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2010 Annual Meeting Registration and Membership

The 2010 SDA annual meeting takes place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Knoxville, Tennessee. The meeting dates are October 7-9.

Members must register for the meeting via a web form (see below). When registering, members will have the option of paying by credit card via Paypal or paying by putting a check in the mail.

If you choose to pay by web/credit card, you will be taken to Paypal's website to complete the payment. *Please do not register for membership or for the meeting with the web payment option unless you intend to use your credit card to make an immediate payment.* The aim of the web system is to make it easy for members to join and pay; it is not intended as a reserve now/pay later system for the meeting.

The web form may be accessed via this link: <http://sda-demography.org/join/JoinSDA.php>. Note that you may pay membership fees by using the web form even if you cannot attend the annual meeting in Galveston. The final program is now available [here](#).

Hotel Information

The SDA group rate is \$96 (or \$106 for a king bed). You can [make your reservation online](#), or call the hotel at 865.522.2600.

Federal employee room rates are available for up to 15 rooms. Current CONUS rates for Knoxville are \$84 for Knoxville. To be eligible for this rate, federal government employees must book their room on the SDA website for the \$96 rate, then submit their room request to David Redburn (david.redburn@furman.edu) before September 15. David will provide a rooming list to the hotel.

Your small dog (under 50 pounds) or cat is welcome in the hotel room for a \$25 fee, in case you don't go anywhere without Fido or Fluffy.

Parking at the Crowne Plaza is \$6/day for self-parking and \$10/day to valet park. For those not staying at the hotel, self parking is \$8/day.

About Knoxville

Getting around downtown Knoxville is easy. Almost everything is walking distance to the hotel. If you don't wish to walk, the [Knoxville Area Transit trolley](#) comes by the front door of the hotel about every ten minutes (less frequently on Saturday). Riding the KAT trolley is free, and you can take the [Orange Line trolley](#) to the University of Tennessee and to points around downtown.

Dining and drinking options are plentiful in and around the Crowne Plaza. The graduate students at the University of Tennessee will provide a dining guide as well as a bar guide to places within walking distance of the hotel.

There are many things to do in Knoxville for your spouses and children who may not be so interested in your latest demographic findings. They should feel free to email the Local Arrangements Chair, Stephanie Bohon at sbohon@utk.edu to ask for suggestions.

Plenary Speakers

This year we have two very interesting plenary luncheons planned for the annual meeting. On Friday, October 8, **Katherine M. Donato** will be our guest speaker. On Saturday, October 9, **Dudley L. Poston** will be our guest speaker.

Dr. Donato will give a presentation titled “Mexican Immigrants and Public Resources: Costs and Contributions.” Her co-authors are Douglas S. Massey, Princeton University, and Brandon Wagner, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill). Dr. Donato is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at Vanderbilt University. She also currently serves as the editor of *American Sociological Review*. Her research interests include immigrants and the U.S. economy, social determinants of health, international migration between Mexico and the U.S., and gender and ethnic stratification.

Abstract: A major shortcoming of most prior research on immigrant’s use of social services and tax payments is the inability to disaggregate findings by legal status. Federal data from the Census and Current Population Survey only distinguish between citizens and other foreigners, and few data sets contain information sufficient to identify undocumented migrants with any reliability. The one exception is the Mexican Migration Project, which has compiled information on contributions of, and services used by, Mexican migrants in all legal statuses for more than two decades. In this presentation, we use these data to understand the shifts and patterns of service use and contributions reported by the largest immigrant population in the United States. Our findings are noteworthy in two ways. First, they reveal that legally authorized migrants are more likely than their unauthorized counterparts to rely on social and health services. Second, among recent arrivals, whereas authorized immigrants are more likely to make contributions, the unauthorized are less likely to use services, compared to their counterparts entering before 1986. We argue these findings reflect the restrictive immigration policy context that began after 1986 and has since intensified, whereby immigrants increasingly fear deportation and avoid federal and local government officials.

Dr. Poston will give a presentation titled “China's More Than 50 Million Extra Boys: What are Some of their Societal and Demographic Implications?” Dr. Poston is Professor of Sociology and Abell Professor of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University. His research interests include China and Korea, quantitative methods, sex and gender, human ecology, and gender.

Abstract: China has had an unbalanced sex ratio at birth (SRB) since the mid-1980s. For the past several years China's SRB has been 120 (120 boys born each year per 100 girls born). Accordingly, there have already been born in China around 44 million boys who when they reach marriage age will not be able to find Chinese women to marry. This number will reach 51 million by the year 2020 only if China is able to drop its current SRB of 120 down to 109; if the SRB remains at 120, there will be around 55 million extra boys in the year 2020. This is a really big number, one-sixth the size of the total US population and more than twice the size of the population of Texas, an astoundingly large number of extra men who won't be able to find Chinese women to marry. What are some of the demographic and societal implications of the largest number of unmarried men in a single country in recorded human history?

SDA Banquet

The SDA banquet will be held on Friday, October 8, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the historic Louisville & Nashville passenger railway station on the World's Fair site at the corner of Western Avenue and Henley Street. The station was built in 1904 and designed by Richard Montfort, chief engineer for the L&N Railroad. It was last used for passenger rail in 1968. Scheduled for demolition in the late seventies, the building was resurrected by the Ruby Tuesday's corporation for use as a restaurant during the 1982 World's Fair. Today it pretty much sits empty, so SDA will bring it some life.

Walking directions: Walk out the front doors of the hotel and cross the street. Turn right. Walk two blocks. When you arrive at the intersection of Henley Street and Summit Hill/Western Avenue, the Victorian style, red-brick station is right in front of you. Cross Henley Street (very carefully) and proceed down the stairs located just left of the corner. If you cannot walk two blocks and/or navigate stairs easily, please contact Stephanie Bohon at 865-740-9866, and we will provide a ride for you.

SOUTHERN DEMOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Thursday, October 7, 2010

SDA Board Meeting 3:30 - 5:00PM

Registration 5:00 - 7:00PM

Reception 7:00 -9:00PM

Friday, October 8, 2010

Registration 7:45 AM – 5:00PM

Early Friday Morning Paper Sessions: 8:00 – 9:45AM

1. Perspectives on Gender
2. Economic Demography
3. Psychological Well-Being and Suicide

Late Friday Morning Paper Sessions: 10:00– 11:30AM

4. Mortality I
5. Race-Ethnicity and Health
6. Applied Demographic Methodology
7. REU Student Panel 1: Emerging Issues of U.S. Immigration: Asian and Latina/o Perspectives

Plenary Luncheon: 11:45AM – 1: 15PM

Speaker: Katherine M. Donato, Vanderbilt University

Early Friday Afternoon Paper Sessions: 1:30 – 3:00PM

- 8. Marriage
- 9. Methodological Issues in the American Community Survey
- 10. Education
- 11. Reproductive Behavior

Late Friday Afternoon Paper Sessions: 3:15 – 4:45PM

- 12. Child and Adolescent Health
- 13. REU Student Panel 2: Emerging Issues of U.S. Immigration: Comparative Perspectives
- 14. Fertility
- 15. Spatial Demography

Poster Session and Presidential Reception

(co-sponsored by Baylor University) 4:45 – 5:45PM

Annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony 5:45-6:30PM

Dinner at Louisville & Nashville Passenger Railway Station on the World's Fair Site

Drinks and Appetizers 7-8PM

Dinner 8-11PM

Saturday, October, 9, 2010

Registration 7:45 – 10:00AM

Early Saturday Morning Paper Sessions: 8:00 – 9:45AM

- 16. Methodological Issues
- 17. Mortality II
- 18. Work and Family
- 19. Migration I

Late Friday Morning Paper Sessions: 10:00 – 11:30AM

- 20. Health Behaviors and Obesity
- 21. Migration II
- 22. Aging
- 23. Race-Ethnicity

Plenary Luncheon: 11:45AM – 1:15PM

Speaker: Dudley L. Poston, Texas A&M University

Congratulations to Our New Officers!

Thanks to all of the SDA members who recently participated in our annual election. Congratulations to Bob Freymeyer, Presbyterian College, on his election to the office of President-elect (and 2011 Program Chair). Bob will be President for the 2012 calendar year. Also, congratulations to Jarron Saint Onge on his election to the SDA Board for a three-year term beginning January, 2011.

Thanks to Bob and Jarron for their willingness to serve the Association. Many thanks also to Stephanie Bohon and Wesley James for agreeing to run for office. Lastly, thanks to Secretary-Treasurer David Redburn for running the election in such an efficient manner. Our strong culture of volunteerism sustains us and continues the tradition set by our founders.

New Sociology Doctoral Program at Rice University!

The Department of Sociology at Rice University is pleased to announce the launch of a doctoral program in sociology. The program will offer specialization in four broad substantive areas:

- *Race and Ethnicity
- *Population Health
- *Culture and Religion
- *Urban and Community

Our program is based on an apprenticeship model that involves students working with professors on research immediately and continually. We are also committed to ensuring that students acquire mastery of both quantitative and qualitative research methods. This will be a small program, with cohorts of 4-5 students -- all of whom will receive ample funding for five years.

Rice offers some special resources that will provide graduate students with exciting research opportunities: The Institute for Urban Research is the home of the Houston Area Survey, and also houses programs in Race scholarship, Religion and Public Life, and Leadership. The Hobby Center for the Study of Texas generates analyses of key social and public policy issues. Our Postdoctoral Fellowship Program will provide graduate students additional collaborative and mentoring opportunities, and the chance to see first hand what the next stage of an academic career can look like.

For more detailed information about the program, Rice University, and Houston, please visit us online at: <http://sociology.rice.edu/>

De Jong Lecture in Social Demography

The Multigenerational Demography of Social Mobility will be presented by Robert D. Mare of UCLA at Penn State's 5th annual De Jong Lecture in Social Demography. The free conference will be held on Penn State's campus in State College, PA, on the morning of **October 25**. Dr. Mare is current President of the Population Association of America and Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Statistics at UCLA.

Discussants include Herbert Smith, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Population Studies Center at University of Pennsylvania, and Molly Martin, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Demography at Penn State. Register at <http://www.pop.psu.edu/events/dejonglecture/>

Beale Scholarship Announced

The family of Calvin L. Beale, who was a long-time member of the SDA, has created an award in his memory at his alma matter, the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Calvin L. Beale Endowment for Graduate Awards in Sociology will be used to assist students pursuing advanced work in sociology with an emphasis on demography and the sociology of rural life. The stipend may be used for tuition assistance, conference travel, and other opportunities for professional development. To learn more about supporting this fund, you may visit the UW Sociology website at <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/soc/giving>. For direct assistance or for more information about the endowment, please contact Jennifer Karlson at the University of Wisconsin Foundation at 608.262.7225 or jennifer.karlson@uwfoundation.wisc.edu.

Job Postings

Florida State University: Assistant Professor of Sociology.

The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position, effective August 2011. We seek applicants with a primary emphasis in Race & Inequality who can also contribute to one of our other program areas: Health & Aging, Demography, or Social Psychology. Applications should include a personal letter, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and a writing sample. Screening will begin November 1 and continue until the position is filled. All application materials should be sent electronically to Isaac W. Eberstein, Chair, Department of Sociology, using this address: sociology@fsu.edu.

For more information, visit our webpage at www.sociology.fsu.edu. Florida State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and race/ethnic minority applicants are particularly invited.

Allstate Research and Planning Center: Geo-Spatial Business Analyst-Research Associate.

The Allstate Research and Planning Center (ARPC) is a unit of the Allstate Insurance Company and located in Menlo Park, CA. The primary focus of the Research and Planning Center is to explore ideas, data, methods, and techniques that uncover new insights, enhance decision-making, and prepare the company for the future.

ARPC is searching for a Research Associate with experience in geo-spatial and statistical analysis to solve business issues. The candidate must work well in a multi-disciplinary team environment and possess excellent written and oral communication skills. Candidate will also help support various Home Office clients and conduct tactical research projects. Among the research topics currently underway are multi-dimensional views of risk concentration, multivariate multi-level geographic modeling to explain agency performance through time, spatial analyses to optimize points of presence and performance, and continued development of a new decision support system.

Scope: Design, execute, and manage research projects. Develop creative research-based solutions to strategic business problems. Working with colleagues, this position will be responsible for providing actionable insights and recommendations that can influence the direction of the company.

Responsibilities:

- Project design, execution, and management
- Assist development of spatially-enabled decision support systems
- Integrate relevant data, analyze, and interpret for business applications
- Identify significant trends, business opportunities, and risks across markets
- Consult with peers and business partners to refine research designs and create actionable outputs
- Communicate project progress with colleagues, business partners, and management
- Work within teams to analyze data, communicate findings, and discuss interpretations and implications

Skills/Experience Required:

- Advanced degree in Math, Statistics, Population studies, Geography, GIS, or related field
- At least 3 years experience applying geo-spatial techniques to solve business problems is strongly recommended
- Experience in applied geo-spatial statistics, geo-computation, optimization, simulations, spatial database design and cartography; spatial data visualization and interpretation
- Strong analytical and quantitative skills and ability to design and conduct analysis using internal and external data sources
- Experience in manipulation, analysis, and interpretation of large geographic-based datasets
- Demonstrated capability to communicate effectively in writing and oral presentations
- Experience and proficiency in SAS, Tactician Business GIS or other business oriented GIS,

Tableau or other data visualization tools, and Excel; familiarity with Access and Oracle, a plus.

Company offers competitive salary, flexible work environment, and a strong benefits package including both a pension and 401-K savings plan.

Candidates must be eligible to work in the US on a full-time basis. Allstate does not sponsor individuals who are not already authorized to work in the United States.

Apply: <https://allstate.taleo.net/careersection/10000/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=000B5T>

Duke University: Assistant Professor of Public Policy.

The Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University seeks applicants for a tenure-track assistant professorship with research and teaching interests dealing with racial/ethnic and/or socioeconomic health disparities and their policy implications. Scholarly interests may include social, economic or political factors that give rise to population health disparities or disparities in health care inputs and outcomes. In addition to offering policy-oriented courses in their specialty area, candidates should be prepared to teach at least one course central to the public policy curriculum. The position requires commitment and ability to good teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Candidates should possess a Ph.D. in health policy, public policy, economics, political science, sociology, social epidemiology, or related fields. Secondary appointments are possible in other departments and the Duke Global Health Institute. Applications received by November 1, 2010 will be guaranteed full consideration.

All candidates should submit a letter of application, CV, writing sample, and three letters of reference to Professor Sherman A. James, Health Disparities Search Committee Chair, via the following website: <http://www.facsearch.sanford.duke.edu>.

Separate letters of reference can be sent to susan.alexander@duke.edu. Please reference Health Disparities Search when sending them.

Duke University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Under-represented racial/ethnic minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

University of Western Ontario: Assistant or Associate Professor.

Applications are invited for a Probationary, tenure track position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level beginning 1 July 2011. The successful candidate must have expertise in the field of **formal demography**, the ability to teach graduate and undergraduate courses in Demographic Modeling and Methods as well as Quantitative Methods and Statistics, and a strong substantive research program that would contribute to the focus of the Population Studies program at Western in the areas of life course studies, longevity/mortality/health, family demography, or migration. Potential candidates are expected

to have a strong portfolio, including evidence of potential for excellence in teaching and research. Candidates must have a PhD at the time of appointment.

The Department of Sociology has strengths in the areas of Population Studies, Aging and Health, Diversity and Inequality, and social theory and research methodology. The University of Western Ontario is a top-ranked research-intensive university and the Department has one of the largest Sociology programs in Canada. We have an excellent PhD and Masters level graduate program that regularly attracts outstanding Canadian and International applicants.

Applications must include the following: (1) a cover letter, (2) a CV, (3) the names and contact information of three referees, (4) a sample publication, and (5) a teaching dossier. This material should be sent to:

Professor Tracey Adams, Chair
Department of Sociology
Room 5316, Social Sciences Centre
The University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5C2

The deadline for receiving applications is **November 1st 2010**; however, the Appointments Committee reserves the right to review the files and even make a decision prior to the deadline. Candidates are, therefore, strongly advised to submit their applications as early as they can.

Positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communications skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian and Permanent Residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people, and persons with disabilities.

Recent Articles Published in

Population Research and Policy Review

- [A Matter of Number, Age or Marriage? Children and Marital Dissolution in Italy](#)
- [How do Recent Population Trends Matter to Climate Change?](#)
- [Changes in the Living Arrangements of Elderly People in Greece: 1974-1999](#)
- [Individual and Institutional Constraints: An Analysis of Parental Leave Use and Duration in Spain](#)
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