

## PAA IN SAN DIEGO - BEST MEETING EVER!

by Steve Ruggles, President

The invaluable PAA History Committee Website (<http://geography.sdsu.edu/Research/Projects/PAA/paa.html>) reveals that the only previous time PAA met in San Diego was in 1982, and it was a financial disaster. Just 694 people attended, a decline of over 40% from the previous year. This is the second-biggest decline in PAA attendance every recorded! Accordingly, when I realized that I would be the PAA president for the 2015 meeting in San Diego, I felt some trepidation. Would history repeat itself? Would my presidency be tarnished by a failed meeting?

When the paper and poster submissions began rolling in, my worries receded. We had a record number of submissions, 14% more than for the Boston meeting the previous year (which had also been a record). We were able to add an extra room to accommodate the intellectual bounty—the spectacular Elevation Room on the 30th floor. With ample room for posters, we ended up with the largest program in PAA history.

In the end, 2,331 people registered for the meeting, up 7.5% over 2014. We exceed the all-time record attendance by 12, which was the 2011 meeting in Washington, DC. In spite of the distractions of a magnificent setting and perfect weather, the sessions were packed.

Lots of people worked hard to make the meeting a success. The unique strength of PAA is our decentralized process for planning the meeting. We had 52 members of the program committee who decided which sessions to offer and who

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recruited 172 organizers who did the actual work. The membership prepared 1,800 papers and posters; volunteered to serve as chairs, discussants, and poster judges; and organized and participated in 50 member-initiated meetings.

A few people deserve particular recognition. Danielle Staudt picked up the Executive Director job in mid-stream and produced a smoothly-functioning meeting. Lynne Casper and her poster committee at USC did a terrific job. German and Irene Rodriguez expertly handled the mechanics of creating the program, probably for the last time. And, in Minnesota, Cathy Fitch and Gina Rumore invested countless hours making sure all the pieces worked together.

Thanks to everyone!

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPRING BOARD MEETING AT THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DIEGO**

—*Liana Sayer, Secretary-Treasurer*

The 2015 annual meeting of the PAA was a rousing success, thanks to the many PAA members who volunteered their time organizing and running sessions, and the advance work of the Program Planning Committee, Steve Ruggles, PAA President, Lynne Casper, PAA Vice-President, and the PAA Executive Office. The final registration count was 2,331, which exceeds registration record of the 2011. In addition to the 239 paper sessions and 9 poster sessions, members participated in the Early Career Mentoring Lunch, attended by about 40 junior demographers, and the reception for the Early Career Demographers, who are within 8 years of receipt of their degree. These events were organized by the hard working Membership Committee, Jason Boardman, Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, and Chair Narayan Sastry. The International Outreach Committee was able to support 39 scholars from developing countries to attend the meeting.

The Board welcomed its new members to their first meeting: President-elect Judy Seltzer, Vice President-elect Elizabeth Frankenberg, Sarah Burgard, Jason Boardman, Rebecca Clark, and Michael Rendall. Past-President Robert Moffitt called the meeting to order by banging the Presidential gavel and handing it to President Steve Ruggles.

President Steve Ruggles thanked German and Irene Rodriguez, who have managed the PAMPA annual meeting program organization software and the PAA conference website. Dr. Ruggles reported on the selection of the CONFEX meeting software that will be rolled in for the 2016 annual meeting program organization.

Judy Seltzer, PAA President-elect reported that the 2016 Program Committee has been formed. The committee has requested suggestions for the 2016 program and start the hard work of organizing the 2016 program in mid-May. Submissions have increased more quickly than the number of sessions, meaning the acceptance rate is decreasing. One early action of the Program Committee will be to make a recommendation about whether to change the two appearance rule. The recommendation will be informed by the Board discussion of how best to address problems with the current rule involving academic integrity (due to members removing their names from coauthored work to meet the 2 appearance rule) and the way the current system does not always meet the rule's objective of broadening the diversity of people on the program. One option is to shift to a two presentation rule at the 2016 Annual Meeting, excluding discussant and chair roles.

The PAA is in good financial condition. However, the Board noted that flat PAA membership trends over the past several years are of concern. The Membership Committee and the Board will continue discussions on initiatives to better serve current members and grow the membership at the Fall 2015 Board meeting.

PAA's Executive Director, Danielle Staudt, recommended that the Board engage in a strategic planning process. The goal is to identify PAA's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges over the next 3 to 5 years. As part of the process, PAA will survey its members and the population research community at large to identify what PAA

can do to meet the needs of the two groups. The Board concurred with Ms. Staudt's recommendation that the first step be the formation of an ad-hoc Strategic Planning committee.

The Publications Committee reported on the search for a new editor of *Demography*. The Board decided to continue to provide partial financial support for the time of the Editor of *Demography*, and hopes that this will open up the Editorship to candidates from a wide range of institutions. *Demography* continues to have an increasing number of submissions and will continue to work on the challenge of reducing review time given almost a doubling of submissions over the past several years.

The Board approved a revised charge for the Initiatives Committee to provide more guidance to committee members. Key priorities for PAA initiatives include those that: increase the PAA's public profile; increase PAA diversity along multiple dimensions; cultivate sustained engagement among PAA's early career membership; and organize workshops or conferences at the annual meeting or at other times that would benefit a significant fraction of the membership.

The Board considered recommendations by the Committee on Applied Demography to improve the structure and functioning of the committee to promote CAD events and applied demography generally at the annual meeting. The Board decided to expand membership on the Applied Demography Committee to 6 members, including the Chair. The Program Committee will consult with the CAD Chair for session suggestions. [Editors' note: be sure to read our new regular feature: *Demography off the Tenure Track*.]

The meeting concluded with setting the date for the Fall Board Meeting for November 8 and 9, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

## SEARCH FOR NEW CO-EDITOR OF *PAA AFFAIRS*

The Publications Committee of the Population Association of America wishes to advise the membership of a search for a new co-editor of *PAA Affairs*. The new co-editor will begin work in January 2016, and will co-edit the 2016-2018 volumes of the newsletter with continuing co-editor Leora Lawton.

Potential applicants are encouraged to consult with the Publications Committee, as well as with the current co-editors of *PAA Affairs*, about any and all aspects of editorial responsibilities. The PAA Board will appoint the new co-editor at their fall 2015 meeting.

PAA members interested in applying for the editorial position should send a brief note of interest and an electronic copy of your CV to the Publications Committee by July 31st, 2015:

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## NEW CONFERENCE SOFTWARE AND ADOPTION OF A TWO-PRESENTATION RULE FOR THE ANNUAL PROGRAM

—Judith A. Seltzer

PAA has long relied on the PAMPA software to create the PAA Annual Meeting Program. The software allowed us to mechanize a lot of what Program Committees and staff members used to do in word processing programs and by

hand. PAA is grateful to Germán Rodríguez and Irene Rodríguez at Princeton University for the gift of their expertise, labor, care, and nurturing of PAMPA for PAA. Now they have passed the baton back to PAA.

The PAA Board approved this spring a move to the conference software package, Confex. The decision was the result of several months of software review, led by PAA President Steven Ruggles and Fran Frabrizio, IT Director at the Minnesota Population Center. The Minnesota team, Danielle Staudt and the rest of the PAA staff, and the 2016 Program Committee are working on the transition from PAMPA to Confex for the 2016 meeting.

The other change that PAA is making for the 2016 meeting is to a two-presentation rule from the two-appearance rule that PAA has followed for a number of years. The Executive Committee voted to adopt a two-presentation rule shortly after the 2015 meetings. Paper submitters will designate presenter status when they submit to PAA in response to the call for papers, something the Confex software will allow. Once all sessions are finalized (that is, all papers and posters have been accepted or rejected), there will be a short time interval when presenter status can be revised so that any individual presents no more than twice.

The change from the two-appearance rule in which an individual could appear on the program twice as author or co-author of a paper or poster was motivated by concerns about academic integrity. Under the old rule, the PAA asked authors to remove their names from work to which they had contributed. As noted in the Board meeting summary, the PAA Board considered the rule change at the spring meeting and charged the Executive Committee with making a recommendation for the 2016 Program.

The Executive Committee (Ruggles, Lynne Casper, Liana Sayer, Robert Moffitt, Judith Seltzer, and Elizabeth Frankenberg) voted to adopt a two-appearance rule for the 2016 and 2017 programs. The Committee also voted to evaluate the rule change after the 2017 meeting so that the Board could decide whether to continue that rule or revise it. The Committee considered an alternate rule that would allow individuals to present only one paper or poster, but decided that an incremental approach would be more prudent.

Rules about participation in the PAA program were changed most recently in 2013 when the strict two-appearance rule was modified so that chair and discussant appearances did not count toward an individual's two appearances. For the 2015 program, individuals were allowed to appear twice as author or co-author and up to four appearances in all counting author, co-author, chair, and discussant roles. In 2016 the two-presentation rule also will allow individuals to serve as chair and discussant, with up to four appearances in all counting presenter, chair, and discussant roles.

## INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: MARY JO HOEKSEMA

At the PAA in San Diego, *PAA Affairs* caught up with **Mary Jo Hoeksema**, who is the **Director of Government affairs**.

—Interview by Michael Spittel

**MS:** How do you like working as the Director of Government Affairs for PAA/APC, and how did your career trajectory lead you to this position? What were some of your earlier positions that helped prepare you for the challenges you face as a professional today?

**MJH:** I really enjoy being the PAA Director of Government and Public Affairs! After 11 years on the job, I still find the job interesting and challenging. Moreover, I feel appreciated and supported by the PAA and its members, which makes my job even more rewarding! Prior to coming to PAA, I worked at the National Institutes of Health, specifically at the National Institute on Aging (NIA), where I was the Legislative Officer, and as the Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration.

Before coming to the NIH as a Presidential Management Fellow in 1995, I worked on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Assistant for Rep. Rosa DeLauro and as a Legislative Correspondent for my home state senator, Sen. Jeff Bingaman. In all of these positions,

I handled science, health, and research issues, and I have relied on these experiences to guide me in representing the PAA. While at the NIA, I worked closely with Richard Suzman. He introduced me to population aging and demography and always informed me of important findings and program developments. I am grateful that I had an opportunity to learn from such a visionary leader and that he connected me to PAA.

**MS:** What are some of interesting aspects of your job, and what are some of the greatest challenges?

**MJH:** I enjoy introducing PAA members to advocacy and facilitating their interactions with federal policymakers. Even though it is a lot of work, I look forward to the annual advocacy days PAA sponsors in which I take a group of select PAA members and officers to meet with members of Congress, congressional staff, and agency officials in Washington, DC. It is very fulfilling to see PAA members discussing their research and the importance of funding specific federal agencies with key staff. It is even more fulfilling when these interactions lead to positive outcomes such as seeing PAA's position prevails on a key committee or floor vote, improving an agency's funding level, saving a survey or a program, or expanding an existing program or survey.

It is challenging to manage such a diverse portfolio of issues and federal agencies and to feel I am adequately covering the wide range of PAA's interests. Fortunately, I work with a great colleague, Suzanne Stokes Vieth, and a wonderful committee of PAA officials and members, the PAA Government and Public Affairs Committee, and its chair, Wendy Baldwin, who are terrific partners and sources of support. I also find it challenging to educate congressional staff about population research, particularly given the high turnover rate on Capitol Hill.

**MS:** What message would you like the PAA membership to hear as their Government Affairs Director?

**MJH:** I want them to know that I cannot do my job without them! **We need PAA members to respond to our action alerts and to communicate our views with policymakers.** I also need to hear from our members when they have concerns or questions about federal policies and actions. Advocacy is a partnership that exists between my office, the GPAC, and the PAA members. By working together, we improve our chances of strengthening the field and ensuring federal support for the population sciences thrives.

## DEMOGRAPHY OFF THE TENURE TRACK - THE ADAPTABILITY AND EVOLUTION OF A DEMOGRAPHER

—Leora Lawton

In this edition's essay on careers in alternative careers we consider working as a researcher on contracts. Additional insights are provided by Tom Pullum, currently Director of Research for the Demographic and Health Surveys at ICF International, and formerly a researcher at University of Chicago, the Harvard School of Public Health, University of California at Davis, the University of Washington, and the University of Texas at Austin. He describes himself as a 'journeyman demographer - the kind of player that goes to the team that needs him. In addition to his salaried positions, he also worked on a contract basis.

Faculty sometimes moonlight (per institutional rules) and demographers have excellent data management and analytic skills, a rare combination, so they have marketable skills. A possible career path if you like research, like being on campus, perhaps aren't particularly enamored with teaching or the pressures of 'publish or perish,' and can handle a certain amount of risk and uncertainty, is to become a contract research scientist. In this case you are not



“doing your own thing,” you are working for someone else, you have a timeline and a budget, and a set of deliverables, that is, mutual expectations about what reports, data sets, documentation etc. are to be delivered by a set time. It’s not a grant - that is subject for another essay. Contract work may not just fall in your lap: you may have to go out and be entrepreneurial, that is, network with scholars on campus, seek out clients in professional trade circles, encourage word-of-mouth recommendations, attend related seminars and events, and possibly develop a research proposal that aligns with existing (or imminent) projects.

The idea is to provide value with the necessary skills and interests. These could be substantive (working on program evaluations), methodological (serving as a sampling statistician), or more task-oriented (e.g., you really like developing and documenting databases).

If you have a steady jobs but also do contract consulting, Pullum says “that means you have to be able and willing to take occasional breaks from your main job and possibly to travel, for weeks or months.” It also means occasionally having a lot on your plate because you might not want to turn down an attractive opportunity. “Every time you say ‘No, I’m not interested,’ or ‘No, I’m too busy’, or ‘No, that’s not enough money’ you are probably closing off an entire series of opportunities. One thing most definitely leads to another, but there has to be a starting point.” You might have to do turn down an opportunity anyhow because sometimes it really isn’t enough money to do the work without resentment, or you really are too busy to do a responsible and professional job.

Having a half-time salaried job at a university might give you the flexibility you need to develop your contracting business on the side. Even if you have a steady job at a university, you may be able to take a one-year leave to take advantage of an attractive, unique opportunity. Or, after enough years you may want to resign or retire and move to your ‘next career.’ Pullum did exactly that, to his current position at ICF. The advantage of this—and many other careers off the tenure track—is almost like having permission to create a whole new world for yourself. Yet even after a big change, Pullum notes: “I continue to work with smart, motivated, hard-working colleagues—as before—and am still, as before, trying to figure out what is the real question and how can we answer it with the available data. All that’s missing is the students and the job security. It’s different but in many ways is much more real. I recommend it.”

## GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE

—Suzanne Stokes Vieth

### Congressional Budget Cycle Hits a Stride & PAA/APC Make their Mark on the Hill

With both chambers of Congress firmly in control of Republican majorities, this year’s budget process got off to a brisk start—as both the House and Senate ushered through their respective Budget Resolutions and secured passage of the final compromise version in April, establishing broad spending parameters. The efficiency with which the budget was produced, however, did nothing to change the stark reality that under the budget agreement enacted in 2011, the arbitrary Fiscal 2016 budget caps will impose further painful cuts to domestic discretionary programs. The appropriations process is already underway as of press time, with the House poised to consider the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) appropriations bill (which funds the Census Bureau and National Science Foundation (NSF) as well as Bureau of Economic Analysis). The version reported out of the House Appropriations Committee contains virtually flat funding for all three priorities, with a slight increase of \$50 million for NSF research activities. However, the bill fails to fund the Obama Administration’s request for a substantial increase in the Census Bureau budget in order to prepare for the 2020 decennial census. Stay tuned for developments related to this bill and its Senate counterpart, as well as work on the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill (which funds the National Institutes of Health) in both chambers.

Meanwhile, the House Science Committee approved, along party lines, an NSF authorization bill, H.R. 1806, the *America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015*, authored by Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX). The bill

has drawn nearly universal opposition from national scientific associations and research universities, because it prescribes arbitrary funding limits for individual directorates at NSF and would impose a massive 45% cut to the Social, Behavioral and Economics (SBE) directorate. Floor consideration of H.R. 1806 in the House of Representatives was pending as of press time.

### **Advocacy Days and Congressional Briefing Highlights early 2015 PAA/APC Activity**

Battling wintry weather, long security lines and logistical challenges brought on by a visit from Israel's Prime Minister, a dozen intrepid PAA & APC members from across the nation arrived on Capitol Hill March 2 & 3 to advocate for funding and policy priorities vital to the population science community. This capable group, representing a geographically diverse cross-section of scientists from a range of disciplines, conducted more than 40 meetings with key staff and Members of Congress. On April 17, PAA & APC hosted a congressional briefing entitled "The Vow Factor: Marriage, Divorce & Family Formation and its Impact on Health and Well-being." The briefing was very well attended and featured Dr. Lisa Berkman (Harvard), Dr. Andrew Cherlin (Johns Hopkins) and Dr. Elizabeth Peters (Urban Institute) with Dr. Robert Moffitt (Johns Hopkins) moderating. A second congressional briefing is being planned for this summer.

## **NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN POPULATION RESEARCH**

### **News from the British Society for Population Studies May 2015**

Looking ahead to the BSPS Annual Conference 2015: Booking has now opened for the BSPS Annual Conference, being held at the University of Leeds on 7-9 September. Early booking is recommended, with early-bird registration rates applying until the end of July. (Please note that the Conference has been fully booked for each of the last two years and last-minute bookings have had to be turned away.) There is a full programme of simultaneous strand sessions of submitted papers covering the entire demographic and population studies spectrum, plus training sessions, a workshop and a panel session, together with a large number of posters which will be on display throughout the conference. Plenary lectures will be given by Professor John Stillwell (University of Leeds) and Professor Helga de Valk (NIDI & Vrije Universiteit, Brussels). The provisional programme (which will be updated as necessary) and the conference booking form are available [here](#).

The BSPS co-sponsored two workshops in late 2014. One was entitled 'The continuing importance of inequality in health and mortality analysis'. The other workshop, supported by and held at the Nuffield Foundation in London in October, dealt with 'Son preference and prenatal sex selection against females' and examined the evidence, causes and implications of this phenomenon.

Our latest Newsletter, circulated to BSPS members in May 2015, contains full reports of these two meetings along with other news and an obituary of Dr. Alan Holmans, a long-term BSPS member and doyen of England's household projections and their house-building implications. A BSPS meeting on England's latest set of official household projections took place in London on 18 May and will be the subject of a report in the Conference issue of the Newsletter available on September 7.

**NIMHD RFI: The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)** published a time-sensitive Request for Information (RFI) soliciting input into a science vision to guide the development of the science of health disparities research for the next decade. For information, click [here](#).

**Research Opportunities at NSF, Directorate for Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE):** This is a limited set of examples; for a complete listing of SBE funding opportunities, please visit [here](#).

**Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (IBSS):** Promotes the conduct of interdisciplinary research by teams of investigators in the social and behavioral sciences. Emphasis is placed on support for research that involves researchers from multiple disciplinary fields, that integrates scientific theoretical approaches and

methodologies from multiple disciplinary fields, and that is likely to yield generalizable insights and information that will advance basic knowledge and capabilities across multiple disciplinary fields. See [here](#).

**SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (SPRF):** SBE offers Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in two tracks: (i) Broadening Participation (SPRF-BP), and (ii) Interdisciplinary Research in Behavioral and Social Sciences (SPRF-IBSS).

—**The SPRF-BP** track offers fellowships in an effort to increase the diversity of researchers who participate in NSF programs in the social, behavioral and economic sciences and thereby increase the participation of scientists from under-represented groups in selected areas of science in the United States. The BP track of the SPRF program invites proposals that address this issue either through the Fellowship Candidate’s scientific research or through well-designed and meaningful outreach and training activities.

—**The SPRF-IBSS** track aims to support interdisciplinary training where at least one of the disciplinary components is an SBE science. As defined by the National Academies, “Interdisciplinary research is a mode of research by teams or individuals that integrates information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts, and/or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge to advance fundamental understanding or to solve problems whose solutions are beyond the scope of a single discipline or area of research practice” Solicitation [here](#).

**Resource Implementations for Data Intensive Research in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (RIDIR):** SBE seeks to develop user-friendly large-scale next-generation data resources and relevant analytic techniques to advance fundamental research in SBE areas of study. Successful proposals will, within the financial resources provided by the award, construct such databases and/or relevant analytic techniques and produce a finished product that will enable new types of data-intensive research. The databases or techniques should have significant impacts, either across multiple fields or within broad disciplinary areas, by enabling new types of data-intensive research in the SBE sciences. The solicitation is [here](#).

**Science of Learning: Collaborative Networks (SL:CN):** Designed to capitalize on the momentum created by the Science of Learning Centers (SLC) Program to continue developing an integrated, interdisciplinary SL community. The goals of the SL Program are to: advance fundamental knowledge about learning through integrated research; connect the research to specific scientific, technological, educational, and workforce challenges; and enable research communities to capitalize on new opportunities and discoveries. This solicitation invites proposals for the creation of new research networks to address important questions in the SL. Networks will focus on advancing basic research through integrative, interdisciplinary perspectives and methodologies, through integration of theory and experiment, and across scales of analysis; and/or translating findings from basic research on learning to applications to benefit society and further inform fundamental theories of learning. See [here](#).

**Understanding the Brain:** NSF’s goal is to enable scientific understanding of the full complexity of the brain, in action and in context, through targeted, cross-disciplinary investments in research, technology, and workforce development. Understanding the Brain activities promise innovative and integrated solutions to challenges in our ability to predict how collective interactions between brain function and our physical and social environment enable complex behavior. NSF’s strategic investments will support research and infrastructure designed to transform our view of who we are and how we relate to and interact with each other and our ever-changing environment. See more [here](#).

**Neuroengineering and Brain-Inspired Concepts and Designs and Individuality and Variation.** General advances in theory and methods, technological innovations, educational approaches, enabling research infrastructure, and workforce development are all of significant interest. See more [here](#).

**Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SatC), and the Dear Colleague Letter, Privacy in Today’s Networked World:** In December 2011, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) with the cooperation of NSF



issued a broad, coordinated Federal strategic plan for cybersecurity research and development to “change the game,” minimize the misuses of cyber technology, bolster education and training in cybersecurity, establish a science of cybersecurity, and transition promising cybersecurity research into practice. This challenge requires a dedicated approach to research, development, and education that leverages the disciplines of mathematics and statistics, the social sciences, and engineering together with the computing, communications and information sciences. The Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC) program welcomes proposals that address Cybersecurity from a Trustworthy Computing Systems (TWC) perspective and/or a Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) perspective, or from the Secure, Trustworthy, Assured and Resilient Semiconductors and Systems (STARSS) perspective. In addition, we welcome proposals that integrate research addressing all of these perspectives. See more [here](#), and the solicitation is [here](#).

**Research on Privacy in Today’s Networked World:** The directorates for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) and Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) invite investigators to submit proposals that address the need to develop new and deeper understandings of privacy in today’s networked world. Our interest spans both disciplinary and interdisciplinary research in an array of SBE sciences. Proposals for workshops to explore novel and interdisciplinary SBE and SBE/CISE approaches to privacy are also welcome. Dear Colleague Letter [here](#).

**Critical Techniques and Technologies for Advancing Foundations and Applications of Big Data Science & Engineering (BIGDATA):** Seeks novel approaches in computer science, statistics, computational science, and mathematics, along with innovative applications in domain science, including social and behavioral sciences, geosciences, education, biology, the physical sciences, and engineering that lead towards the further development of the interdisciplinary field of data science. The solicitation invites two types of proposals: “Foundations” (F): those developing or studying fundamental theories, techniques, methodologies, technologies of broad applicability to Big Data problems; and “Innovative Applications” (IA): those developing techniques, methodologies and technologies of key importance to a Big Data problem directly impacting at least one specific application. Therefore, projects in this category must be collaborative, involving researchers from domain disciplines and one or more methodological disciplines, e.g., computer science, statistics, mathematics, simulation and modeling, etc. While Innovative Applications (IA) proposals may address critical big data challenges within a specific domain, a high level of innovation is expected in all proposals and proposals should, in general, strive to provide solutions with potential for a broader impact on data science and its applications. IA proposals may focus on novel theoretical analysis and/or on experimental evaluation of techniques and methodologies within a specific domain. More information [here](#).

## SCIENCE MEETINGS, CENTERS, AND CALL FOR PAPERS

**6th Annual Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences (IGSS),** October 22nd-23rd, 2015 — Boulder, Colorado. Call for papers. With support from the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, and the Population Association of America, the Institute of Behavioral Science and University of Colorado Population Center are hosting the 6th annual conference entitled Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences. The goal of this conference is to showcase behavioral and molecular genetic studies that enhance demographic and social scientific inquiry. The two day conference will include a 4 hour advanced statistical genetics workshop. To be considered for this conference, please submit a complete paper, a working draft, or an extended abstract (including data description, methods, and preliminary results) as a .pdf file to this [link](#) by June 15th, 2015. Researchers from any of the biological or social sciences are encouraged to participate. Information about the previous conference can be found [here](#).

**Call for Abstracts for 2016 Conference on New Data Linkages:** The Social Observatories Coordinating Network (<https://socialobservatories.org>) is planning to hold a conference in the Washington DC area in March 2016. The conference will highlight research programs that demonstrate novel linkages between at least two distinct data sources, types, or modalities and which answer an important social scientific question. Examples of novel data linkages

include—but are by no means limited to—new combinations of survey and administrative data; psychometrics and air quality; community indicators and individual observational data; social analytics and voting data; and social media and economic indicators. Papers must relate empirical results from a study that addresses a specific research question (i.e. mere description of data resources is not sufficient). Themes are equally open. Of particular interest are social mobility; social change and adaptation; social inequality; and other key social and behavioral science topics. Paper drafts will be presented at a conference on March 24-25, 2016. Revised papers will be submitted for an edited volume of a journal. Selected participants will have conference expenses paid and will receive a modest honorarium upon the successful acceptance of their article. Interested researchers should submit a 3-5 page paper prospectus or abstract to Sandra Hofferth at [hofferth@umd.edu](mailto:hofferth@umd.edu) by August 20, 2015. Submitters will be notified by October 15, 2015.

## **Population Day at the American Sociological Association (ASA), Saturday, August 22, 2015**

### **Section on Sociology of Population Roundtables**

8:30 to 9:30am

- Table 01. Health and Education among Hispanics
- Table 02. Predictors of Fertility in Low Fertility Contexts
- Table 03. Making the Most of a Multidisciplinary Postdoctoral Experience
- Table 04. How to Prepare Yourself for the Job Market
- Table 05. Demographic and Socioeconomic Associations with Physical and Mental Health
- Table 06. Life Course Events and Health in China
- Table 07. Abortion, Pregnancy and Childbearing Preferences
- Table 08. Health Outcomes in Less Developed Countries
- Table 09. Family and Population Studies in Asia
- Table 10. Strategies for Demographers at Colleges and Universities without a Population Research Center

### **Section on Sociology of Population Business Meeting**

9:30 to 10:10am

### **Section on Sociology of Population Paper Sessions**

10:30am to 12:10pm

LGBT Health Disparities

2:30 to 4:10pm

Spatial Stratification

4:30 to 6:10pm

Race/Ethnicity and Population Dynamics

Joint Reception: Section on the Sociology of the Family and Section on Sociology of Population

6:30 to 8:30pm

For further detail, see [http://www.asanet.org/AM2015/am\\_2015.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/AM2015/am_2015.cfm).

## **DATA AND TOOLS**

**The U.S. Census Bureau** announces two releases of demographic software. Information about both of these products is available free of charge from the following location at the Census Bureau's [website](http://www.census.gov).

- (1) The first update to the *Subnational Projections Toolkit*. The *Toolkit* offers a user-friendly Installer feature to facilitate easy downloading of the software. First released in 2013, this package is designed to prepare sub-national population projections using a specialized set of Excel workbooks that apply both cohort-component

methods and mathematical extrapolation. In addition, the *Toolkit* provides descriptions of methods applied, as well as a User's Guide to assist users in applying its various techniques and using the Census Bureau's Rural/Urban Projection (RUP) population projection and RUPAGG (aggregation) program through the RUPLEX Excel-based interface. The *Toolkit* allows for the preparation of projections at multiple levels of geography, with techniques to establish consistency across geographic levels.

(2) The *Demographic Analysis and Population Projection System (DAPPS)*, initially released in late 2014, is designed to help users produce population projections with ease. It accomplishes this through a user-friendly interface for data entry and the projection power of RUP. In order to create a projection, DAPPS requires at least three inputs: a base population, by age and sex (usually based on a census or estimate); a mortality structure, by age and sex (usually a life table or deaths, by age and sex); and a fertility pattern, by age of mother (births or age-specific fertility rates). A fourth input, a pattern of net migration (by age and sex of migrant), is optional but recommended.



**The Guttmacher Center for Population Research Innovation and Dissemination** enhances the work of the Guttmacher Institute by, among other efforts, improving its ability to disseminate its work. The Center is funded by NICHD's Population Dynamics Branch to produce public-use datasets created by Guttmacher Institute re-

searchers and make them available to the research community. Available datasets span a range of topics in the area of sexual and reproductive health, including fertility, unintended pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, contraceptive use and adolescent reproductive health. These data sets have the potential to provide a rich, detailed and nuanced understanding of reproductive health patterns, behaviors and drivers. The currently available datasets are listed below. Over time, other datasets will be prepared for public use, added to the Center website, and publicized when they become available. Email [popcenter@guttmacher.org](mailto:popcenter@guttmacher.org) if you would like to receive notifications when new data become available.

Currently available datasets:

- 2010 Survey of U.S. Publicly Funded Family Planning Clinics
- 2009 U.S. Survey of Reproductive and Contraceptive Knowledge
- 2008 U.S. Abortion Patient Survey
- 2004 Protecting the Next Generation in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Malawi and Uganda

Researchers who would like to obtain more information about these datasets, view study methodology or codebooks, or would like to request a data set are encouraged to visit our website at [www.guttmacher.org/popcenter](http://www.guttmacher.org/popcenter).

## COURSES/TRAINING/SYMPOSIA

**Short course: A stochastic process approach to agent-based modeling and simulation:** Before the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) and the new IUSSP Panel of Microsimulation and Agent Based Modeling in Demography workshop (mentioned above), a short course is organized on agent-based modeling (ABM) and simulation in demography (October 19-27, 2015). The aim of the course is to connect ABM, probability theory and choice theory more closely than this is usually done. The course rests on three pillars:

1. *Probability theory*, especially the theory of stochastic processes. This is based on the fact that the quantile function (inverse distribution function) is the workhorse of all microsimulation models.
2. *Decision theory / choice theory / action theory*. We extend stochastic process models by introducing behavior in the form of choice. Action is an outcome of random choice processes that include cognition and social interaction. We reflect on how ABM could be more closely connected to existing research on decision

theory. We present two established theories that are broad enough to incorporate a wide range of different decision contexts. The first one is the theory of planned behavior (TPB). The other one is discrete choice theory. Recent contributions to discrete choice theory have several elements in common with the TPB, although the two theories continue to be developed independently.

- 3 *Social network theory*. ABMs include social interaction and most include social networks. The course introduces participants to stochastic actor-based models of social networks, which represents the state-of-the-art.

For more information, see the website of the MPIDR (Education/International Advanced Studies in Demography). To apply, send an email to dr. Heiner Maier ([idem@demogr.mpg.de](mailto:idem@demogr.mpg.de)) and mention in the subject heading: “IDEM 112 – A stochastic process approach to agent-based modeling and simulation.” Application deadline is June 30, 2015.

## MEMBER STUDIES IN THE PRESS AND RESEARCH BRIEFS

### Press and Research Briefs

David Swanson’s *Population Projection study of Native Hawaiians* has been featured in the [Pew Research News](#) and [NPR’s blog](#).

### New Books by PAA Members

***The Egyptian Labor Market in an Era of Revolution***. Edited by Ragui Assaad and Caroline Krafft. Oxford University Press, 2015. This book fills an important gap in the knowledge about labor market conditions in Egypt in the aftermath of the Arab Spring uprisings, and it analyzes the results of the latest round of the Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey carried out in early 2012. The chapters cover topics that are essential to understanding the conditions leading to the Egyptian revolution of 25 January 2011, including the persistence of high youth unemployment, labor market segmentation and rigidity, growing informality, and the declining role of the state as an employer. It includes the first research on the impact of the revolution and the ensuing economic crisis on the labor market, including issues such as changes in earnings, increased insecurity of employment, declining female labor force participation, and the stagnation of micro and small enterprise growth. Comparisons are made to labor market conditions prior to the revolution using previous rounds of the survey fielded in 1988, 1998, and 2006. The chapters make use of this unique longitudinal data to provide a fresh analysis of the Egyptian labor market after the Arab Spring, an analysis that was simply not feasible with previously existing data. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in the economics of the Middle East and the political economy of the Arab Spring. For more information, see: <http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780198737254.do>.

***Gender and International Migration From the Slavery Era to the Global Age - Katharine M. Donato and Donna Gabaccia***. In 2006, the United Nations reported on the “feminization” of migration, noting that the number of female migrants had doubled over the last five decades. Likewise, global awareness of issues like human trafficking and the exploitation of immigrant domestic workers has increased attention to the gender makeup of migrants. But are women really more likely to migrate today than they were in earlier times? In *Gender and International Migration*, sociologist and demographer Katharine Donato and historian Donna Gabaccia evaluate the historical evidence to show that women have been a significant part of migration flows for centuries. The first scholarly analysis of gender and migration over the centuries, *Gender and International Migration* demonstrates that variation in the gender composition of migration reflects not only the movements of women relative to men, but larger shifts in immigration policies and gender relations in the changing global economy, <https://www.russellsage.org/publications/gender-and-international-migration>.

*Residential Inequality in American Neighborhoods and Communities. Volume 660, The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, July 2015. This volume, edited by Barrett Lee, Glenn Firebaugh, John Iceland, and Stephen Matthews, consists of 17 papers first presented at the Penn State Stratification Conference last fall. Motivating the volume is the dogged persistence of residential inequality in the United States. Although many

people pursue the American Dream, seeking desirable homes and neighborhoods, their progress has been slowed by rising income disparities, natural disasters, the Great Recession, mortgage foreclosures, and dramatic swings in housing prices. Whether immigrants and their children are able to achieve their residential goals is another current concern. At the same time, spatial divides along race and class lines have been sustained through discriminatory practices and individuals' preference to live near those similar to themselves. The contributors to the volume, who include leading scholars from multiple disciplines, explore how stratification intersects with the residential landscape. Their research highlights linkages between socioeconomic and ethnoracial statuses and four spatial sorting processes: segregation, housing and locational attainment, residential mobility, and neighborhood change. State-of-the-art substantive work is featured, with many of the papers employing innovative methods or data to speak to issues of both theoretical and policy importance. More information about the volume can be found at <http://ann.sagepub.com/>.

## **News from the Russell Sage Foundation**

### **New Initiatives and Funding Opportunities**

*The Social, Economic, and Political Effects of the Affordable Care Act:* The Russell Sage Foundation's initiative on the social, economic and political effects of health care reform seeks to support innovative social science research on the effects of the Affordable Care Act. We are especially interested in funding analyses that address important questions about the effects of the reform on outcomes such as financial security and family economic well-being, labor supply and demand, participation in other public programs, family and children's outcomes, and differential effects by age, race, ethnicity, nativity, or disability status. We are also interested in research that examines the political effects of the implementation of the ACA, including changes in views regarding government, support for future government policy changes, or the impact on policy development in other areas. This research might employ original qualitative and/or quantitative data sources, but novel uses of existing sources of data are encouraged. We will not fund research on the effects of the ACA on health care delivery or health outcomes. Please visit the Russell Sage Foundation website, [www.russellsage.org](http://www.russellsage.org), or click [here](#) to learn more about the initiative and how to apply for funding.

*New Funding Opportunity for Research on Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration:* The Foundation's newest program on Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, replaces two previous programs: Immigration and Cultural Contact. Insights gained from these two long-standing programs inform the genesis of the new program on Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration. The new program encourages multi-disciplinary perspectives on questions stemming from the significant changes in the racial, ethnic, and immigrant-origin composition of the U.S. population. A primary goal is to find ways in which researchers from different social science traditions studying issues of race, ethnicity, and immigration may complement one another in productive and innovative ways. We continue to encourage multi-disciplinary perspectives and methods that both strengthen the data, theory, and methods of social science research and foster an understanding of how we might better achieve the American ideals of a pluralist society. The Foundation seeks investigator-initiated research proposals on the changing racial and ethnic composition of the U.S. population, including the transformation of communities and ideas about what it means to be American. We are especially interested in research that examines the roles of race, ethnicity, nativity, and legal status on outcomes for immigrants, U.S.-born racial and ethnic minorities, and native-born whites. Please visit the Foundation's website, [www.russellsage.org](http://www.russellsage.org), or click [here](#) to learn more about the new program and how to apply for funding.

### **Upcoming calls for papers for our journal:**

*Biosocial Pathways of Well-Being Across the Life Course*, Kathleen Mullan Harris, University of North Carolina, Sociology, Thomas McDade, Northwestern University, Anthropology. Call to be announced in May.

*New Immigrant U.S. Labor Market Niches in the Era of Globalization*, Susan Eckstein, Boston University, Sociology, Giovanni Peri, University of California, Davis, Economics. Call to be announced in September.

Check our website: [www.russellsage.org](http://www.russellsage.org).



### **Recently Published Books:**

*Gender and International Migration: From the Slavery Era to the Global Age.* By Katharine M. Donato and Donna Gabaccia.

*Beyond Obamacare: Life, Death, and Social Policy.* By James S. House.

*Too Many Children Left Behind: The U.S. Achievement Gap in Comparative Perspective.* By Bruce Bradbury, Miles Corak, Jane Waldfogel, and Elizabeth Washbrook. Available in June.

*The Asian American Achievement Paradox.* By Jennifer Lee and Min Zhou. Available in June.

## **PAA PEOPLE AND HONORS**

David Kertzer was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his book “The Pope and Mussolini” <https://news.brown.edu/articles/2015/04/kertzer>.

Mieke Eeckhaut received the 2015 Chancellor’s Award for Postdoctoral Research at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Eeckhaut is a postdoctoral fellow at the California Center for Population Research (CCPR). Her recent work investigates economic disparities in the use of long-acting contraceptive methods in the United States, Europe, and Australia. Dr. Eeckhaut’s postdoctoral research is funded by a National Research Service Award for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows (F32 award) from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

## **PAA 2015 POSTER SESSION WINNERS!**

Join me in congratulating this year’s poster winners! You can [find pictures of the winning posters](#) and presenters on the PAA website.

### **Thank you to the PAA 2015 Poster Judges!!**

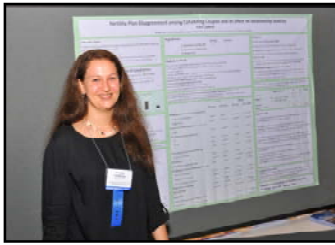
This year we received a record 2,179 poster submissions, an increase of 20 percent since last year alone! The visibility and quality of the poster sessions have increased substantially over the years. The willingness of our colleagues to devote their time and expertise to judging the posters contributes greatly to this success. Please join me in thanking the following PAA members for serving in this year’s poster session.

I am also grateful to June Sun and Millicent Minnick who helped to organize and run the poster information table. They provided the judges, poster presenters, and attendees the information they needed to ensure the success of the poster sessions.

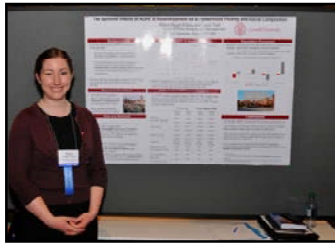
—Lynne M. Casper, PAA Vice President

### **Poster Session 1**

- “Fertility Plan Disagreement among Cohabiting Couples and Its Effect on Relationship Stability” Klára Capková, *Masaryk University*
- “The Spillover Effects of HOPE VI Redevelopment on Neighborhood Income and Racial Composition” Allison Dwyer Emory, *Cornell University*
- “Past Trends and Future Scenarios in Educational Assortative Mating: An Agent-Based Modelling Approach” André Grow, *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*
- “A Broader View of the Economic Consequences of Divorce” Timothy A. Roeper, CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR) and Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY); Neil G. Bennett, *CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR)*
- “MGNREGA and the Intra-Household Decision-Making: A Gender Perspective” Omkar Joshi, *National Council of Applied Economic Research*; Reeve Vanneman, *University of Maryland*



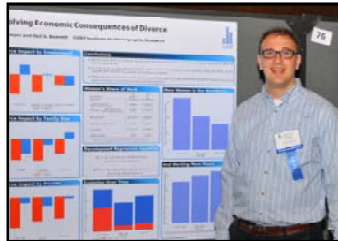
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## Poster Session 2

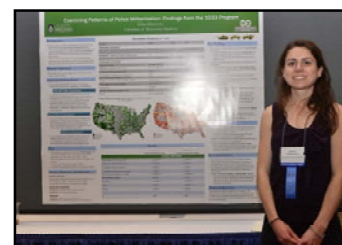
- “Evaluating Mortality Forecasts Using Taylor’s Power Law” Christina Bohk, *University of Rostock*; Roland Rau, *University of Rostock*; Joel E. Cohen, *Rockefeller University and Columbia University*
- “The 1960 Data Restoration Project” Kathryn M. Coursolle, *University of Minnesota*; Rebecca J. Vick, *University of Minnesota*; Ryan S. Klein, *University of Minnesota*
- “Examining Patterns of Police Militarization: Findings from the 1033 Program” Ellen Dinsmore, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- “Reaching the Foreign-Born: An Examination of Mode of Response in the American Community Survey” Thomas A. Gryn, *U.S. Census Bureau*; Edward N. Trevelyan, *U.S. Census Bureau*
- “Income Inequality and Mortality in U.S. Counties, 1990-2010: A Dynamic Spatial Panel Analysis” Tse-Chuan Yang, *University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY)*; Stephen A. Matthews, *Pennsylvania State University*; Kiwoong Park, *University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY)*



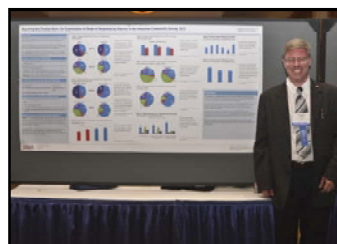
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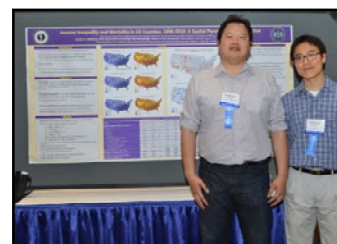
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**Ellen Dinsmore**



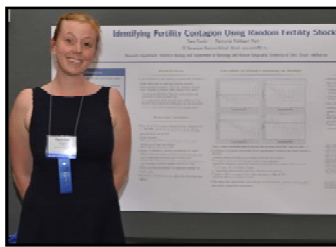
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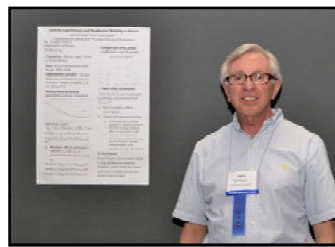
**Tse-Chuan Yang**

### Poster Session 3

- “Does an Additional Nephew Increase Fertility? Identifying Fertility Contagion Using Random Fertility Shocks” Sara Cools, *BI Norwegian Business School*; Rannveig V. Kaldager, *Statistics Norway and University of Oslo*
- “Fertility Expectations and Residential Mobility in Britain” John Ermisch, *University of Oxford*; Fiona Steele, *London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)*
- “Why Wait? Gender, Race, and Class as Predictors of Teens’ Attitudes towards Pregnancy” Kyl Myers, *University of Utah*; Claudia Geist, *University of Utah*
- “Could the Fertility Decline in Space and Time Just Be a Communication Process? Agent-Based Simulations on Swedish Data” Sebastian Kluesener, *Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research*; Francesco Scalone, *Università di Bologna*
- ““Boon for Paid Mothers” or “Human Rights Violations”? An Exploratory Study on Commercial Surrogacy in India” Ritika Mukherjee, *International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)*
- “Financial Stress, Economic Uncertainty and Transitions to First and Second Birth” Juliet A. Stone, *University of Southampton*



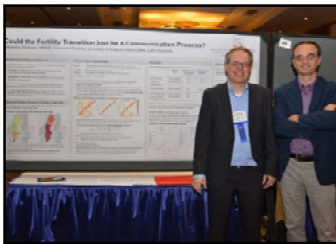
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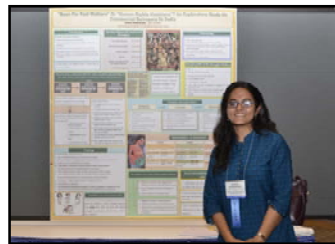
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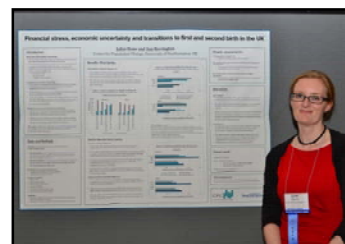
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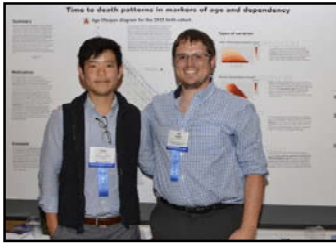
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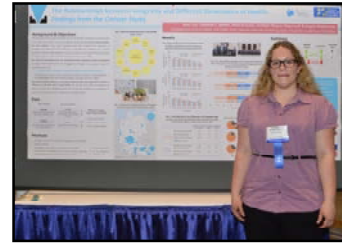
- “Time-to-Death Patterns in Markers of Age and Dependency” Pil H. Chung, *University of California, Berkeley*; Jeroen J. A. Spijker, *Center for Demographic Studies (Barcelona)*; John MacInnes, *University of Edinburgh*
- “Conceptualizing Child Care Patterns in a Dual-Career Setting” Helen Eriksson, *Stockholm University*
- “The Relationships between Longevity and Different Dimensions of Health: Findings from the Cloister Study” Marc Luy, *Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU)*; Catherine Bowen, *Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU)*; Paola DiGiulio, *Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU)*; Christian Wegner-Siegmundt, *Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU)*; Angela Wiedemann, *Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU)*
- “Examining Homeleaving Processes during the Transition to Adulthood” Sung S. Park, *University of California, Los Angeles*
- “Marital Status and Mothers’ Time Use: Child Care, Housework, Leisure, and Sleep” Joanna Pepin, *University of Maryland*; Lynne M. Casper, *University of Southern California*
- “Maternal and Paternal Parenting Behaviors and Socioeconomic Disparities in Child Well-Being” Alicia VanOrman, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*



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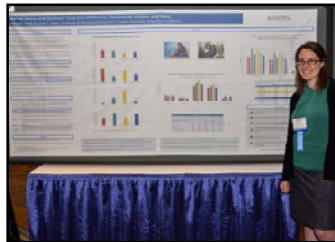
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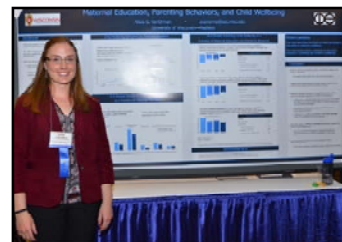
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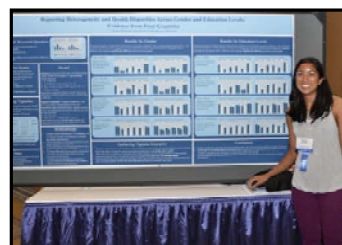
- “Disparities in Health and Access to Health Care among Official-Language Minorities in Québec” James Falconer, *McGill University*; Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, *McGill University*
- “Losing Jobs and Lighting Up: Employment Experiences and Smoking in the Great Recession” Shelley Golden, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*; Krista Perreira, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
- “Reporting Heterogeneity and Health Disparities across Gender and Education Levels: Evidence from Four Countries” Teresa Molina, *University of Southern California*
- “Estimating Prescription Painkiller Mortality in the United States” Chris Tencza, *University of Pennsylvania*
- “The Role of Initial Mortality Conditions and Diverging Mortality Trends in Explaining Mortality Divergence” Alyson A. van Raalte, *Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research*; Vladimir M. Shkolnikov, *Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research and New Economic School, Russia*; Dmitri A. Jdanov, *Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research and New Economic School, Russia*



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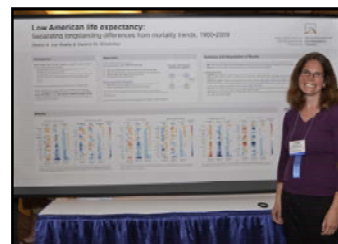
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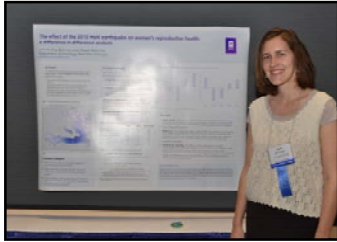


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## Poster Session 6

- “The Effect of Severe Natural Disaster on Fertility: Evidence from the 2010 Haiti Earthquake” Julia Behrman, *New York University (NYU)*; Abigail Weitzman, *New York University (NYU)*
- “Period and Cohort Measures of Migration” Martin Kolk, *Stockholm University*
- “Migration as an Adaptive Response to Nationalism in Contemporary” Michelle L. O’Brien, *University of Washington*
- “Cross Border Ties and Arab American Mental Health” Goleen Samari, *University of California, Los Angeles*
- “Monsoon Variability and Labor Allocation in Rural India” Esha Zaveri, *Pennsylvania State University*; David Abler, *Pennsylvania State University*; Karen Fisher-Vanden, *Pennsylvania State University*; Douglas H. Wrenn, *Pennsylvania State University*



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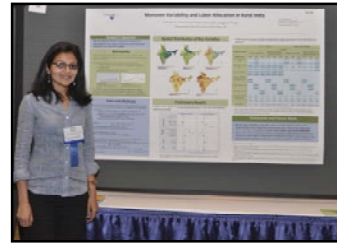
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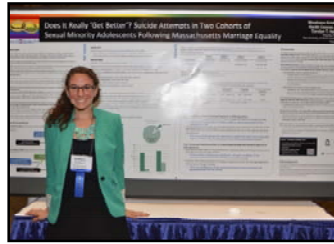
## Poster Session 7

- “The Impact of Household Health Shocks on Female Time Allocation, Agricultural Labor Participation and Productivity in Rural Pakistan” Gissele Gajate Garrido, *International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)*
- “Does It Really Get Better? Suicide Attempts in Two Cohorts of Sexual Minority Adolescents following Massachusetts Marriage Equality” Shoshana K. Goldberg, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*; Kerith Conron, *The Fenway Institute*; Carolyn Tucker Halpern, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
- “Immigrant Receptivity, Community Health Contexts and Access to Physician Care: Children of Mexican Immigrants in Emerging versus Established Immigrant Destination Areas” Deborah Roempke Graefe, *Pennsylvania State University*; Gordon F. De Jong, *Pennsylvania State University*; Stephanie Howe Hasanali, *Pennsylvania State University*; Chris Galvan, *Pennsylvania State University*
- “State Physical Education Requirements, Youth Obesity and Academic Performance” Thanh Tam Nguyen, *San Diego State University*
- “Big and Small, Early and Late: A Family-Based Study of the Health Effects of Preterm Births and Birth Weight” Ken R. Smith, *University of Utah*; Heidi A. Hanson, *University of Utah*; Stacey Knight, *Intermountain Healthcare*; Karen Curtin, *University of Utah*; Jeannette Carpenter, *University of Utah*; Benjamin Horne, *Intermountain Healthcare*; Michael Varner, *University of Utah*

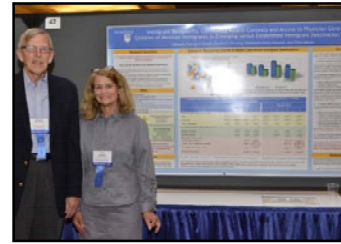




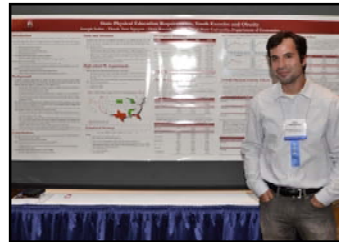
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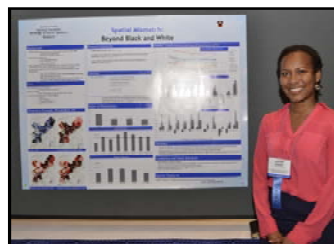
**Ken Smith**

## Poster Session 8

- “The Effect of the Great Recession on Women’s Marital Bargaining Power” Mia Bird, *University of California, Berkeley*
- “Spatial Mismatch beyond Black and White” Janeria A. Easley, *Princeton University*
- “Demographic and Socioeconomic Inequality in a Highly Educated and Increasingly Immigrant Workforce: The Case of Biomedical Research” Misty L. Heggeness, *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*; Frances Carter-Johnson, *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*
- “Expansion of Formal Financial Services and Inter-Household Transfers: Side Effects of the Entrance of Azteca Bank in Mexico” Jose A. Martinez, *Duke University*
- “All or Nothing? Economic Returns to College Credits and Degrees” Jessa Valentine, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; Eric Grodsky, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*



**Mia Bird**



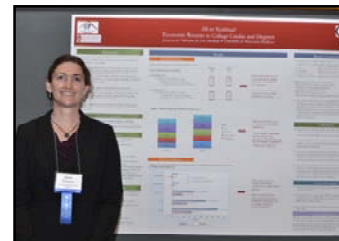
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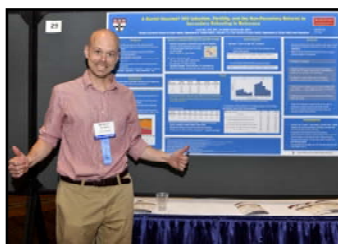
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## Poster Session 9

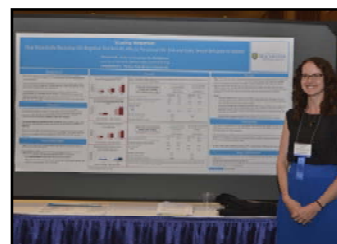
- “A Social Vaccine? HIV Infection, Fertility, and the Non-Pecuniary Returns to Secondary Schooling in Botswana” Jan Walter De Neve, *Harvard University*
- “Son Preference and Sterilization in the Context of Fertility Decline in Tamil Nadu, India” Anne DeLessio-Parson, *Pennsylvania State University*; Nancy Luke, *Pennsylvania State University*
- “Staying Negative: How Repeatedly Receiving HIV-Negative Test Results Affects Perceived HIV-Risk and Risky Sexual Behavior” Theresa M. Fedor, *University of Rochester*
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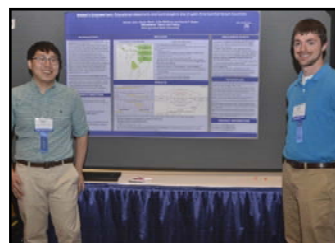
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