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2015 SDA Recap



The 2015 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association was a success! Held in the Hotel Contessa on the Riverwalk in San Antonio, we had more than 160 registered members come to share their research, reconnect with friends and colleagues, and eat the delicious local cuisine.

The annual meeting was highlighted by two fantastic guest speakers, Dr. Debra Umberson of the University of Texas-Austin, and Dr. Mark Fossett of Texas A&M University.

A good time was had by all and we can now set our sights on the 2016 meeting to be held in Athens, GA.



2015 SDA PAPER AWARD WINNERS

The SDA makes awards for the following types of papers presented at the annual meeting:

Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award



SDA presents an award for the best graduate student paper delivered at the annual meeting. The winning student receives a cash prize and a certificate, both of which are presented at the annual business meeting.

The recipient of the 2015 Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award is *Laura Freeman* of Rice University. Congratulations Laura!



Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award

SDA presents a cash prize and a certificate for the best undergraduate paper presented at the conference. The award is given at the annual business meeting.

There was no recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award, but hopefully next year we'll have many great submissions and a well deserved winner. I encourage all of our members who work closely with undergraduate students to have them submit next year.

E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography

Walt Terrie was a faculty member and applied demographer at Florida State University and an active member of the Southern Demographic Association. After he died suddenly in 1997, SDA and FSU began awarding the Walt Terrie Award to recognize the "best paper presented at the SDA Annual Meeting on an applied topic, especially one relating to state and local demography." The award is chosen by a committee appointed by the SDA President and including at least one FSU faculty member. The Terrie Award consists of a \$400 cash prize and an appropriate certificate.

There was no recipient of the 2015 E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography. We look forward to more submissions next year!

2015 SDA RECOGNITION OF OUT- GOING AND INCOMING SERVICE

The following SDA members were recognized at the 2015 meeting with a plaque for their dedicated service to the organization:

Past President Ron Cossman (2014)

Outgoing Board Member and Vice President Jeremy Porter (2013-2015)

Outgoing Board Member Yanyi Djamba (2013-2015)

The following SDA members will be entering into new service commitments for the organization in 2016:

President: Stephanie Bohon, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

President Elect: Mark Fossett, Texas A&M University

Past President: Lloyd Potter, UTSA

Vice President: Justin Denney, Rice University

Secretary-Treasurer: Gerald Shoultz, Grand Valley State University

Board Member: Joseph Lariscy, University of Memphis

Board Member: Corey Sparks, UTSA

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2016 Local Arrangements: Stephanie Bohon, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

JOBS: UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

University of Memphis. The College of Arts and Sciences invites applications and nominations for the appointment of an experienced scholar to serve as **Chair of the Department of Sociology**. The successful candidate will join a dynamic department in a metropolitan research university. The University of Memphis, a comprehensive, doctoral-extensive state university, enrolls over 20,000 students annually. The department offers the B.A. and M.A. degrees in Sociology, which has 10 tenured and tenure-track faculty, 14 full and part-time graduate students, and 160 undergraduate majors. Faculty research interests include social inequality, comparative social change, institutions and organizations, deviance and social psychology, and methodology. Please visit the university or department websites at www.memphis.edu and www.memphis.edu/sociology for additional information.

Successful candidates will have a national reputation for scholarship, a substantial record of publication, evidence of commitment to and excellence in teaching, a demonstrated capacity for intellectual leadership, and a record of academic leadership and administrative expertise. A PhD in Sociology is required, and the successful applicant must be eligible for the rank of Full Professor in the department. The substantive area of specialization is open. Please upload a letter of application (or nomination), curriculum vitae, and contact information for at least three references to: workforum.memphis.edu/postings. Review of applications will begin December 16 and may continue until the position is filled. The position will begin in August 2016 and is contingent on funding. Please address any questions to Dr. Roger Kreuz, committee chair (rkreuz@memphis.edu). The University of Memphis, a Tennessee Board of Regents institution, is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. We urge all qualified applicants to apply for this position. Appointment will be based on qualifications as they relate to position requirements without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or veteran status.

JOBS: NSF RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP AT PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Research Assistantship, Population-Infrastructure Nexus, Penn State (NSF Grant)

The Rural Sociology program of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education at the Pennsylvania State University is seeking applications for an NSF-funded multi-year graduate research assistantship. The successful candidate will work with a multi-disciplinary team on the population-infrastructure nexus in the context of community resilience and vulnerability under the supervision of Dr. Guangqing Chi. The candidate should also pursue a Ph.D. (preferred) or M.S. degree in rural sociology and a dual-title degree in demography.

The candidate is expected to have research interests in rural sociology, demography, population and environment, infrastructure, community resilience, transportation and society, climate change, and/or Big Data for social science research. Competence in rigorous statistical and spatial analysis is preferred. The student should also be self-motivated, open to learning new methods, resourceful, independent, and—of primary importance—highly professional.

For questions related to applications for admission to the graduate program in rural sociology and demography, please refer to <http://aese.psu.edu/graduateprograms/rural-sociology/apply> and/or contact Dr. Clare Hinrichs at chinrichs@psu.edu. For questions about the NSF research project, please contact Dr. Guangqing Chi at gchi@psu.edu.

JOBS: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS- SAN ANTONIO

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research (IDSER) Director and Faculty Position in Demography

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has an opening for Director of the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research (IDSER) to begin Fall 2016. The Director would also be a tenured senior Associate or Full Professor in the Department of Demography, depending on qualifications. The successful applicant will have: a strong record of extramural, federal funding acquisition; an outstanding publication record indicating national/international prominence; experience working in and leading collaborative teams; a clear vision for interdisciplinary, demographic research; research administration experience; evidence of research leadership/mentoring skills; and a strong record of teaching and student mentoring. The Department of Demography only offers a Ph.D. program, and all courses offered are at the Ph.D. level. Appointment will be in the Department of Demography within the College of Public Policy (COPP). As Director of IDSER, it is expected this position will strengthen interdisciplinary research opportunities and linkages with other departments in COPP and other colleges at UTSA, as well as with other UT system units, such as the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the University of Texas School of Public Health. The position involves teaching, advising and other activities in the Ph.D. program in Applied Demography. Responsibilities include teaching doctoral courses offered at UTSA's Downtown campus (where IDSER is located), including evening classes; scholarly research and publication; continued acquisition of external and federal funding; and university and professional service.

IDSER focuses on advancing social, demographic and economic science research on significant policy issues. It houses the Texas State Data Center with the State Demographer and a range of ongoing applied and policy relevant research projects related to a better understanding of the social and economic characteristics of populations and the effects of population change. There are approximately 16 scientific and administrative staff members and several graduate research assistants who support projects funded at approximately \$1.5 million per year. More information about IDSER can be obtained online at: <http://idser.utsa.edu/>

The Department of Demography has about 40 students enrolled in the Applied Demography Ph.D. program, with about one-third of them being supported as research assistants. General information about the Department can be obtained online at: <http://copp.utsa.edu/departments/category/demography/>

Salary and supporting start-up package are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Tenure is contingent upon Board of Regents Approval.

Required Qualifications: Ph.D. with a specialization in Demography from an appropriate discipline and a strong scholarly record, including proven extramural funding experience and continued engagement in funded research.

UTSA is a comprehensive public university serving approximately 31,000 students and is advancing toward tier-one research status. UTSA also offers opportunities for collaborative research with The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, The University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston, plus numerous other potential opportunities to collaborate with State and local agencies and companies in South Texas.

How to Apply:

Applicants must submit a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three references. Applications should be sent by email to: Dr. Johnelle Sparks, Search Committee Chair, Department of Demography, dem@utsa.edu (phone 210-458-3141).

Applicants who are selected for interviews must be able to show proof that they will be eligible and qualified to work in the United States by time of hire. A review of completed applications will begin 15 February 2016, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. UTSA is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

JOBS: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The University of Houston. The Department of Sociology at the University of Houston invites applications for an Assistant Professor to begin Fall semester 2016. Areas of interest are open though a preference will be given to candidates, whose scholarly work would complement ongoing departmental and campus research initiatives, including but not limited to Culture, Religion, Environment, Health, Globalization, and Immigration. We are also interested in candidates who can contribute to teaching in core areas of the discipline—of special interest would be Methods, Theory, or Inequality.

PhD in Sociology is required, as are scholarly publications. Success in generating external funding is preferred. Salary will be based upon qualifications and experience. The UH Department of Sociology has a research-focused, highly active faculty. We currently offer an M.A. degree and have a customary teaching load of 2-2. UH is a growing, urban research institution and its student body reflects the racial, ethnic, and international diversity of the Houston metropolitan area. Located in the fourth largest city in the U.S., Houston is home to one of the largest medical centers in the world, numerous global energy corporations and a vibrant arts community which provide exciting research opportunities.

Applicants should apply online at [http:// jobs.uh.edu/postings/26867](http://jobs.uh.edu/postings/26867).

Application materials should include a cover letter describing research and teaching interests, curriculum vita, copies of recent publications, and three letters of recommendation. The position will remain open to applicants until an acceptable short list is compiled. Review of applications will begin October 15th, 2015. The University of Houston is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

Hi SDA Members,

I want to encourage everyone to contact me of any newsworthy items that should be included in future editions of the newsletter. You can contact me via email at news@sda-demography.org, or by phone at (901) 678-1631.

Thanks,

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