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## **Save the Date!**

The **2014** meeting will be held in Memphis, Tennessee at the Peabody Hotel from October 15 to 18. Mark your calendars now!

The Southern Demographic Association is a scientific and educational corporation operating under the laws of the commonwealth of Virginia. It is comprised of persons with professional interests in demography and population studies. *Southern Demographic News* is compiled and edited by: Carla Alphonso, Associate Professor of Sociology at Presbyterian College. She can be reached via phone at (864) 833-8367, via email at [news@sda-demography.org](mailto:news@sda-demography.org), or via mail at Department of Sociology, Presbyterian College, 503 S. Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325. Please send any submissions for inclusion in the next newsletter to Carla by June 1, 2013.

## *Get Your*

## *Abstracts Ready!*

*Our 2013 meeting will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, from Wednesday, October 23 to Friday, October 25. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa at the Montgomery Convention Center with a nightly room rate of \$129. More information may be found at the [hotel's website](#).*

*Look for a formal Call for Papers on the next page. The submission deadline is July 1, 2013!*



## ***2013 Call for Papers***

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association will be held October 23-25, 2013, at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center in Montgomery, Alabama.

Potential contributors are encouraged to send abstracts for individual research papers and posters, as well as proposals for complete paper and poster sessions, thematic sessions, panel discussions, and software demonstrations.

Presentations of research in both applied and academic demography, sociology, economics, political science, public health, epidemiology, geography and psychology are welcome.

The SDA also awards the Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award ([http://sda-demography.org/sda\\_lee\\_award.php](http://sda-demography.org/sda_lee_award.php)) and an outstanding undergraduate paper award ([http://sda-demography.org/sda\\_undergrad\\_award.php](http://sda-demography.org/sda_undergrad_award.php)). In addition, the Walt Terrie Award is given to recognize the best paper presented at the SDA Meeting on an applied topic, especially one relating to state and local demography ([http://sda-demography.org/sda\\_terrie\\_award.php](http://sda-demography.org/sda_terrie_award.php)).

All submissions must be made by **July 1, 2013**, through the SDA website (<http://sda-demography.org/SDA2013.php>). Please contact Ronald Cossman: [Ronald.Cossman@ssrc.msstate.edu](mailto:Ronald.Cossman@ssrc.msstate.edu), program chair, with any questions regarding a potential submission.



## SDA Announces Award Winners

The winner of the **2012 Everett S. Lee Award** for best graduate paper is **Isaac Sasson of the University of Texas**. Sasson's paper, "Gender Differences in Depression Following Late Widowhood: A Population Perspective" attempts to resolve inconsistencies in the literature regarding the adverse effects of widowhood on men and women. Although studies with cross-sectional data show that widowhood has a greater adverse effect on men, longitudinal studies show a greater effect for women. Sasson's study uses prospective panel data to determine that although there appear to be no gender differences in bereavement-associated depression, women are more likely than men to be widowed at an early age, which places them at high risk for long-term, adverse psychological outcomes.

The winner of the **2012 award for best undergraduate paper** is **Joshua Wassink of Grinnell College**. His paper is titled "Uninsured Migrants: Identifying the Health Insurance Gap between Returned Mexicans and the Rest of the Country." Wassink used logistic regression, multinomial regression, and spatial techniques to analyze Mexican return migrants' reintegration into the Mexican Social Security program. Wassink finds that return migrants have much lower rates of enrollment in social security than non-migrants. Furthermore, return migrations are also more likely than non-migrants to be excluded from the People's Insurance program. Given the large volume of return migration to Mexico, the growing Mexican population with lack of access to insurance poses an emerging health risk.

Congratulations to both of these winners!

### Calling All Applied Demographers!

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 highest priority for the award is to recognize work on applied demography, which can be defined as demographic analysis (narrowly or broadly conceived) in the service of practical decision making regarding concrete problems. The award consists of a cash prize of \$400 and an appropriate certificate. The award is chosen by a committee appointed by the SDA President and including at least one FSU faculty member. Consideration is limited to previously unpublished papers. To be considered, presenters should submit a proposal for the SDA's annual meeting by July 1 and a complete paper to Ike Eberstein by September 14. See the Call for Papers on page 2 information.

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

Volume 32, Number 1 (February 2013):

“Attitudes About Children and Fertility Limitation Behavior” by Sarah R. Brauner-Otto.

“Residential Segregation, Nativity Status, and Hispanic Living Arrangements in Later Life” by Jeffrey A. Burr, Jan E. Mutchler, and Kerstin Gerst-Emerson.

“A Closer Look at the Second Demographic Transition in the US: Evidence of Bidirectionality from a Cohort Perspective (1982-2006)” by Jennifer B. Kane.

“The Educational Homogamy Gap Between Married and Cohabiting Couples in Latin America” by Albert Esteve, Robert McCaa, and Luis Ángel López.

“Disability Trends by Marital Status Among Older Americans, 1997-2010: An Examination by Gender and Race” by Hui Lui and Zhenmei Zhang.

“Do Rainfall Deficits Predict U.S.-Bound Migration from Rural Mexico? Evidence from the Mexican Census” by Raphael J. Nawrotzki, Fernando Riosmena, and Lori M. Hunter.

## *Census Bureau Recruitment at the Population Association of America Annual Meetings*

The U.S. Census Bureau has full-time opportunities in the domestic and international programs for qualified U.S. citizens in the areas of geography, demography, sociology, economics, and related social sciences. We are looking for candidates at all levels of education (BA, MA, PhD). Training in demographic analysis, survey research, geographic information systems, and/or quantitative data analysis of large datasets is preferred. These openings offer applicants the opportunity to work on one or more of the following topics: population distribution; population estimates and projections; housing; income; disability; health insurance coverage; education; and migration.

Representatives will be recruiting during the Population Association of America (PAA) annual meeting in New Orleans, LA. We will conduct 30 minute informational recruiting sessions during the conference (April 11, 12). Please email David Zaslow ([David.C.Zaslow@census.gov](mailto:David.C.Zaslow@census.gov)) to sign up prior to the conference or visit the Census Bureau's exhibition booth during the meeting. A discussion about working at the Census Bureau will be held Friday, April 12th, from 2-3pm, in Salon 817. For information on opportunities, job descriptions, and the application process, please refer to our Human Resources Division by selecting "Jobs@Census" at our website <[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)>. Applicants are encouraged to apply for employment opportunities at <[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)>.

The Department of Commerce and the U.S. Census Bureau are Equal Opportunity Employers and encourage applicants from all sources.

## Post-Doctoral Opportunities

### Penn SSPF Postdoctoral Fellow – Immigration Theme (2013-2014):

Two (2) one-year Penn Social Science and Policy Forum Postdoctoral Fellowships are available for the 2013-2014 academic year for untenured scholars in the social sciences who received or will receive their Ph.D. between December 2007 and December 2012. The programs of the Penn Social Science and Policy Forum are conceived through yearly topics that invite broad interdisciplinary collaboration. For the 2013-2014 academic year, we have set Immigration as the theme. Social scientists in any discipline (including anthropology, area studies, demography, economics, education, ethnic studies, history, international relations, political science, psychology, public policy, social policy, social work, sociology, urban planning, and related fields) are invited to submit research proposals on any aspect of this topic.

The fellowship is open to all scholars, national and international, who meet application terms (see Guidelines below; international scholars, please note final paragraph). The doctorate is the only eligible terminal degree.

The fellowship stipend is \$50,000. Health insurance is provided for fellows but not for family and dependents. Fellows are required to be in residence during their fellowship year (September 1 – May 31) and expected to participate actively in workshops and conferences. Complete applications, including all letters of reference, are due no later than **March 29, 2013**.

The Penn Social Science and Policy Forum Postdoctoral Fellowship is open to scholars who are not yet tenured and who are no more than five years out of their doctorate. Candidates may hold a tenure-track position but may not be tenured either before or during the fellowship year.

During their year in residence, Penn Social Science and Policy Forum Postdoctoral Fellows will have the opportunity to pursue their own research as well as engage faculty across the university with common intellectual interests. Fellows are expected to participate actively in the Social Science and Policy Forum workshops and conferences, including presenting their research sometime during the Fellowship year.

Preference will be given to candidates whose proposals are interdisciplinary, who have not held a comparable postdoctoral fellowship elsewhere or enjoyed previous use of the resources of the University of Pennsylvania, and who would particularly benefit from and contribute to Penn's intellectual life.

Applicants should submit the following: an application letter which includes your research proposal; a CV; a writing sample (article, book chapter, or dissertation chapter); and three (3) letters of reference. Please send the application letter, CV and writing sample as PDFs in a single e-mail to [penn-sspf@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:penn-sspf@sas.upenn.edu). Recommenders should make sure to include the applicant's name in the subject heading.

## Job Opportunities

### Harvard School of Public Health – Department of Global Health and Population: Professor of Population and Family Health/Professor of Demography:

The Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard School of Public Health invites applications from distinguished scholars for a tenured faculty position as professor of population and family health or professor of demography.

The department wishes to expand its research efforts on the demographic and epidemiologic patterns in low- and middle-income countries (including aspects of mortality, fertility, and migration), and the design and evaluation of large-scale implementation programs addressing maternal and child health, family planning, or other substantive areas of major significance in global health. The successful candidate will be expected to lead an independent research agenda in line with departmental priorities and to play a central role in the department's master's and doctoral programs. Overseas travel for fieldwork is envisaged.

Candidates should hold a doctoral degree in demography, epidemiology, or a related population science discipline with demonstrated expertise and interest in field research. Candidates with a medical degree and relevant training and experience will be considered. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated excellence in research, teaching, and intellectual leadership. Prior experience in conducting research studies in Africa or Asia is highly desirable.

Please email the following materials, and any questions, to the search committee at [gph\\_search@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:gph_search@hsph.harvard.edu):

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Research statement
- Teaching statement

The Harvard School of Public Health is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty and particularly encourages applications from women and minority candidates.