 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m., Undergrad Library 034)

Intro to ArcGIS is a "getting acquainted" session for those new to ArcGIS, the widely used tool for interacting with spatial data. This class is appropriate for those with no previous experience with ArcGIS who would like to get started working with spatial data.

2. Spatial Data Viewing in ArcGIS (ArcGIS II) (Tuesday, May 17: 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m., Undergrad Library 034)

A follow-on class to "Intro to ArcGIS," this class introduces more of the spatial data mapping and display functionality of ArcGIS using the ArcMap module. You will learn how to display, visually explore, and query spatial data. Attendees should have taken the "Intro to ArcGIS" class or have equivalent experience.

3. Spatial Data Management in ArcGIS (ArcGIS III) (Tuesday, May 24: 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m., Undergrad Library 034)

This class focuses on managing spatial data in the ArcCatalog module of ArcGIS. You will learn what types of data ArcMap can use, how to get data in and out of ArcMap, and how to link non-spatial data (e.g. from SAS or Stata). Attendees should have taken the "Intro to ArcGIS" class or have equivalent experience.

Contact Phil Page (philpage@unc.edu) with questions or to register for the classes.

7. The New Face of the CPC Library

The CPC Library is in the midst of a refurbishing project which has several elements that impact library users. One of the biggest changes will be that the Library's circulation system will become automated as of May 2005.

Currently, the CPC Library collection can be searched electronically via the UNC Libraries Catalog Search Page at http://newport.lib.unc.edu/web2/tramp2.exe/1og_in?SETTING_KEY=english&guest=guest&screen=home.html. To search the CPC Library collection, users must select the Carolina Population Center radio button. To simplify and streamline the search process, the CPC Library catalog will be merged with the larger campus catalog in May 2005, enabling searchers to search the CPC Library collection at the same time as the collections at Davis, Health Sciences, and Law Libraries (and other campus libraries). This catalog merger will occur in coordination with a larger campus library system upgrade that users will see this summer.

As a result of this system upgrade, circulation of CPC Library materials will be migrated to the electronic system utilized by most campus libraries. This means that users will use their OneCard to check-out materials from the CPC Library, and that those who have materials checked out from the CPC Library will be able to keep track of what they have borrowed via their patron record. This also means that the library will implement revised circulation policies that will address loan periods, eligible borrowers, evening/weekend check-out, etc.

Other new features in the CPC Library include the addition of wireless access, which should be available officially in the next few weeks and the arrival of conference tables, desk chairs, "comfy" chairs, and new computer tables for the two public computers.

Contact Lori Delaney (lori_delaney@unc.edu) for additional information about the changes, or to provide comments about any of the new developments.

8. UNC-CH Postdoctoral Awards for Research Excellence

The Office of Postdoctoral Services seeks for Postdoctoral Awards for Research Excellence. Open to postdocs in all disciplines, these awards are designed to assist scholars with professional development needs such as conference travel, written materials, skills workshops, or other activities that directly enhance the individual's professional development. The awards can fund up to \$1,000 in professional endeavors between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

The application deadline is Friday, April 1, 2005.

For more information on the awards and the application process, please visit <http://postdocs.unc.edu/funding.htm>.

Note: Scott Brown (CPC postdoc 2002-present) and David Carr (CPC postdoc 2002-2004) are past recipients of the award.

9. Johns Hopkins SPH - Dean Sommer Lecture

Dean Al Sommer, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, will present "The Vitamin A Story," on Wednesday, March 30 from 12:00-1:00 p.m., in 1301 McGavran Greenberg. Dean Sommer will be available from 3:00-3:45 p.m. to meet informally with faculty and students in 2304 McGavran-Greenberg.

10. 2005 Godfrey M. Hochbaum Distinguished Lecture

Nancy Krieger, Associate Professor, Department of Society, Human Development, and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health, and Associate Director, Harvard Center for Society and Health, is the 2005 Godfrey M. Hochbaum Distinguished Lecturer. She will present "Whose Health? Whose Behavior? Agency, Accountability, and Health Inequities -- An Ecosocial Perspective" on Wednesday, March 30, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in 1301 McGavran-Greenberg Hall.

11. Fellowship Opportunity: 2005-2006 Bell Fellowship Program

The Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies seeks nominations and applicants to the 2005-2006 Bell Fellowship Program.

The Bell Fellowship Program is a flexible, yet intensive, non-degree program providing research and leadership training and development for scholars, managers, and policymakers in academic, public, and non-governmental organizations. The Center examines current population and development issues from a variety of perspectives, and selects multidisciplinary professionals and scholars for the fellowship program. The Center has strong interests in the areas of AIDS policy, reproductive health and population health measurement including mortality, disease, and disability.

Candidates must possess strong academic training, research experience in developing countries, a demonstrated commitment to population and development work, the ability to work independently, and a promise for leadership.

For more information on the program, including introductions to this year's fellows, please visit <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/hcpds/bell/html>.

The deadline for application to the 2005-2006 program is April 28, 2005.

12. Summer 2005 NIH Internship Opportunity

The Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch anticipates the ability to hire a summer intern for the Summer of 2005 to participate in activities that support their extramural program of population research funding. The internship is located in Rockville Maryland, just outside of Washington DC. A full-time commitment of at least 10 weeks is desirable.

As the largest funder of population research in the United States, the branch supports a broad portfolio of research on topics including fertility and contraceptive use, sexual behavior and HIV prevention, public policy and the well-being of children, trends in marriage and the family, infant and child health and survival, migration, population and environment, and population composition and distribution. The branch's activities include overseeing this portfolio, advising applicants for research funding, conducting outreach to inform scientists of funding opportunities, organizing conferences and workshops to encourage new scientific directions, developing new funding initiatives, and representing demographic research and the accomplishments of the program to outside communities.

Past interns have assisted program staff in monitoring the grants portfolio, conducting outreach activities at scientific meetings and through the Web, coordinating scientific activities, compiling reports on scientific progress, and organizing conferences. They have also had the opportunity to learn about the NIH process first hand by attending review sessions, staff meetings and Advisory councils. Working in this office is an ideal experience for someone who wants to develop a broad view of the field of population research and to meet some of its most exciting players. The internship also provides an opportunity to see how population research is integrated in an interdisciplinary way through collaborations within the NIH and with other federal agencies (e.g., ASPE, BLS, ACF, and NCHS).

Preference will be given to individuals who are currently enrolled in graduate-level training in a population-related field. Experience with computing and Web applications is highly desirable. Salary is commensurate with training and experience. U.S. citizens and non-citizens who have permanent visa status, are from a country allied with the U.S., or have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. as a permanent resident may apply.

For more information or to submit a CV, please contact Susan Newcomer (newcomes@mail.nih.gov; 301. 496.1174). Applicants attending the Population Association of America meetings March 30-April 2 may want to arrange to meet with DBSB staff during that time.

Note: Susan Newcomer is a CPC Training Program Alumnus.

13. Career Opportunity: Johns Hopkins Faculty Research Position

The Center for Adolescent Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health is seeking applicants for a Senior Research Coordinator of the National Survey of Adolescent Males (NSAM). The position is a faculty appointment as an Assistant Scientist in the Department of Population and Family Health Sciences. This individual will help design the survey instrument and procedures, oversee data collection, participate in data analyses, and prepare articles and reports relating to union formation and reproductive health of adult American men. The person will coordinate activities related to a follow up study of the NSAM respondents who are

part of a longitudinal study of a cohort of men born in 1969 to 1973, who survived until 1988, and have been interviewed three times: in 1988, 1990-1991, and 1995.

The Senior Research Coordinator will work with the principal investigator and other investigators to:

- (1) plan the follow-up survey (including questionnaire design),
- (2) oversee the data collection,
- (3) conduct research studies,
- (4) analyze longitudinal data and contribute to publications, and
- (5) plan and solicit funds for further related activities.

Responsibilities include supervising staff and students, working with the survey research contractor, and communicating with the investigators, funders and other stakeholders. In addition, the person will help plan and conduct analyses of the data in collaboration with other members of the research team, as well as taking the lead in analyzing data and writing up results.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. degree in sociology, demography, public health, economics or related discipline and 1-3 years of post-doctoral research experience. Applicants should be experienced users of large, complex surveys and have a track record of scholarly productivity. The ideal applicant will have experience designing and conducting a large scale survey. Documented interest in union formation and sexual and reproductive health is required.

The Center for Adolescent Health (<http://www.jhsph.edu/adolescenthealth>) is part of the Department of Population and Family Health Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and is one of 30 Prevention Research Centers funded by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Center works in partnership with youth, people who work with youth, community residents, public policymakers, and program administrators to help urban adolescents develop healthy adult lifestyles, increasing health-enhancing behavior, relationship skills, self-care skills, nurturing skills, and productive skills.

To apply, send a letter of interest, CV, publications, and the names of three references by April 29, 2005 to:

Freya Sonenstein or Nan Astone
Center for Adolescent Health
The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
615 North Wolfe Street E4608
Baltimore, Maryland 21205

14. Next TPN Publication Date: April 8, 2005

The next issue of the Training Program News will be delivered to your in-box on April 8.

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