

CPC Training Program News (7. 30. 2004)

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1. Transitions (and more)

Partings

Henry Ebron (CPC IGERT Undergraduate Intern) leaves CPC on July 30 to begin law school at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

Cara Eckhardt (CPC Predoc, 1999-2004) successfully defended her dissertation on July 23. She begins a postdoctoral fellowship at the International Food Policy Research Institute (Washington, DC) in mid-August.

Crystal Hall (CPC IGERT Undergraduate Intern) leaves CPC on July 30 to begin graduate studies in public policy at Ohio State University.

Thang Nguyen (CPC Postdoc, 2001-2004) returned to Vietnam as a researcher with the Asian Development Bank where he will work on the project "Early Childhood Development for the Poor in Vietnam." During his three-year CPC postdoc, Thang worked with Barry Popkin in areas of fertility transition, reproductive health, and sexual behaviors related to risk of HIV/AIDS. Thang may be reached via email at nmthang@netnam.org.vn.

Beginnings

Steve McDonald (Ph. D., Sociology, Florida State University) begins a CPC postdoctoral traineeship on August 2. Working with Dr. Glen Elder, Steve's research will focus on social networks and employment outcomes across the life course. Steve may be reached (temporarily) via e-mail at sjm3689@garnet.acns.fsu.edu. His office is in 401C.

James Hull (second year doctoral student, Sociology) began an IGERT predoctoral traineeship in population and environment on July 1. Jim will work with Ron Rindfuss on population and environment dynamics and the determinants and consequences of internal migration in the context of rural Nang Rong. He may be reached via e-mail at jrhull@email.unc.edu. His office is in 308F West.

2. Spring-Summer 2004 Progress Reports Due August 20

Progress reports for spring-summer 2004 are due in the Training Office no later than

August 20, 2004. Please use the report template available on the network at: sys2:\wp\ski\backup\CPCTraining\progressreporttemplate.doc. Please rename the file, yourlastname_spsum2004pr.doc, and send it to Jan Hendrickson-Smith as an e-mail attachment.

3. Leaving CPC?

Are you planning to leave CPC sometime in the near future? Please check with Jan Hendrickson-Smith to make sure all necessary forms have been filled out, and that CPC has your forwarding address. Before leaving, please send Jan a copy of your CV and activity report.

Guidelines for managing/transferring files may be found on the web at <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/faqs/index.php?faqid=86>.

4. CPC Orientation - August 30, 3:00 - 4:30

Mark your calendars! The 2004-05 CPC Orientation will be held on Monday, August 30, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Room 405. Presentations by the various CPC Cores will provide rich information concerning services and "how tos" around CPC. Attendance at the CPC Orientation is required for trainees.

5. Friday Seminar Kick-off on August 27: Dr. Richard Bilsborrow

The fall 2004 Friday seminar series begins on August 27. Dr. Richard Bilsborrow will kick-off the series with "Population and the Environment: Explorations in the Ecuadorian Amazon" at noon in Room 405.

6. August TGIF: Friday, August 20, 5:00

The first TGIF of the year will be held on August 20, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Room 405. All trainees and preceptors are encouraged to attend.

7. August Postdoc Lunch: August 18

The next postdoc lunch will be held on Wednesday, August 18, from 12:15-1:15 in Room 405. Please email Jan if you plan to attend.

8. Training in Research Ethics Opportunity

The School of Medicine will sponsor a five session, week long colloquium in research ethics beginning August 23. The workshop will be held on five consecutive days, August 23-27, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Room G-202 of the Molecular Biomedical Research Building. Each of the sessions will fulfill one of the four research ethics requirements for CPC trainees. Registration is required to attend the individual sessions. Please contact Rhonda Scott (3-9986; rhonda_squires@med.unc.edu) to register.

Lecture Schedule:

August 23: Data Management, Associate Professor Ellen Weiss (Cell and Developmental Biology). Records, interpretation bias, data ownership. Small group discussions.

August 24: Publication and Peer Review, Associate Professor Ellen Weiss (Cell and Developmental Biology). Reporting research findings, honesty, integrity and plagiarism, joint authorship, privileged information, conflict of interest, anonymity. Small group discussions.

August 25: Intellectual Property, W. Mark Crowell (Associate Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, UNC-CH). Copyright laws, software ethics, university/industry relations, consultants, conflict of interest.

August 26: Use of Animals and Human Subjects in Biomedical Research, Dr. Robert Lowman (Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, UNC-CH). Ethics and research, IACUC

and IRB, government regulations.

August 27: UNC-CH Guidelines for Research, Professor Rudy Juliano (Pharmacology). Policies and procedures.

9. Training Opportunity: Teaching Outside the Lines

Duke University will sponsor a workshop, "Teaching Outside the Lines: An Interdisciplinary Conversation" on September 10, 2004 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the John Hope Franklin Center. The session is open to all area universities.

There is no fee associated with the workshop but registration is required. Please contact Yvonne Connelly (668-1901; yvonne.connelly@duke.edu) for more information or to register. Parking vouchers will be available the day of the workshop.

10. Field Research Funding Opportunity: Center for Tropical Forest Science

The Smithsonian Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS) supports research associated with CTFS' network of forest dynamics plots. The program provides opportunities for senior researchers and graduate, predoctoral, and postdoctoral students to utilize existing forest dynamics plots and conduct research with scientists associated with these plots.

Funding is restricted to expenses directly related to field research, laboratory research, and data analysis. Examples of eligible expenses include travel, living expenses during fieldwork, supplies, research assistance, and resulting publications. Funds are not available for salary and/or fringe benefits (except postdoctoral stipends), tuition, non-project personnel, or travel to meetings.

For more information, visit
<http://www.ctfs.si.edu/CTFS%20Research%20Grants%208-04.pdf>.

11. Career Opportunity: UC-Berkeley Sociology Faculty Positions

Pending budgetary approval, the UC-Berkeley Department of Sociology anticipates two tenure-track faculty positions at the rank of Assistant Professor, effective fall 2005. Candidates will be considered regardless of field of specialization. Applicants should send, by September 10, 2004, letters of interest, CV, publications or dissertation chapters, and three letters of reference to:

Search Committee
Department of Sociology
410 Barrows Hall
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720-1980

12. Career Opportunity: FSU Sociology Faculty Position

The Department of Sociology invites applications for up to three positions at the assistant and/or associate ranks (the latter with possibility of tenure upon appointment), effective August 2005. Candidates are sought with specializations in race/ethnicity, political sociology (social movements, social policy, political sociology, or comparative-historical), or immigration/demography. Candidates who can teach graduate level classical and/or contemporary theory will be given priority. Applications must include a personal letter, CV, three letters of reference, and one writing sample.

Collaboration among faculty and students is encouraged and affiliation with the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy or the Center for Demography and Population Health is possible. Screening will begin October 1 and continue until the positions are filled. Send materials to:

Patricia Yancey Martin

Chair, Department of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2270

For more information, visit <http://www.sociology.fsu.edu/>.

13. Career Opportunity: Utah State University Faculty Position

The Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Sociology, with a specialization in Demography. A secondary specialization in health, social epidemiology, or life course is encouraged. Consideration will also be given to applicants specializing in demography whose strengths complement one of the Department's other areas of strength: social change and development, environmental/natural resource sociology, and inequality/social problems. Preference will be given to candidates who can teach courses in research methods and statistics. The successful applicant must demonstrate a strong potential to develop a substantial research record that includes both scholarly publications and securing extramural research funds. Demonstrated ability and commitment to excellence in teaching and professional service are required.

Review of applications will begin on October 10, 2004, and continue until the position is filled. Application materials, including a letter of application addressing the position criteria, three letters of reference, official transcripts, and a CV should be sent to:

Michael B. Toney
Chair of Demography Recruitment Committee
Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology
Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-0730.

14. Career Opportunity: Project Director, ICPSR

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and the Population Studies Center (PSC) of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan seek to appoint a demographer to direct their newly-created Demographic Data Sharing and Archiving project. This project will be a broadly-based public service activity that works with data producers and data users to document, archive and disseminate data produced by researchers supported by the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch (DBSB) of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), in partnership with population centers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Minnesota. Responsibilities include working with researchers and data producers, directing a staff of professional and technical employees with responsibilities for data processing, metadata creation, and user support, developing and implementing strategies to make data in the field well known and easy to use, working closely with the federal agency that funds the activity, developing grant proposals and renewals, organizing training activities for students, researchers and other professionals, and conducting an individual program of demographic research.

The person selected for this position will hold a joint research faculty appointment in ICPSR and PSC. These positions may be at the level of Research Investigator, Assistant or Associate Research Scientist, Research Scientist, Research Associate Professor, or Research Professor. The selected candidate's qualifications will determine the level.

The successful candidate will hold a Ph.D. in a relevant field of study with a specialization in population, with a minimum of five to eight years of postdoctoral professional experience, and two years of experience in the management of research projects. Applicants should submit a letter of application, a CV, three letters of reference, and relevant writing samples to:

Myron P. Gutmann

Director, ICPSR
P. O. Box 1248
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106-1248.

Screening of applications will begin shortly and continue until the position is filled. The University of Michigan is a Non-Discriminatory Affirmative Action Employer.

15. Career Opportunity: NIA Research Program Analyst(Contract)

The National Institute on Aging, Behavioral and Social Research (BSR) Program is seeking exceptional candidates, with Master's or Doctorate level training and independent research experience, to be hired under contract with Kelly Scientific Services. BSR, located in Bethesda, Maryland, is an extramural program that supports basic social and behavioral research and research training on the processes of aging at both the individual and societal level. The current opportunity will provide the successful applicant with hands-on involvement in the NIH grants process, including participating in funding decisions, and planning medium- and long-range scientific direction. Sample tasks include evaluating the BSR Program's data collection activities and scientific support in developing research programs and initiatives.

This is a temporary position with potential for long-term employment. The applicant must have:

- (1) a doctorate (or Master's and relevant work experience) degree in demography, economics, sociology, epidemiology, psychology, physiological psychology, biopsychology, developmental psychology, behavioral genetics, or related behavioral field,
- (2) understanding of life course perspectives/aging research,
- (3) strong writing, organizational and communication skills, and
- (4) the ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

Specific topical areas of focus and activities will take into account the strengths and preferences of the successful candidate. A flexible work schedule may be considered to accommodate completion of the Ph.D. degree.

Email application materials and inquiries to Ashley Keiser via email at keisera@nia.nih.gov.

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