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October 7-10, 2010

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Knoxville, Tennessee

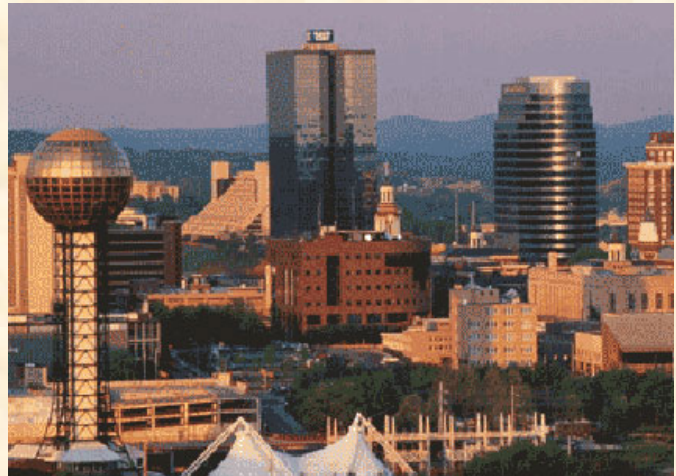
You are invited to submit abstracts for posters and/or completed papers for the 2010 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA). You are also invited to suggest topics for panels and poster sessions.



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## SDA 2010: Call for Papers

*Join Us in  
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### The Meeting

This year's meeting will be October 7th through October 10th at the Crowne Plaza in Knoxville, Tennessee. <http://www.crowneknox.com/>.

All submissions will be through the this SDA web site. For emerging details, please check <http://sda-demography.org/>.

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 Program

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 continue our experiment this year with our second poster session. We can accommodate up to 40 posters and have hopes for a lively and informative session. Please email Mark Hayward ([mhayward@prc.utexas.edu](mailto:mhayward@prc.utexas.edu)), 2010 program chair, 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.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH THE SDA WEB SITE TO RECEIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION!**

**Deadline: June 30, 2010**

**Submit here:** <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2010.php>

### The Awards

- Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award [http://sda-demography.org/sda\\_lee\\_award.php](http://sda-demography.org/sda_lee_award.php)
- Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award [http://sda-demography.org/sda\\_undergrad\\_award.php](http://sda-demography.org/sda_undergrad_award.php)
- E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography [http://sda-demography.org/sda\\_terrie\\_award.php](http://sda-demography.org/sda_terrie_award.php)
- For award consideration, paper must have been submitted through regular program channels *and* also to special award addresses detailed on the SDA Website.

## Member News

### Kokos Markides receives national prize for aging research!!

GALVESTON, Texas UTMB's Kyriakos S. Markides, PhD, an internationally renowned expert on aging and health issues was awarded the Pearmain Prize from the nationally recognized Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard was the keynote speaker at a ceremony attended by several hundred community leaders and guests from USC and UCLA. After accepting the award, Markides delivered the Edward R. Roybal Memorial Lecture, honoring Congressman Roybal, co-founder of the House Select Committee on Aging where he served as its first Chairman from 1983-1993.

The initial recipient of the prize, Markides is best known for his ongoing research of aging among Mexican Americans which he has been conducting since 1976. He is also well-known for coining the term "Hispanic Paradox", referring to the population's relatively favorable health despite high risk factors, especially a lower than average socioeconomic status.

"We are proud that Dr. Markides' work is being recognized and honored with this award," said Dr. Garland D. Anderson, executive vice president and provost at UTMB. "His research on health concerns in the elderly and in Mexican-Americans is important in Texas and the nation."

"I am thrilled to have received this award," Markides said. "My hope is to both continue my study of the multi-faceted aspects of the aging process, while encouraging others within the aging research community to do so as well. In the end we all benefit."

Markides is the Annie and John Gnitzinger Distinguished Professor of Aging, the director of the division of sociomedical sciences in the department of preventive medicine and community health at UTMB, and editor of the Journal of Aging and Health, which he founded in 1989.

An author and co-author of numerous publications, the majority on the health of older Mexican Americans, Markides is also the editor of the "Encyclopedia of Health and Aging", considered one of the most definitive resource guides on aging.

## Job Postings

### **ICF International—Senior Research Fellow—Demographic and Health Surveys:**

ICF Macro has an opening for a Senior Research Fellow for a position as Senior Advisor for Analysis with the MEASURE Demographic and Health Surveys project. The Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) project assists developing countries to implement household-based surveys in the areas of maternal and child health, family planning, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and nutrition. Currently, DHS employs some 60 staff consisting of demographers, sampling statisticians, data processing specialists, public health experts, data dissemination specialists, editors, and document production specialists. The position is based at Macro's headquarters in Calverton, Maryland.

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Serving as a member of the MEASURE DHS project's senior management team
- Directing the project's program of interdisciplinary research for which the annual output includes 5-10 cross-country studies, 15-25 working papers and publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Supervising the work of four full-time analysts and several part-time staff working in the project's analysis activities
- Overseeing the project's capacity building activities including workshops with fellows and host-country counterparts
- Representing the project at conferences and technical meetings

#### **Basic Qualifications:**

- Ph.D in demography, epidemiology, international health, or similar discipline with 10 years of experience in social science or health research
- Extensive publication record, preferably in peer-refereed journals
- Demonstrated skills in the analysis of international survey data, including the DHS
- Experience in policy and program-relevant research and communicating research findings to non-technical audiences
- Prior background in training and mentoring, especially in host-country settings
- Fluency in French, Spanish or Arabic, in addition to English, is desirable
- This is a full-time position requiring up to 20% overseas travel.

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## Job Postings—continued

### IPAS—Data Analyst Coordinator:

IPAS pas is a nonprofit organization that works [around the world](#) to increase women's ability to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights, and to reduce abortion-related deaths and injuries. We believe that women everywhere must have the opportunity to determine their futures, care for their families and manage their fertility.

The Data Analyst will be a part of the organization's Research and Evaluation (R&E) Unit and will support Ipas researchers with data analysis and management, technical writing and administrative functions.

#### Responsibilities:

- Perform data entry, cleaning, analysis and management of quantitative data sets for reproductive health research conducted in Africa, Asia and Latin America
- Prepare literature searches and bibliographies
- Prepare tables, charts and figures for internal and external publications
- Draft technical narrative to assist in preparation of documents
- Perform administrative tasks as needed

Carry out other tasks to support Ipas's R&E efforts

#### Requirements:

- Masters degree in social science or public health discipline
- Experience with word processing, spreadsheet, statistical analysis computer packages (STATA, SPSS, SAS, EpiInfo) and presentation software
- Experience with geographic mapping software and qualitative analysis software (NVivo, ATLAS.ti or others) a plus
- Experience with bibliographic software (EndNote, ProCite)
- Strong verbal and written communication skills in English
- Well-organized, with ability to track multiple projects and deadlines
- Experience in providing administrative and budget support to several staff
- Experience in reproductive health programs in developing countries a plus
- Ability to work successfully in a cross-cultural, team-based, global environment
- Additional language skills desirable: French, Spanish, Portuguese

To apply or for more information, go to: <http://jobs-ipas.icims.com/jobs/1212/login>.

## Postdoctoral Opportunities

### Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota:

The Minnesota Population Center (MPC) has an opening for a post-doctoral researcher to assist in the expansion and improvement of two large databases of United States census and survey data: IPUMS-USA and IPUMS-CPS. The successful candidate would begin in fall 2010.

#### **Responsibilities:**

The post-doctoral associate will work as a member of the IPUMS-USA research team and will play an important role in the improvement and expansion of internal U.S. Census Bureau data files. The postdoctoral associate's responsibilities will include assisting with three main elements of the ongoing 1960 Data Restoration Project: (1) restoring lost records from the 1960 decennial census data; (2) creating new data products from the complete 1960 internal data; and (3) integrating the 1960-2000 internal census files. These responsibilities will require obtaining Special Sworn Status from the U.S. Department of Commerce and working with confidential Census Bureau data in the new Minnesota Research Data Center. Depending on project needs, similar responsibilities may evolve on IPUMS-USA, focusing on data from the decennial census and the American Community Survey. MPC post-doctoral associates are expected to participate in the intellectual life of the center, present research at workshops and scholarly conferences, and publish related research in academic journals. Additionally, as a professional in training, the post-doctoral associate is expected to pursue at least one research project using data from IPUMS-USA, IPUMS-CPS, or the internal Census Bureau data files. MPC post-doctoral appointments are for one year with renewal possible up to total of three years, dependent upon funding and performance.

#### **Qualifications:**

*Required:* Ph.D. in a social science discipline (e.g. Sociology, Economics, History, Geography), with a population-related topical emphasis. Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Excellent computer skills. Demonstrated mastery of at least one major statistical software package (SAS, Stata or SPSS). Must be able to pass background check and obtain Special Sworn Status from U.S. Department of Commerce.

*Preferred:* Research experience using one of the IPUMS databases or any other large collection of census or survey data. Computer programming experience (preferably C++ or Perl, but substantial experience in SAS or Stata is also acceptable). Experience with HTML/XML. Experience collaborating with academics and technical staff in an interdisciplinary environment. A strong interest in U.S. decennial census data.

#### **Application Procedures:**

Applicants must apply using the U of M online system and specify requisition 165775. (You may use the following quick link: <http://www.pop.umn.edu/about-mpc/employment-opportunities/research-positions/>). Please attach a CV and cover letter to the application. Also, please send three letters of recommendation to: Kathy McKee, 50 Willey Hall, 225 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Contact Kathy McKee ([mckee@umn.edu](mailto:mckee@umn.edu)) with any questions. We will begin reviewing applications immediately.

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<http://www.springerlink.com>.