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## Notes from the President

Greetings from the President,

With the Greenville, SC meetings just around the corner, I hope everyone is thinking about submissions. Our annual meetings are truly member initiated. Your efforts largely determine the quality of each year's conference. Also, please take the time to introduce the SDAs to a colleague. Our membership spreads largely by word of mouth and the vitality of our meetings are dependent on new ideas, research and participants. Of course, bringing students to the meetings is especially encouraged. This is a wonderful way to introduce both graduate and undergraduates to the varieties of demographic research conducted by academic and applied demographers.

This year our two luncheon presenters will speak on two very timely topics. For our Friday lunch, Steve Murdoch (Director of the US Census Bureau and past President of the SDA) will discuss the latest happenings at the Bureau as we move towards the 2010 Census. On Saturday, James Gimpel, (professor of government at the University of Maryland, College Park) will discuss his research on geographic and demographic factors affecting campaigns and elections – academic food for thought with the Presidential election just a few days after the meetings.

See you all in Greenville!

Mike Irwin

## 2008 Southern Demographic Association Call for Papers

You are invited to submit abstracts for papers and/or completed papers for the 2008 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 30 through November 1 at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, South Carolina. 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 complete sessions, thematic sessions, panel discussions, software demonstrations and more! **ALL PAPER AND SESSION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH THE SDA WEB SITE TO RECEIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION!**

Please email Lynne Cossman ([Lynne.Cossman@msstate.edu](mailto:Lynne.Cossman@msstate.edu)), this year's program chairperson, if you have 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 below). Please send all proposals and abstracts by **June 30, 2008**, to the SDA web site <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2008.php>.

The SDA web site will ask you for:

- Your name
- 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)
- Complete contact information (email address, telephone number, fax number, and mailing address)

## CALL FOR 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, 2008.

### *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, 2008.

**IMPORTANT:** Submission of a paper for one of these awards should only be done after the paper has been included on the program for the conference. It must first be submitted for program consideration through the SDA web site <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2008.php>. Additionally, students should submit a final copy of their paper electronically to the program submission co-chairs by September 1. Graduate papers should be submitted to Rebecca Clark ([rclark@mail.nih.gov](mailto:rclark@mail.nih.gov)), and undergraduate papers should be submitted to Stephanie Bohon ([sbohon@utk.edu](mailto:sbohon@utk.edu)).

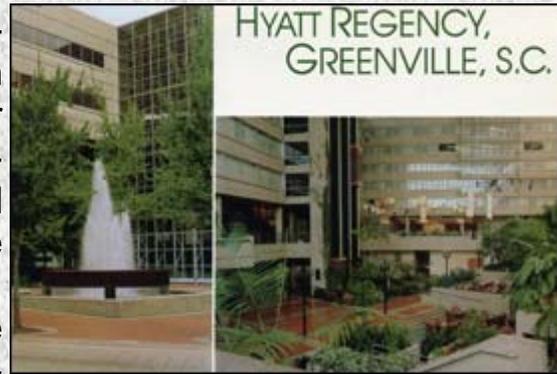
## Call for Submissions for the E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography

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 2008 E. Walter Terrie Award, email your submission to Isaac W. Eberstein at [ieberstn@fsu.edu](mailto:ieberstn@fsu.edu) no later than October 15, 2008. Submissions for the award should also be presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association. The Terrie Award consists of a \$400 cash prize and an appropriate certificate. Winners are added to the list on the SDA website.

# 2008 Annual Meeting Update

## Greenville, South Carolina

Our 2008 Southern Demographic Association meeting will be held in downtown Greenville, South Carolina from October 30 through November 1. In order to accommodate all who would like to attend the dinner on October 31, we have changed the venue to a larger location. Our dinner meeting will be held at The Wrought Iron Hall and catered by Saffron's Café.

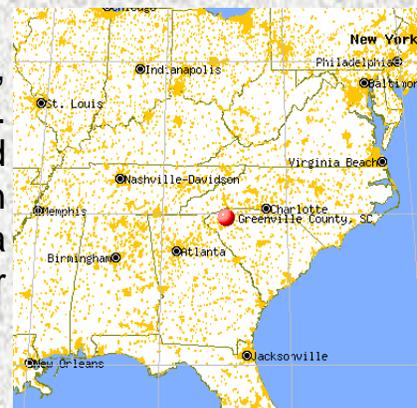


Saffron's is located in Greenville's west end and is only a short walk from The Hyatt Regency hotel. Contact David Redburn (David.Redburn@Furman.edu) or Bob Freymeyer (rhfreym@presby.edu), Co-Chairs of Local Arrangements, for more information.

SAFFRON'S site of the annual Friday night dinner

## Greenville named one of the top places to live

Relocate-America.com has named Greenville, S.C. as the fourth best place to live in America. According to Steve Nickerson, president and chief officer, Greenville attained its designation among the top five cities because "there was a real strong passion from people that went to our Web site and talked about Greenville," he said.



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## Annual Meeting Update

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"We liked what we read, and then the data supported it. Users talked about the friendly people who live in Greenville, the nearby mountains, affordable housing and the quality of life, as well as the entertainment offerings and the community."



Photos from 40th Anniversary Celebration  
for the Center for Demography & Population Health at FSU



FSU Directors



Former Graduates



Betty Serow, Serow Prize Winner Heather Mauney,  
and Dean David Rasmussen

## **Mary A. McGehee Selected for Census Bureau's African-American Advisory Committee**

**Mary A. McGehee**, a senior research analyst at the Arkansas Department of Health, has been selected by Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez to serve on the U.S. Census Bureau's Advisory Committee on the African-American population. As a member of the nine-person committee, the Little Rock, Ark., resident will advise the Census Bureau on the new American Community Survey and ways to achieve a more accurate count of the African-American population in the 2010 Census. "The Race and Ethnic Advisory Committees play a vital role in ensuring that we make the best effort possible to reach race and ethnic groups, not only during the 2010 Census, but also the American Community Survey that is conducted throughout the decade," Census Bureau Director Steve H. Murdock said. McGehee manages the collection, analysis and dissemination of data from four health and risk surveys in an effort to improve the health of Arkansans. She is also an adjunct research associate for the University of Mississippi's Center for Population Studies and a lecturer at the University of Phoenix Little Rock campus.

McGehee received bachelor's degrees in accounting and computer science, as well as a master's degree in gerontology, from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She received her doctorate in sociology with concentrations in demography and rural sociology from Texas A&M University.

Five race and ethnic advisory committees — African-American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander — advise the Census Bureau on issues affecting minority populations. The committees are assembled from the public at large and representatives of national, state, local and tribal entities, as well as nonprofit and private sector organizations. Members of the committees are academicians, community leaders, policy makers and others interested in an accurate count for their communities.

### **Upcoming Penn State Symposium**

"Development of Hispanic Children in Immigrant Families: Challenges and Prospects," is the topic of Penn State's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Family Issues, to be held October 23-24, 2008, on the University Park campus. Sixteen scholars from major institutions will integrate perspectives from multiple social sciences and address policy implications.

Presentations and discussions at the symposium will focus on (1) social ecologies of Hispanic children in immigrant families, including the range of setting characteristics and the ways in which setting characteristics have implications for child and youth well-being and development, (2) the role of families in children's successful adaptation to new "host" environments; (3) the implications of school and community contexts as well as education policies for children's school experiences and academic achievement; and (4) the roles of health care, social service provision, and health policies in children's health and well-being. Lead speakers include: Richard Alba (SUNY Albany), Kimberly Updegraff (Arizona State University), Carola Suárez-Orozco (NYU), and Margarita Alegria (Harvard Medical School). Information and registration at <http://www.pop.psu.edu/events/symposium/2008.htm> or contact Carolyn Scott at [css7@psu.edu](mailto:css7@psu.edu).

## **NIH SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCES AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS AVAILABLE**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced the availability of funding to support high quality conferences and scientific meetings through its NIH Research Conference Grant Program. The meetings must be relevant to the scientific mission of the NIH and the public health. The NIH defines a conference/scientific meeting as “a gathering, symposium, seminar, scientific meeting, workshop or any other organized, formal meeting where persons assemble to coordinate, exchange, and disseminate information or to explore or clarify a defined subject, problem, or area of knowledge.

Each NIH Institute and Center (IC) has a scientific purview and different program goals and initiatives that evolve over time. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the appropriate institute or center representative to obtain current information about their specific program priorities and policies.

ICs participating in this funding opportunity include:

National Institute on Aging (NIA), Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), Cancer Institute (NCI), Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), (Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), (Drug Abuse (NIDA), Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Eye Institute (NEI), General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), f Mental Health (NIMH), Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Library of Medicine (NLM), National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), Office of Rare Diseases (ORD), Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS).

For more information see: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-149.html>