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MESSAGE FROM WVU LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Southern Demographic Association (SDA) is holding its Annual Meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia October 25-27, 2017. The conference will bring together scholars from across the country and the world with interests in demography and population studies, particularly those with a professional or personal tie to the southern United States. This occasion will be the first time in the SDA’s 47 year history that it will host its conference in West Virginia. To honor this historic event, the SDA board has chosen West Virginia University (WVU) to host its meeting under the leadership of Dr. Jeralynn S. Cossman, the Chair of WVU’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Dr. Cossman has been a member of SDA since 1990, serving as board president in 2009, and is a co-editor of the SDA’s academic journal, Population Research and Policy Review. Julia Wolf, a managing editor of the journal, is helping plan the upcoming meeting. She attended her first SDA conference this past year as a new graduate student member. To help make this momentous event successful on our campus, we applied for and received a WVU Academic Conference Grant. This support will further enable the organizers to include a health and development related pre-conference event that will benefit researchers at WVU and conference goers alike.

Each year SDA’s Annual Meeting brings in approximately 150 attendees and the 2016 meeting showcased nearly 30 poster and presentation sessions. A large turnout is expected this year in Morgantown due to the central location of the event, specifically that it is driving distance of Washington DC. Traditionally, SDA has featured two key note speakers as well as an address from the standing SDA President. In addition to including these traditional components, we will hold a day of pre-conference workshops and provide lunch for participants. The first workshop will be run by Dr. Rebecca Clark who is a SDA member and Chief of the Populations Dynamic Branch at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the National Institute of Health (NIH); her workshop will focus on applying for NIH grants. In addition, representatives from South Big Data Regional Innovation Hub, a multi-disciplinary project of the National Science Foundation, will lead a workshop on innovative ways to translate big data research findings into end user outcomes related to health and prosperity. Both workshops will be open to the WVU community, with specific advertisement to the WVU Health Disparities Working Group, the Health Sciences Center, School of Public Health, College of Business and Economics and faculty across campus with interest broadly associated with health and demography. They will also be webcasted on WVU’s campus and around the country/world, using the South Big Data Regional Innovation Hub network and WVU and Eberly College of Arts & Sciences communications.

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MESSAGE FROM WVU LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

SDA Annual Meetings bring in a wide variety of scholars and researchers who have chosen to explore demographics through various career paths. Members include those who work for the U.S. Census Bureau, that National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Delta Health Alliance, RAND, and an assortment of prestigious universities and other organizations both within the US and abroad. This diversity in backgrounds is accompanied by an array of research interests. Demographic topics covered in past conferences include aging, obesity, mortality, poverty, well-being, migration, environments, spatial analysis, data collection, and data analysis among others. Not only are professionals represented, but the conference encourages undergraduate and graduate student participation in posters and presentations. Student participation allows for educational growth and engagement outside of the classroom by encouraging them to showcase their research and establish a network of invaluable connections. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for these brilliant minds to converge in one location—in this case, WVU—to share new demographic research and ideas for future work with potential implications for current policies. This year, we will be able to market the meeting to WVU faculty and graduate students, bringing this concentration of demographers to the attention of local scholars and vice versa.

In addition to the formal academic conference sessions, each SDA Annual Meeting offers attendees the opportunity for socialization at an informal dinner. For 2017, the dinner will take place at Touchdown Terrace located at West Virginia University’s Mylan Puskar Stadium. This location presents a great opportunity to show off a greater area of WVU’s campus as most guests will walk from the Waterfront Place Hotel to WVU’s Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) station for the trip to the Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium. The trip and dinner will provide SDA members the opportunity to network with their colleagues as well as experience a unique location of the WVU campus. In addition, those who stay over Friday night will be offered a tour of all three campuses. The visiting scholars will also have the opportunity to explore the greater Morgantown area on their own or with graduate students and/or faculty from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Due to the location of the Waterfront Place Hotel to the downtown area of Morgantown, attendees will be within walking distance of High Street as well as downtown restaurants, shopping, cultural centers, and activities. Informal tours and activities allow members of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology to showcase a wider region of Morgantown as well as continuing interactions and networking with prominent visiting researchers.

For a list of things to do in and around Morgantown, click the following link: http://sda-demography.org/docs/SDA_Morgantown_things_to_do.pdf

Lynne Cossman, Local Arrangements (2017)
Southern Demographic Association
CALL FOR PAPERS

October 25-27, 2017
Waterfront Place Hotel
Morgantown, WV

You are invited to submit abstracts for papers and/or posters for the 2017 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA). You are also invited to suggest topics for panels and poster sessions. The 2017 annual meeting of the SDA will be held in Morgantown, WV with the local arrangements organized by Lynne Cossman and Julia Wolf of WVU.

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, the Association encourages 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!

Please email Karin Brewster (karin.brewster@fsu.edu), 2017 program chair, with any questions regarding a potential submission. Presentations by (or co-authored 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 next page).

All proposals and abstracts should be submitted by June 30, 2017, through the SDA web site: http://sda-demography.org/SDA-Abstracts.php?meetyear=2017. The SDA web site 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).
Southern Demographic Association
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October 25-27, 2017
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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 and an Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award. The Walt Terrie Award recognizes the best paper on an applied topic, especially one relating to state and local demography. (See awards at http://sda-demography.org)

SDA PAPER AWARDS

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. Please send your complete paper in electronic format to [http://sda-demography.org/sda_lee_award.php](http://sda-demography.org/sda_lee_award.php) by September 15, 2017.

**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. Please send your complete paper, in electronic format, to [studentawards@sda-demography.org](mailto:studentawards@sda-demography.org) by September 15, 2017.

**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 E. Walter Terrie Award, email your submission to Jason Devine at [jason.e.devine@census.gov](mailto:jason.e.devine@census.gov) no later than September 15, 2017. 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/sda_terrie_award.php](http://sda-demography.org/sda_terrie_award.php). The Terrie Award consists of a $400 cash prize and an appropriate certificate.

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](http://sda-demography.org).
SDA PAPER AWARD
GUIDELINES

For authors planning on submitting a submission for any of the SDA paper awards, please make sure to include the following information in your submission:

1. The research topic and primary research question(s), including a short discussion about why each research question is significant.
2. The specific hypotheses.
   A. Specify the dependent and independent variables.
   B. Describe the expected relationship between each of the dependent and independent variables.
   C. Discuss the mechanisms through which the independent variables affect the dependent variables.
3. The methodology, why this methodology is appropriate to address the hypotheses, and data collection methods (if applicable).
MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Dear SDA Members:

It is an honor to serve in the role of SDA President this year. In January I assumed the role vacated by Stephanie Bohon who progressed into the role of SDA Past-President having completed a very successful year as President. Thank you Stephanie for keeping SDA on a steady course over the past year and for working on behalf of the SDA membership to help make the meetings in Athens, Georgia last fall stimulating, productive, and enjoyable. This year I look forward to working with Karin Brewster – President-Elect and serving as Program Coordinator -- to help with our annual meetings this fall in Morgantown, WV. I will try to live up to the standards set by previous SDA Presidents and work to preserve the traditions and spirit of SDA while maintaining and expanding our membership and supporting the efforts to enhance the quality of SDA’s journal Population Research and Policy Review and our relationship with its publisher Springer. I offer my gratitude to the SDA Board members who are lending me the benefit of their collective wisdom and professional experience as well as taking on other specific roles. Their good efforts are crucially important for helping SDA function well and they all deserve our thanks for their many and varied contributions.

Lynne Cossman – Past SDA President and current PRPR Co-Editor – is serving as local coordinator for our meetings this year in Morgantown. She has pulled together amazing support from West Virginia University that will greatly benefit SDA in addition to enhancing the meetings. Thank you Lynne for these extraordinarily successful efforts! In addition to securing local funding support Lynne has worked hard and well to put together a great configuration of local arrangements. The meetings will be especially attractive this year, not only for the high quality of sessions and speakers you expect to find at SDA, but also for the fact that the meetings will be taking place at a great time of year for experiencing Morgantown and the surrounding area.

The SDA Board is currently reviewing proposals for the location for the meetings to be held in 2018 with announcements of the decision to come soon. Please feel free to send me or any SDA Board member a note if you have ideas or suggestions for venues for future meetings. Also please send notes to share your opinion on the issue of balancing the goals of keeping annual meetings affordable to attend and holding them in locations that are attractive to the membership.

This year Jennifer Glick will be completing her term of service as Co-Editor of Population Research and Policy Review (PRPR). Jennifer and her Co-Editor partner Lynne Cossman have been highly efficient and professional in overseeing the journal. Their efforts have helped continue the recent progress in elevating the quality and standing of PRPR. On behalf of the membership, I offer thanks and congratulations to Jennifer for a very successful term as Co-Editor. The SDA Publications Committee is seeking proposals for a Co-Editor to take Jennifer’s place (see the call for proposals elsewhere in this newsletter). The Co-Editor arrangement has worked well in maintaining the continuity of high standards during transitions. Next year Lynne Cossman will be completing her term of service as Co-Editor, so proposals for this upcoming transition also are welcome. Jennifer and Lynne have set a high bar for future editors to meet. But we are confident that we will identify an individual or team that will be able to maintain and build on this tradition.

That wraps up the news for now. I look forward to seeing you all in Morgantown,

Mark Fossett, President (2017)
The 2017 annual meeting will be held at the Waterfront Place Hotel, read below for a description:

Welcome to the Waterfront Place Hotel, overlooking the picturesque Monongahela River in Morgantown, West Virginia. This beautiful, full-service Wharf District hotel boasts 205 well-appointed guest rooms and suites with an abundance of amenities, making this premier waterfront hotel perfect for business and leisure travelers alike. Guests enjoy luxurious bedding, free high speed wireless Internet, a beautiful indoor pool, state-of-the-art fitness center, on-site dining, availability of spa services, room service, flat screen televisions, and much more.

The convenient location is a short distance to downtown Morgantown, West Virginia University, golf courses, local wineries and other area attractions, coupled with the over 50,000 square feet of modern, flexible meeting and event space, make the Waterfront Place Hotel the perfect destination to host your conference, meeting, wedding or special occasion.

To book a room for the upcoming SDA meeting please visit this link:

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Southern%20Demographic%20Association%202017%20Annual%20Meeting%5EMGWMC%60SD1SD1A%7CSD1SD1B%60134.00%60USD%60false%604%6010/25/17%6010/27/17%
MEMBER NEWS

Two SDA members participated in Congressional events on Capitol Hill recently/currently:

Wesley James of the University of Memphis spoke at a Congressional Briefing on the Demography of Rural America on April 3, 2017, an event sponsored by PAA.

Israel Flores, an undergraduate at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is currently serving as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Intern with Illinois Congressman Luis Gutierrez.
NEW EDITOR SEARCH FOR PRPR

Search for New Editor of Population Research and Policy Review

The SDA Publications Committee seeks applications for the position of Co-Editor of Population Research and Policy Review (PRPR) published by Springer. The incoming Co-Editor will begin working with continuing Co-Editor Lynne Cossman in January 2018 and will serve three years as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the 2018-2020 volumes of the journal. Lynne Cossman’s term as Co-Editor will conclude in 2018 so the Committee also welcomes applications for the position of Co-Editor beginning in January 2019.

Applicants are asked to submit their CV and plans for editing PRPR by August 1, 2017. Plans should specify support contributions from the applicant’s home institution and a brief (1-2 pages) statement of the applicant’s editorial goals and philosophy. All plans will be considered, but please be aware that our current and preferred arrangement is to have two co-editors with staggered terms to maintain continuity and greater breadth of expertise. Applications may be for either one of the two openings (one beginning 2018 the other in 2019) or may be for a “team” of two that will fill the sequence of terms.

Interested applicants should email the Chair of the Publications Committee to express preliminary interest and seek additional information. Potential applications are also encouraged to consult with recent editors of the journal about any and all aspects of editorial responsibilities. The SDA Board will review and recommend proposals and then coordinate with Springer in making the final selection.

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Current Co-Editors-in-Chief of PRPR: Jennifer Glick, jeg115@psu.edu (2015-2017) Lynne Cossman, jscossman@mail.wvu.edu (2016-2018)

Recent Previous Co-Editors-in-Chief of PRPR: Lloyd Potter, lloyd.potter@utsa Stephanie Bohon, sbohon@utk.edu Bridget Gorman, bkgorman@rice.edu

Please copy inquiries and send applications to: m-fossett@tamu.edu
The Sociology Department invites applications for a Lecturer position, beginning August 2017. PhD in sociology required at time of appointment. The Lecturer position, while non-tenure-track, is a full-time teaching position with benefits, rights, and privileges of regular faculty and the opportunity for promotion to Senior Lecturer and Principal Senior Lecturer.

The Department is seeking a scholar able to teach Race and Ethnicity as well as Introductory Sociology, Social Problems, Social Theory, and Social Research Methods. Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, Georgia State University is the largest university in the state of Georgia and has one of the most diverse student bodies in the country. We enthusiastically encourage applications from minority candidates. You can learn more about our department at www.gsu.edu/sociology. Candidates should submit 1) letter outlining qualifications for position; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) evidence of teaching effectiveness (i.e., course syllabi, student evaluations, and teaching statement; and 4) three letters of recommendation. Excellence in undergraduate teaching is essential.

Please email materials to: sociologysearch@gsu.edu.

If emailing materials is not possible, please send hard copy materials to: Recruitment Committee, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, P.O. Box 5020, Atlanta, GA 30302.

The Committee will begin reviewing applications May 15th, 2017. The position will remain open until filled. An offer of employment will be conditional on background verification. Georgia State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against applicants due to race, ethnicity, gender, veteran status, or on the basis of disability or any other federal, state or local protected class.
SOCIOMETRY - The sociology program in the Department of Social Sciences at Cal Poly invites candidates to apply for a full-time lecturer position in criminology/criminal justice at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California, to begin September 7, 2017. Candidates will be expected to teach undergraduate classes in crime and violence, juvenile delinquency, criminal justice, and quantitative methods. Background in and ability to each other general areas of sociology is a plus, but not required. This is a one-year appointment with the possibility of an extension to a second year. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. A Master's in Sociology, Criminology or closely related field and demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching at the university level is required; ABD or PhD preferred.

To apply, please visit www.calpolyjobs.org, complete online faculty application and submit to Requisition #104486. Please attach the following required materials to your online faculty application: cover letter, curriculum vitae, unofficial transcripts of highest degree earned, teaching philosophy, other materials to demonstrate teaching effectiveness (e.g., course evaluations, syllabi, etc.) and a list of courses previously taught and prepared to teach. Applicants must also be prepared to provide the names and email addresses for a minimum of three professional references when completing the online application. Cal Poly will directly solicit letters from the individuals listed by applicants. Official sealed transcripts will be required prior to appointment. For full consideration, all applicant materials must be received by the Review Begin Date. REVIEW BEGIN DATE: June 12, 2017. Cal Poly is strongly committed to achieving excellence through cultural diversity. The University actively encourages applications and nominations of all qualified individuals. EEO.

www.calpolyjobs.org/applicants/Central?quickFind=166132
The Department of Sociology at Brown University seeks applications for a Visiting faculty member in the area of Spatial Methods, to begin 1 July 2017. The rank of appointment will be commensurate with the candidate’s experience and standing. Applicants at the rank of Visiting Assistant Professor must have a PhD in hand by 1 August 2017. We welcome applicants from a broad array of social science disciplines who can contribute to curricular needs in Brown’s initiative in Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4).

The successful applicant will teach one course during Fall Semester 2017. Content of this course is to be focused on Spatial Methods at the graduate level. Of particular interest is the application of contemporary spatial statistical approaches. Substantive applications—presumed to overlap with the applicant’s own research topics—may be taken from a variety of social science and public health issues. In addition to interacting with Brown’s engaged and energetic advanced students, the instructor will be encouraged to participate in the intellectual life of S4 and associated units.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Applications should include (1) a cover letter describing interest and qualification for the position; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) syllabus for a similar course previously taught or short description of what the applicant would intend to offer; and (4) the names, positions, and email addresses of three individuals who could be consulted as references. Review of applications will begin on 1 June 2017.
Hi SDA Members,

I would like to encourage everyone to contact me of any news items worthy of being included in future editions of the newsletter. You can contact me via email at news@sdademography.org, or by phone at (901) 678-1631.

Thanks,

Wes James
The University of Memphis
Editor, Southern Demographic News