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## Presidential Ponderings

Since we last met, in Greenville South Carolina, the Southern Demographic Association Board has been pretty busy. Most importantly, we're gearing up for meeting in Galveston October 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. I hope you all are planning to make it to those meetings. Charlie Tolbert, of Baylor University, is Program Chair this year, and he has some great plans. For the first time, we're having a poster session – we'll be able to accommodate 40 posters. Poster sessions offer a great opportunity to really chat with folks about your research; so I hope you'll consider submitting some great ideas. Also, please encourage students to submit their papers for the undergraduate and graduate paper competitions at the same time as submitting them for consideration for inclusion on the program. We also have the E. Walter Terrie Award for the best paper in Applied Demography. As for the plenary speakers this year, I've lined up two great speakers. On Friday, Marijo Hokesema, the director of Government Affairs for the PAA, will be speaking at the luncheon. On Saturday, Louis Pol, Dean of the College of Business of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, will address us over lunch. Submissions are due by the end of June—we look forward to seeing you all in Galveston.

After two requests within one week for the SDA logo, the Board decided to start a logo design contest. In case you didn't get the email, an announcement is posted below. Please send your submissions by the end of August so that I can get them together on a poster to be judged at the meetings in Galveston.

The Board also voted to support a letter that was sent in support of Congresswoman Maloney's bill to make the US Bureau of the Census independent. The American Statistical Association organized the letter campaign and its president, Sally Morton, noted: "Because the work of the Census Bureau uses complex scientific methods, it deserves the same status as other scientific research agencies. As an independent agency, the Bureau would have autonomy in the fulfillment of its mission to provide the high quality economic and demographic data that are critical to so many of our government, social and economic programs. We hope to be able to provide relevant input on the bill's provisions as it proceeds through the legislative process." More information may be found, among other places, at the ASTATA website as follows: <http://www.amstat.org/outreach/pdfs/HR1254endorsementH.pdf>

The SDA Board will have its mid-year meeting at the Population Association of American meetings, in Detroit, MI on April 29<sup>th</sup> (3:00-5:00 in Raphael, Level 4). Members are welcome to join, as it's an open meeting. Even if you cannot join, please send agenda items to me ([Lynne.Cossman@msstate.edu](mailto:Lynne.Cossman@msstate.edu)) in advance of the meetings. Typically we hear about the *Southern Demographic News*, the website, the upcoming meetings and plan for future meetings. As of now, the 2010 meetings are scheduled for Knoxville; if you have ideas for meeting locations, please send those to me as well.

If I don't see you in Detroit, I'll look forward to seeing you in Galveston.

Lynne Cossman,  
President, Southern Demographic Association

## 2009 Southern Demographic Association

### Call for Papers

**June 30 Deadline**

You are invited to submit abstracts for posters and/or completed papers for the 2009 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA). You are also invited to suggest topics for panels and poster sessions (see below). This year's meeting will be October 21 through October 24 at the Tremont House Hotel in Galveston, Texas. For emerging details, please check <http://sda-demography.org/>. This SDA web page will include a "forms" page for submitting your proposed session topics and paper abstracts.

Presentations of research in both applied and academic sociology are welcome as are related topics in economics, sociology, geography, political science, public health, epidemiology, and psychology. Though SDA is known for regional emphases and membership, we encourage the membership and participation of individuals from any region of the country or world. The structure of presentations is flexible; potential contributors are encouraged to not only send abstracts for individual research papers, but also for posters, complete sessions, thematic sessions, panel discussions, software demonstrations and more!

**Poster Session:** We will experiment this year with our first poster session like those at other professional meetings such as PAA. We can accommodate up to 40 posters and have hopes for a lively and informative session.

**ALL PAPER, POSTER, AND SESSION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH THE SDA WEB SITE TO RECEIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION!**

Please email Charles Tolbert ([Charlie.Tolbert@baylor.edu](mailto:Charlie.Tolbert@baylor.edu)), 2009 program chairperson, if you have any questions regarding a potential submission. Presentations by (or coauthored with) students are especially welcome; they can offer a student a significant first professional meeting experience. SDA also awards cash prizes to the best undergraduate and to the best graduate student paper (see details below). Please submit all proposals and abstracts by **June 30, 2009** through the SDA website <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2009.php>. The SDA website will ask you for your name, the name(s) of any co-authors (or other presenters if you are proposing a session), descriptions of paper(s) or poster(s)/topics of proposed session(s), institutional affiliation(s), and complete contact information (email address, telephone number, fax number, and mailing address).

### SDA STUDENT PAPER AWARDS

The SDA makes awards for the following types of student 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. Please send your complete paper, in electronic format, to [studentawards@sda-demography.org](mailto:studentawards@sda-demography.org) by September 1, 2009.

#### *Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award*

SDA presents a cash prize and a certificate for the best undergraduate paper presented at the meeting, both of which are presented at the annual business meeting. Please send your complete paper, in electronic format, to [studentawards@sda-demography.org](mailto:studentawards@sda-demography.org) by September 1, 2009.

IMPORTANT: Submission of a paper for one of these awards should only be made after the paper has been submitted for program consideration through the SDA website <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2009.php>.

## **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. For consideration for the 2009 E. Walter Terrie Award, email your submission to Isaac W. Eberstein at [ie-berstn@fsu.edu](mailto:ie-berstn@fsu.edu) no later than October 15, 2009. Submissions for the award should only be made after the paper has been submitted for program consideration through the SDA website <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2009.php>. The Terrie Award consists of a \$400 cash prize and an appropriate certificate.

## **SDA Seeks Logo Submissions**

The Southern Demographic Association is requesting logo design submissions. We prefer a logo that will be appropriate for letterhead, web design and for inclusion on research posters. Logos that look good in both color and black and white will be given preference as well.

Submissions will be presented at the 2009 SDA Poster Session. Conference participants will be permitted to vote on their favorite submission. The final decision will be made by the Board of Directors, taking into consideration the membership's vote.

The winning submission will have their membership fees for 2009-2010 waived.

Please visit our website [www.sda-demography.org](http://www.sda-demography.org) for information about the organization. Contact Lynne Cossman ([Lynne.Cossman@msstate.edu](mailto:Lynne.Cossman@msstate.edu)) with questions.

## **SDA Seeks Secretary-Treasurer for 2010-2012**

Troy Blanchard has done a wonderful job as Secretary-Treasurer for the SDA. Unfortunately, this position is a three-year term and his term ends at the end of this calendar year. Therefore, we are looking for interested individuals to be Secretary-Treasurer for the 2010-2012 term. This person would need to shadow Troy at this year's meetings and then would assume responsibilities on January 1st 2010 (for their own three year term). The duties associated with this position are largely concentrated in the month leading up to the meetings (September/October). This person also would need to attend the mid-year board meeting, which coincides with the PAA meetings each year.

If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please email Lynne Cossman ([Lynne.Cossman@msstate.edu](mailto:Lynne.Cossman@msstate.edu)).

## Photos from Greenville



Mike Irwin presides over the 2008 SDA business meeting.

Stephanie Bohon presents the Undergraduate Paper Award to Mazen Elfakhani.



Stephanie Bohon presents the Everett Lee Graduate Paper Award to Benjamin Shultz.

## Photos from Greenville

A standing room only crowd at the annual business meeting.



Ike Eberstein presents the Walt Terrie Award to Richelle Winkler and Jennifer Huck.

Mike Irwin recognizes outgoing SDA board member and Vice-President Linda Jacobsen.



## Photos from Greenville



Mike Irwin recognizes outgoing SDA board member Ron Cossman.

Lynne Cossman recognizes President Mike Irwin.



## **Winners of the SDA Student Paper Competition**

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 SDA student paper competition! This year we presented the Everett Lee Graduate Paper Award to Benjamin Shultz of the University of Tennessee. His paper was titled "Inside the Guided Cage: The Lives of Latino Immigrant Males in Rural Central Kentucky." The undergraduate paper award was presented to Mazen Elfakhani of the University of Texas at Austin. His paper was titled "Explaining the Rise of No Religion, GSS, 1972-2006" and was completed as a part of the NSF/REU program at UT.

### **Terrie Award Winner**

Richelle Winkler, Jennifer Huck, and Keith Warnke received the E. Walter Terrie Applied Demography Award at the 2008 SDA annual meeting. Their paper was titled "Deer Hunter Demography: Age, Period, and Cohort Analysis of Trends in Hunter Participation in Wisconsin." Winkler and Huck represent the Applied Population Lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Warnke is affiliated with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Congratulations to the winners!

# *Mark your calendars — It's time to start planning for Galveston!*

The 2009 SDA meeting will take place at the Tremont House in Galveston, Texas which is conveniently only 45 minutes from Houston. The Tremont House is a historic Wyndham Hotel which is undergoing renovation and is slated to open in June 2009. It offers world class amenities with 119 guest rooms and 14 suites. More info may be accessed at <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/GLSTH/main.wnt>.

Galveston is a beautiful and historic city and island and is sure to please everyone. Area attractions include beaches, cruises of Galveston bay, the Bishop's Palace, Moody Gardens, the Texas Seaport Museum, and Schlitterbahn Waterpark. Further, the Tremont House is located in the historic Strand District surrounded by many shops, fine restaurants, museums, and theaters.



*Journal of Modern Italian Studies*

**Call for Papers**

**“Second Generation Immigrants in Italy:  
Segregation or Social Advancement?”**

The *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* (JMIS) solicits papers for a special issue devoted to second-generation immigrants in Italy. This special issue is scheduled for publication in early 2011. JMIS is a leading English-language forum for debate and discussion on modern Italy.

The theme of immigrant youth is important at this time for a number of reasons. With immigrants comprising almost 7% of the Italian population (and a much higher percentage of young people) and with mass immigration now 20 years old, the numbers of immigrant youth in Italy warrant serious attention. Immigrant youth can act as influential agents of culture change, their identities speak to emerging forms of identity, and their encounters with the institutions and culture of their new homes have profound implications for the shape of the future. Will Italian youth of foreign origins feel disenfranchised and alienated from Italian society, in the manner of North African youth in France? Or will they resemble the "immigrant paradox" of the US, where despite being clustered in poor schools newcomer youth outperform their peers and enjoy on average good opportunities for upward mobility?

Potential contributions to the issue could address the following topics:

- Experience in Italian schools and educational achievement
- Parent-child relations
- Youth culture
- Identity
- Mixed couples and marriages
- Gender
- Geographical and occupational mobility
- Political recognition and activity and legal/cultural citizenship
- Employment and future prospects
- Deviance and crime

Scholars interested in participating in the issue should send a short CV together with a title and 200-300 word abstract to Jeffrey Cole ([jeffrey.cole@conncoll.edu](mailto:jeffrey.cole@conncoll.edu)) and Pietro Saitta ([pisait@gmail.com](mailto:pisait@gmail.com)) by July 1, 2009. Completed manuscripts should be submitted no later than November 15, 2009.

## **Call for Papers — *The Open Demography Journal***

Richard R. Verdugo, Editor of *The Open Demography Journal*, is soliciting submissions for future issues. Potential authors can log onto the website and learn more about submitting their research. The website is: <http://www.bentham.org/open/todemoj/EBM.htm>.

## **Member News**

Dr. Arun Peter Lobo is the Deputy Director of the Population Division of the New York City Department of City Planning. On March 11, he and six other city employees were honored with Sloan Public Service Awards, presented each year to outstanding civil servants by the Fund for the City of New York.

## **Population Research and Policy Review Recent Table of Contents**

### **Volume 27, Number 6/ December 2008:**

“Providing Spatial Data for Secondary Analysis: Issues and Current Practices Relating to Confidentiality” by Myron P. Gutmann, Kristine Witkowski, Corey Colver, JoAnne McFarland O’Rourke and James McNally.

“Hispanic Immigrant Poverty: Does Ethnic Origin Matter?” by Dennis H. Sullivan and Andrea L. Ziegert.

“Ecological Analyses of Permanent and Temporary Migration Streams in China in the 1990s” by Dudley L. Poston and Li Zhang.

“Stability of Marital and Cohabiting Unions Following a First Birth” by Lawrence L. Wu and Kelly Musick.

“Birth and Fortune Revisited: A Cohort Analysis of Underemployment, 1974–2004” by Tim Slack and Leif Jensen.

“The Place of Place: Location and Immigrant Economic Well-being in Canada” by Michael Haan.

“Family Structure and Self-Rated Health in Adolescence and Young Adulthood” by Holly E. Heard, Bridget K. Gorman and Carolyn A. Kapinus.

### **Volume 28, Number 1/February 2009:**

“Disaster Research and Social Network Analysis: Examples of the Scientific Understanding of Human Dynamics at the National Science Foundation” by Larry Suter, Thomas Birkland and Raima Larter.

“Social Network Methodology in the Study of Disasters: Issues and Insights Prompted by Post-Katrina Research” by Danielle M. Varda, Rich Forgette, David Banks, and Noshir Contractor.

“Before, Now, and After: Assessing Hurricane Katrina Relief” by Richard Forgette, Bryan De-trey, Mark Van Boening and David A. Swanson.

“Displacement Dynamics in Southern Louisiana After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita” by Makiko Hori, Mark J. Schafer, and David J. Bowman.

“After a Disaster: Lessons in Survey Methodology from Hurricane Katrina” by Tammy L. Henderson, Maria Sirois, Angela Chia-Chen Chen, Christopher Airriess, David A. Swanson and David Banks.

“Ethical Issues in Disaster Research: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina” by Carrie Y. Brown Ausbrooks, Edith J. Barrett and Maria Martinez-Cosio.

## ***Sociological Insight* Is Launched at UT-Austin**

The Sociology Department is proud to launch ***Sociological Insight***, a peer-reviewed journal of sociology aimed at promoting undergraduate scholarship in the social sciences. *Insight* provides an opportunity for undergraduates all over the U.S. and abroad to publish their best academic work, and to reap the benefits of subjecting their research to a rigorous peer review process. *Sociological Insight* will provide monetary awards to the authors of the top three published papers. We believe *Insight* will help to professionalize undergraduate research, by providing an important service currently unavailable to undergraduate students.

Every year undergraduate students nationwide write tens of thousands of social science papers. A small, yet substantial, portion of this undergraduate research makes serious theoretical and empirical contributions to social scientific knowledge, although these findings rarely reach the attention of professional sociologists. This is because knowledge in the academic community is mostly disseminated in the form of journal articles.

First-rate undergraduate papers have the potential of being published in professional academic journals, but there is no organized, professionally-run, and accessible journal for them to be published in. *Sociological Insight* will fill this void by aiming to meet three main goals:

- 1. Publish a printed and electronic journal issue at the end of every academic year, starting May 2009.** *Sociological Insight* seeks to attract high-quality student research, and to promote their work to a wide audience.
- 2. Subject undergraduate manuscripts to a rigorous peer-review process.** Each paper will be scrutinized by one anonymous undergraduate reviewer, and by one professor or graduate student having expertise in the paper's subject.
- 3. Foster an undergraduate culture of scholarly excellence.** We believe that *Insight* will serve to raise the bar of undergraduate scholarship by imbuing in undergraduates a desire to produce the best scholarship they are capable of and to cultivate a community of undergraduates interested in each other's research. We hope that by engaging undergraduates in a professional peer-review process, *Insight* will become a practical stepping-stone for students aspiring to publish their work in the top sociological journals.

*Sociological Insight* will also feature reviews of recent books in sociology, as well as special interviews with faculty, professionals, and public sociologists. Book review submissions will be extended to interested graduate students and faculty.

If you have general questions, please email us at [sociologicalinsight@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:sociologicalinsight@austin.utexas.edu) or call Debbie Rothschild (Undergraduate Advisor) at (512) 232-6344. For specific questions, please email Mazen Elfakhani (Editor) at [mazen@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:mazen@mail.utexas.edu) or call 817-879-0896.

## Post-Doctoral Opportunities

### **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Transitions into the Labor Force, Marriage and Biological Fatherhood:**

The Center for Adolescent Health and the Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health are pleased to announce our search for a postdoctoral fellow for a two-year appointment beginning June 1, 2009, a second year may be possible, contingent on funding. This fellowship specifically involves analysis of the interrelationships among work, marriage, and fatherhood using Latent Class Analysis and Latent Transition Analysis with large, nationally representative longitudinal surveys including the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth – 1979 Cohort (NLSY79) and the National Survey of Adolescent Males (NSAM).

This is an excellent opportunity for a PhD scholar interested in men's lives from adolescence into middle adulthood. Mentoring will be provided by a team of faculty members with expertise in adolescence, sexual risk-taking behaviors, STDs, romantic relationships, fathering, and the transition to adulthood. The fellow will join the research team and collaborate on manuscripts. In conjunction with the team, the fellow will develop his/her independent research on topics of interest targeted in the NSAM data. These data are rich in terms of men's sexual behaviors, sexually transmitted disease histories, fathering practices, romantic relationships, illicit drug use, and various attitudes collected first when men were aged 15 to 19. Data from the most recent fourth wave will extend our understanding these topics for men ages 32 to 38.

This postdoctoral fellowship is a 24-month commitment with a stipend at NIH levels commensurate with experience. Health benefits will be provided. Applicants must have completed a PhD in family studies, sociology, demography, developmental psychology, or other social science discipline. Candidates with documented interest in fathering, men's sexual and reproductive health, family formation, and family process are strongly encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to applicants with prior experience working with longitudinal data, previous work on quantitative research projects, SAS and STATA programming skills, and latent variable and multivariate data analytic skills.

Applicants should mail (1) a cover letter describing why they intend to pursue a postdoctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, how this position fits with their past work, current interests, career development, and research goals, (2) curriculum vita, and (3) a personal statement summarizing their current skills, research experience, and future research agenda. Please include name, address, phone, and e-mail contact for three references. For additional information, please email [fsonenst@jhsph.edu](mailto:fsonenst@jhsph.edu) or [csherrod@jhsph.edu](mailto:csherrod@jhsph.edu).

Applications should be submitted to Freya L. Sonenstein, Professor & Director, Center for Adolescent Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 615 N. Wolfe St. E4608, Baltimore, MD 21205. Review of applications will begin in April and will continue until the position is filled. The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

## Job Opportunities

### University of Maryland – College Park.:

The Department of Sociology invites applications for tenured and tenure-track positions in demography. Rank is open but we are especially interested in mid-career and senior scholars. Candidates would be expected to take leading roles in the department's graduate training in demography and in the research program of the Maryland Population Research Center. The University of Maryland is located near Washington, D.C., ("inside the beltway") and close to Washington's many demographic research resources such as the Census Bureau, Macro International, the National Center for Health Statistics, and NIH. Send a letter and curriculum vitae (but no letters of reference) to:

Demography Search Chair  
 Department of Sociology  
 University of Maryland  
 2112 Art-Sociology Building  
 College Park, MD 20742-1315

Review of demography applications is continuing. The University of Maryland is an affirmative action/ equal opportunity employer and is proud of its diverse faculty and student body.

### Population Reference Bureau:

The Population Reference Bureau (PRB) seeks a policy analyst to serve as a staff member of International Programs. The International Programs (IP) mission is to improve the well-being of current and future generations and contribute to positive social change, with an emphasis on the developing world. IP staff serve as a bridge between the research and policy communities by helping to ensure that research results and best practices are understood and used. We believe that information empowers individuals and institutions to make better policy decisions about population and health. The policy analyst will work in a team-oriented environment with both technical and management (team leader) responsibilities for content and materials development and country-level technical assistance and capacity-building activities.

PRB offers a collegial, stimulating work environment with the opportunity to work with professionals from a variety of development fields who are well regarded in their areas of expertise.

#### Responsibilities will include:

- Writing new materials on population, health, and gender topics for global audiences. Gather literature, analyze data, identify key audiences and messages, determine format and length, and write text, interpreting research findings and explaining policy implications.
- Using reproductive health and socioeconomic trend data and other information to develop dynamic presentations using new, state-of-the-art animated software technologies.

- Building the capacity of policy "champions" in developing countries to communicate policy-relevant information to a variety of policy audiences at national and subnational levels, such as high-level government policymakers, civic and religious leaders, program officials, journalists, and other influentials.
- Coordinating seminars with journalists on the use of data from reproductive health surveys and data sources to improve reporting.
- Assisting local partners to frame the issues, create evidence-based messages, and develop comprehensive strategies for data dissemination and use.
- Providing technical guidance and editorial input on various PRB materials on international population, health, reproductive health, and gender topics. Tasks could include strategic planning, budgeting, review and editing of manuscripts, and coordinating with various PRB staff involved in production and dissemination.
- Contributing to other aspects of the IP Department's work, including facilitating policy communication and data use workshops, contributing to audience outreach, participating in USAID or other donor working groups, monitoring and evaluating activities, and responding to ad hoc requests for information and presentations.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will have an advanced university degree (master's or Ph.D.) in public health, demography, sociology, or a related field, with a strong substantive background in reproductive health, family planning, or gender issues. Demonstrated experience with "on-the-ground" interventions and the challenges of program implementation required. Understanding of the principles of policy communication and advocacy, data use for improving policies and programs, audience assessment techniques, and strategic planning methodologies are a plus. Excellent English writing skills and oral communication skills are essential; an ability to work in Spanish or French would be desirable. The candidate must be able to travel up to 30 percent of the time to selected countries.

Salary and Benefits:

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. PRB has an excellent benefits package, including generous health, leave, and retirement plans.

Applications:

Please send a cover letter, plus a resume with salary requirements, and a brief writing sample to "IP Policy Analyst Position," HR Specialist, Population Reference Bureau, 1875 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 20009, USA; or e-mail to: [jjackson@prb.org](mailto:jjackson@prb.org); or fax to: 202-328-3937.

PRB is an equal opportunity employer.