

PAA NEWS

Highlights from the Fall 2019 Board Meeting in Alexandria, Virginia

By Bridget Gorman, PAA Secretary-Treasurer

We welcomed new Board members to the meeting, including President-Elect Robert Hummer, Vice-President Elect Marcy Carlson, and incoming Board members Debby Carr, Jenna Johnson-Hanks, Hedy Lee, and Giovanna Merli. Topics of Board discussion included PAA finances, planning for the upcoming PAA 2020 annual meeting, site selection for future meetings, and various task force and committee reports.

Jenna Nobles, Finance Committee Chair, updated the Board on PAA's financial standing, including a discussion of PAA's strategic initiatives and options regarding budget planning, discretionary spending, and priority setting. Included in this discussion was a tour of PAA's new office at 1436 Duke Street (which PAA purchased last spring and moved into this fall); the Board approved funds for modest renovations of the space.

Danielle Staudt, PAA Executive Director, gave a progress update on site selection for future annual meetings. As a reminder, PAA 2020 will be held in Washington DC, followed by St. Louis in 2021 and Atlanta in 2022. After much discussion, the Board agreed to hold the 2023 meeting in New Orleans, and the 2024 meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

The Board also heard various reports and proposals, including an update on activities from the Government and Public Affairs Committee (GPAC) and the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. Board member Kathryn Yount gave an update on work completed by the Sexual Harassment Task Force, formed in 2018. Following a discussion of the task force's report, the Board supported a motion to establish a standing committee on climate and anti-harassment.

The meeting concluded with a reminder that the Spring Board Meeting will be held on April 20, 2020 (the day before the 2020 annual meeting begins in Washington, DC).

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PAA Tips and Tricks – Make 2020 Count!

By Betsy Alafoginis, PAA Communications and Membership Manager

Everyone is excited about the next PAA meeting in Washington, DC! Make the most of your PAA conference experience (either as a newbie or a seasoned vet) by making new friends, connecting with old colleagues, and learning the latest and greatest in the field right now. Whether you are an accomplished scholar or a recent PhD just trying to make your way, here are a few helpful hints to help get you ready.

- The term “networking” may bring on eyerolls or anxiety, but this is the time and place to meet other professionals from around the world. Don’t be afraid to meet students and faculty from other schools or institutions. And if you’re a PAA-lifer, please say hi to an unfamiliar face and help make them feel welcome. You never know who you may meet, or a connection they may have, to help you in the future.
- Look up topics/presentations/talks you might be interested in and note all the contributors. Attend the talk and be prepared to engage! If you don’t get the time to ask your questions, invite certain individuals for coffee or lunch. (See tip #1!)
- Everyone at PAA loves to talk about their research! Do your research before the meeting with the online program, reach out through e-mail or [PAA Engage](#) and try to meet up with individuals to talk about their research. You can meet up in one of the Exhibit Hall lounges for a comfortable place to talk. The conversations you have with new people will be one of the highlights of your PAA experience.
- Sign up to advocate with PAA! April 22 will be a one-day, high impact, event mobilizing you and your fellow PAA members to advance on Capitol Hill, meet with Members of Congress, their staff, and advocate on behalf of PAA legislative priorities. You will be teamed up with other members from your state or district. You just need enthusiasm, commitment to advancing population science, and a sturdy pair of shoes! (Sign up for free when you register for the meeting.)
- Talk to the hotel concierge about tours of the city and go with others during your downtime. It’s a great way to bond with colleagues outside of the formal institutional boundaries—and you get to learn something about DC while at the meeting!
- Carry business cards, a notepad, and go to the poster sessions and chat with presenters and other interested people who are interested in the presentations.
- Be bold: Strike up a conversation while standing in the coffee line. At the Welcome Reception, mosey up to a table of grad students and ask them how they are enjoying PAA and DC.

Any other ideas or suggestions? Please write your ideas to the editors of the newsletter, and we will post them in the next issue.

Government Affairs Update, December 2019

By Suzanne Stokes Vieth, Deputy Director, Government and Public Affairs

In the closing month of the last year of the second decade of the 21st Century (CE), Congress is in a familiar place: working to finalize a budget for a fiscal year that began October 1. With a Continuing Resolution (CR) set to expire on December 20, lawmakers have their work cut out for them to pass 12 appropriations bills in about two weeks. Given the limited time and the scope of work, it is likely that Congress will enact another CR extending funding into 2020.

Continuing resolutions are problematic for federal agencies, because they inhibit activities such as planning and curtail spending. Census advocates, concerned about the implications of a CR given the looming 2020 enumeration, urged Congress to issue an exception for the Census Bureau and provide full funding for the 2020 Census as part of the CR. Although a full appropriation was not approved as requested, Congress did provide authorization for a

“spend rate” that gives the agency flexibility to proceed as planned. For a detailed description of this carve-out, read the [Census Project’s excellent summary](#).

PAA, meanwhile, continued to educate lawmakers and their staff on Capitol Hill. An October 10, 2019 briefing titled, [“Cost and Effect: Measuring the Impact of Incarceration on Individuals, Neighborhoods and Society.”](#) featured Jeffrey Morenoff and attracted a standing-room-only crowd of more than 120 in person and scores more via web-cast. This briefing was planned in collaboration with the Association for Public Policy and Analysis (APPAM).

In agency news, Skip Lupia, head of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic (SBE) research at the National Science Foundation announced plans for a [repositioning of some of the directorate’s research portfolio](#). A long-anticipated final [Strategic Plan for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development](#) was released in September. PAA submitted [comments in response to the draft NICHD plan](#) in January 2019.

Looking ahead to 2020, Congress will begin work on the Fiscal Year 2021 budget in the Spring, just as thousands of PAA members descend on Washington for PAA 2020. Not to let an opportunity like this go by, PAA proudly announces the launch of [Advocacy Counts 2020](#), a one-day Advocacy Day mobilizing PAA members to advance on Capitol Hill. Click on the Advocacy Counts link above for registration information. Hope to see you there!

The PAA Now Has Its Very Own(ed) Office

By the PAA History Committee: John R. Weeks, Win Brown, Karen Hardee, Dennis Hodgson, and Emily Merchant

Yes, the pun is intended: we now own our office. The story of how that happened is, in many ways, the story of how the PAA has matured as an organization. We have gone from an informal arrangement in the Office of Population Research at Princeton University, to sharing space with the American Sociological Association starting in 1967 (at 1722 N Street, NW, not too far from Dupont Circle), to renting office space in Silver Spring, Maryland in 1995 (first at 721 Ellsworth Drive, Suite 303, and then at 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722), and now (2019) to owning our own space at 1436 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia.



We asked PAA Executive Director Danielle Staudt to fill us in on the details of how the office move came about. She explained that discussions about the purchase began in Fall 2017. Our lease at the office in Silver Spring was up in May 2018. The board felt that buying office space would stabilize our office space payments, secure an asset, and diversify our portfolio. It appointed Amy Tsui (President), Leah Van Wey (board member), and Liana Sayer (PAA Secretary Treasurer) to a task force to explore the possibility. Amy Tsui championed the idea and visited several property options with Danielle. Leah Van Wey spent a significant amount of time analyzing purchasing options and the financial implications for PAA. At the Fall 2018 board meeting, the task force recommended that PAA seek to purchase an office space. The recommendation was seconded by the Finance Committee (including John Casterline, Eileen Crimmins, Jenn Dowd, Bridget Gorman, Wendy Manning, Jenna Nobles, Liana Sayer, and Kathryn Yount). At the same meeting, the Board decided to purchase property outright using funds that the PAA had invested over the years rather than taking out a mortgage. Doing so allowed PAA to reduce office space expenses by about \$20k annually, freeing up funds to be used towards PAA programs.

With respect to the property itself, PAA needed enough space for at least four full-time staff, one or two temporary employees, and space for meetings and storage. The preference was also to stay on the east side of the beltway (I-495 in the DC metro area). The ideal location would be near a Metro stop and several walkable eating options, and would have onsite parking. Given the high cost of property in downtown DC, the only options within the PAA budget were in the suburbs. The building for sale at 1436 Duke Street in Alexandria, Virginia very nicely met the criteria, and the move was made on June 3rd of this year.

Danielle reports that the new office doesn't really change the way the PAA staff does its work as everything can be done with an internet connection and a computer. However, the new location is much more convenient for connecting with colleagues in other associations and it is a better commute for most of the staff. The American Statistical Association is just a mile away, and proximity to the Metro makes it easier to participate in groups like COSSA (Consortium of Social Science Associations). The building is being renovated to fit the needs of PAA and there will be a nice conference space when it's complete, allowing PAA to host meetings, which wasn't really possible in the old space in Silver Spring. If you want to stop by, just send Danielle an email (Danielle@popassoc.org) so that she knows to expect you.

PAA Memorial Service

The 2020 PAA Memorial Service will be organized by the Memorial Committee and held during the PAA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. If you are aware of a recent passing of a PAA member or if you become aware of a member who passes away in the coming months, please contact the PAA Memorial Committee Chair, [Stephen Matthews](#), so the individual can be remembered at the 2020 service.

OTHER NEWS

The Division of Behavioral and Social Research at the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health recently held a meeting to explore current and future research on the impacts of the Second Demographic Transition (i.e., increasing family complexity, instability, heterogeneity) on middle- and later-life health and well-being. The meeting discussed the current state of knowledge as well as important substantive and methodological areas for future research. A meeting summary is available [here](#).

The Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences (IGSS) conference was held October 3rd-4th, 2019 at the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado in Boulder. The conference was originally supported with a grant from the Population Association of America in 2010 and then later by NICHD (2011-2017) and NIA (2018-2019) with additional support from OBSSR. The 2019 meeting marked the 10th anniversary of the confer-

ence that brings together researchers from demography, epidemiology, quantitative genetics, sociology, anthropology, economics, and other fields to present new empirical findings that build theoretical and methodological bridges between genetics and the social sciences. Each conference includes a four-hour workshop on cutting-edge statistical genetics techniques from experts in the field. This year's workshop was on [*BioBank Scale Analysis*](#) (Ben Neale). Examples of past workshops include [*Using SNPs to Estimate Heritability among 'Unrelated' Individuals*](#) (Matthew Keller), and [*LD Score Regression*](#) (James Lee). The conference also includes a keynote address from leaders in the social and biological sciences. This year's speaker was Molly Przeworski (Columbia). Other recent keynote speakers include Shripad Tuljapurkar (Stanford), Bruce Link (UC Riverside), and Troy Duster (NYU). The 2020 conference will be held September 24-25th in Boulder, CO and is open to presenters, co-authors, and attendees. The conference is co-hosted by Jason Boardman (University of Colorado) and Jason Fletcher (University of Wisconsin) and more information can be found [online](#). NIH funding is available to support the travel expenses of junior scholars.

RAND Corporation Will Lead Effort to Measure Success of California Census Participation Effort. The RAND Corporation, with support from UCLA's California Center for Population Research, will lead a project to measure the success of California's unprecedented efforts to get the state's residents to participate in the 2020 U.S. Census. The effort—named the California Neighborhoods Count—will center around creating a state-wide sample of housing units, and then checking with residents in the months following the census to determine whether each person was recorded in the federal decennial count. RAND staff will walk neighborhoods and knock on doors in many areas of the state where participation in the census historically has been low. About 20,000 housing units are expected to be cataloged and surveyed as a part of the study. "California state government is undertaking its largest-ever effort to support the U.S. Census Bureau in an effort to get a full count of the state's residents," said Robert Bozick, a RAND demographer who will head the effort. "Our project is intended to help the state determine whether its investment has paid off in a more-accurate count of the state's vast and diverse population." The effort will include visits by project workers to each of the sampled housing units after the census is finished to ask residents to fill out a separate survey that will include a subset of the questions included on the federal census form. The project is sponsored by the California Department of Finance's Demographic Research Unit (under the direction of Ethan Sharygin) and the California Government Operations Agency.

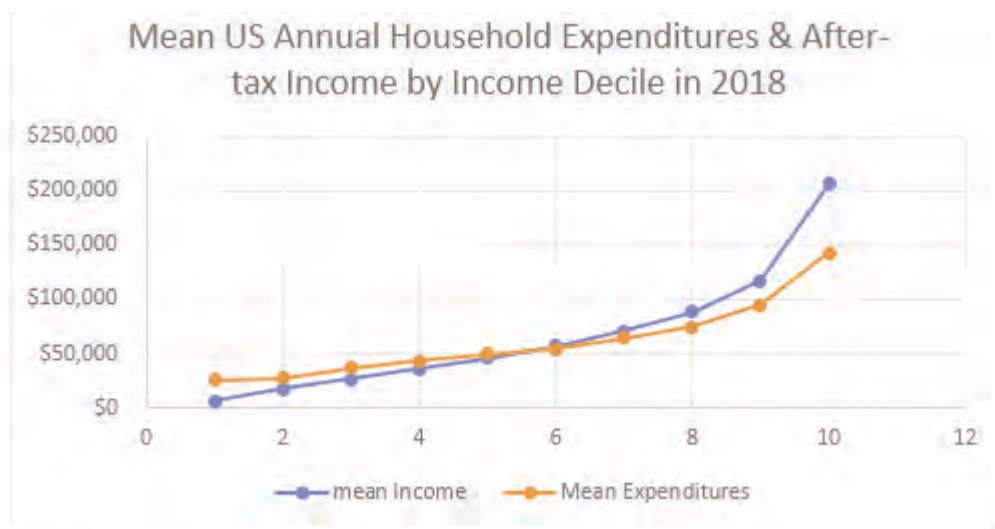
Just Launched: [NGO Knowledge Collective Data Portal](#). This website catalogues 3,400 journal articles on nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in development published in English from 1980 to 2014. Users can identify individual or sets of articles by country or region of study or by searching more than 200 keywords related to sectors and development issues. Each article is tagged with the frequency of selected keywords in the text, allowing users to fine-tune their searches and analyze the prevalence of these keywords in relation to citation information. Each article entry contains a link to the article permanent DOI location on the internet. We continue to add articles published from 2015 forward. The portal also includes a topic model visualizer, allowing users to identify literature using topics pre-generated through machine learning, rather than just keywords. For example, the topic model visualizer allows users to identify articles from the early 1980s on NGOs providing small loans before the term "microcredit" entered the literature. The NKC works against the "silo" effect in the study of NGOs. The data portal builds on a four-year effort to collect and synthesize journal articles across social science disciplines, geographies, and methods. We hope that the NKC Data Portal will be the "first stop" in research on NGOs, making it easy for researchers to identify the full range of articles on topics of interest, as well as to identify unanswered questions. We invite you to use the data portal. Let us know when you do, and we will add your published work to our bibliography. Help us further build the intellectual community studying NGOs in development. PIs of the NGO Knowledge Collective are Allison Schnable and Jennifer Brass (Indiana University), Rachel Sullivan Robinson (American University), and Wesley Longhofer (Emory University). Read the findings from our systematic review of the NGO Literature from 1980 to 2014 in [*World Development*](#) or contact us at ngoknowledge@gmail.com.

DATA POINTS

23,000 Payday Loan Centers and an Average Credit Card Debt of \$10,300: Welcome to Low Income America where Average Expenditures on Basics Exceed Average Income by 340%

By David A. Swanson, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Riverside and Faculty Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington

The graph below shows the mean level of U.S. household expenditures and income by level of income, where the latter is based on deciles (The first decile represents the mean income of households with the lowest 10 percent of all incomes and so on). The data are taken directly from the [2018 Consumer Expenditure Survey \(CES\)](#). As can be seen in the graph, the level of household expenditures exceeds income for the lowest income households. Not until the 6th decile does mean income exceed mean expenditures. It is clear that at the lower income levels, household choices are determined by basic needs. In fact, the 2018 CES shows that for those at the lowest decile, approximately 80 percent of all expenditures are on basics (food shelter, transportation, clothing, and healthcare). These expenditures represent 340% of average income in the first decile. Should it come as a surprise that there are approximately 23,000 payday loan centers across the nation (Center for Responsible Lending,) and that among the lowest net worth households, [average credit card debt](#) is approximately \$10,300?

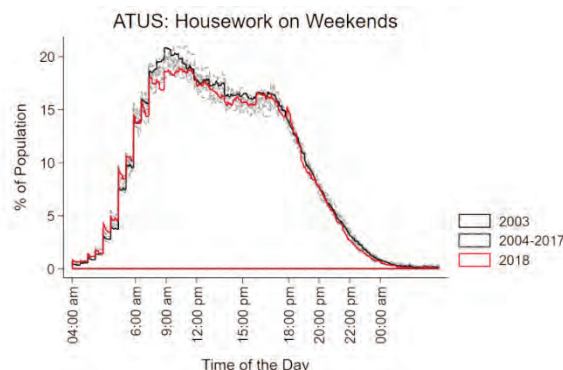
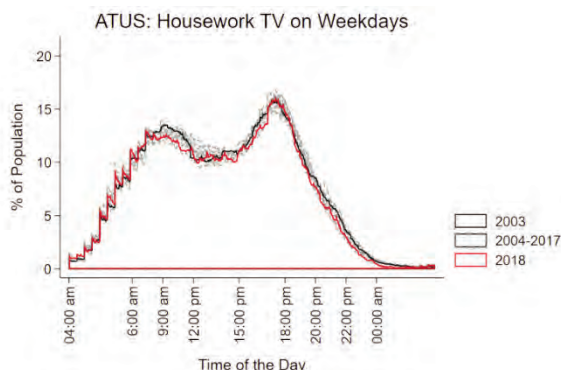


American Time Use: Eating Out for Breakfast

By Kamila Kolpashnikova, University of Oxford

Our recent [paper](#) with Man-Yee Kan (University of Oxford) in *Work, Employment and Society* explored variation in housework time depending on the day of the week. The analysis showed that working adults (both women and men) put off doing housework until the weekend, particularly cooking and cleaning activities. Considering the stark differences in weekday vs weekend housework time, it would be interesting to analyze the timings of housework activities in daily diaries. Such analysis of timings may reveal additional differences in weekday/weekend housework patterns.

The graph on the next page represents the weekday and weekend timing patterns of housework over the period from 2003 to 2018 in the US, using data from the American Time Use Survey. The timings graph shows that housework activities are bimodal, spiking during breakfast (9 am) and dinner times (6 pm). However, whereas a higher proportion of Americans report doing housework during dinner time than during breakfast time on weekdays, the reverse is true on weekends.



The analysis of the timings of housework reveals another interesting fact: a smaller percent of Americans spent time doing housework during breakfast time in 2018 compared to 2003. Both on weekdays and weekends, the proportions of Americans reporting doing housework in the morning decreased. Might Americans eat out more for breakfast now than 17 years ago?

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS – CONFERENCES

Mini Conference: 21st Century Asian Migration and Incorporation, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, May 14-15, 2020. This conference of social scientists researching migration and immigrant incorporation in Asia and overseas Asian populations is sponsored by the University of Utah's Asia Center and Department of Sociology. We seek to advance knowledge in the field by bringing together communities of scholars, such as members of the PAA, the Asian Population Association, and the ASA's Asia and Asian America Section and Section on International Migration. The conference will feature keynote lectures given by Professors [Min Zhou](#) of UCLA and [Brenda Yeoh](#) of the National University of Singapore. All conference attendees will be invited to give 15-minute paper presentations as part of a panel with 3-4 other scholars. Conference organizers are seeking possible journals with which to publish a special issue from select proceedings. To apply, please submit a 500-word abstract to the organizers [Professors Kim Korinek and Ming Wen](#) (inquiries can also be sent here). In the text of your email, please include your appointment/title, institutional affiliation, email, and 3-6 keywords for your research interests. **Applications should be submitted by January 10, 2020.** There is no registration fee, and attendees need only cover the costs of airfare, ground transportation, and accommodation. A small number of travel awards will be made to assist junior scholars and scholars from middle-low income countries.

Seminar and Workshop on Inequalities in Health, Longevity, and Aging, May 5-7, 2020, Tel Aviv, Israel. The seminar and workshop are organized by the Interdisciplinary Centre on Population Dynamics at the University of Southern Denmark, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Herczeg Institute on Aging at Tel Aviv University. We invite scholars of all academic ranks, including doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, to participate and present research on inequalities in health, longevity, and aging. The two-day workshop (May 5-6) will be followed on May 7 by a hands-on workshop on data visualization for demographic research using R. **Extended abstracts must be submitted by January 31, 2020.** More information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/TAUSDU>.

Time Use Data for Health and Well Being, June 22-23, 2020 at University of Maryland-College Park. Time is one of the most valuable and contested resources in contemporary societies. Analysis of variation in daily time use patterns over time, space, and social groups is needed to advance understanding of determinants and consequences of time use for well-being. The 2020 UMD Time Use Conference will give members of the growing interdisciplinary time use research community the opportunity to interact with one another and share ideas. Researchers are invited to submit abstracts for papers that address any question related to the collection or analysis of time use data.

Papers that address the 2020 conference theme, intersecting influences of macroeconomic conditions and micro-level factors on time use and well-being across the life course, are particularly encouraged. Registration is open to all individuals with an interest in how patterns of daily time use affect child, adult, and family well-being. Authors are asked to submit a brief abstract (150 words) and a 2-to 3-page extended abstract that is sufficiently detailed to allow the organizing committee to judge the merits of the proposed paper. The deadline for submission of paper abstracts is **January 31, 2020**. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified by March 30, 2020. Abstracts may be submitted by email to timeuse-2020@umd.edu.

The Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) has issued a [call for submissions](#) for its 2020 conference, to be held in **Minneapolis, MN September 30 to October 2**. Submissions may include panels or single abstracts; abstract submissions are considered for oral and poster presentations. With the theme “Policies, Places, and Profits: Manufacturers of Illness and Health,” the conference will bring together scholars from multiple disciplines to share current research findings, frameworks, and methods; elevate awareness about how policies, places, and profits shape population health for better or for worse; facilitate new collaborations; and identify ways to improve health through outreach to policymakers, industry, and the public. The Program Committee encourages submissions that highlight the promise of interdisciplinary population health science and action that can improve population health across the life course. Submissions from postdoctoral scholars, graduate students, clinical students, and trainees are especially encouraged. **The deadline for submissions is March 9, 2020.**

EAPS Health, Morbidity, and Mortality Workshop, Évora, Portugal, September 21-23, 2020. We are pleased to announce the next workshop of the EAPS Health, Morbidity, and Mortality Working Group, which will be hosted by the Department of Sociology and the CICS.NOVA.UÉvora, Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences at the University of Évora, Portugal. The theme of the workshop will be “A broken promise: Advances and challenges in infant, child and young people’s morbidity and mortality.” The workshop will focus on mapping differences in infant and child mortality between less- and more-developed countries and regions across the world and, within these, by gender, racial and ethnic origin, and social class. We shall examine, *inter alia*, the role of vaccination, early-childhood nutrition, sanitation, clean water, and targeted interventions for specific diseases, but also the role of intentional and non-intentional injuries: war and political violence, road injuries, suicide, and interpersonal violence. What are the risk factors in infants’, children’s, and young people’s health, morbidity, and mortality today? What are the roles of disease and injury on the one hand and of social and economic insecurity on the other? Answers to these, and other, questions can help us reach a sustained understanding of why children and young people continue to die unnecessarily, and how we may improve their lives and health and prevent their premature death. Please submit abstracts to [Jon Anson](#) and [Rosalina Pisco Costa](#) by **Friday April 3, 2020**. We hope to respond by the beginning of May. As usual, there will be no fee for the workshop, but participants are expected to pay for their own travel and accommodation.

CALLS FOR PAPERS – JOURNALS

[Spatial Demography](#) announces a call for papers on **Population Dynamics in Africa**, organized by Ezra Gayawan (Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria). We seek high-quality articles that utilize spatial concepts, data, and methods to inform understanding of population dynamics in Africa, a diverse continent in which transitions vary in pace and extent (e.g., transitions in epidemiological profiles, infant/maternal health, aging, family formation, and urbanization). The growing numbers of high quality geo-referenced data sets from surveys and censuses allow for a more detailed focus on the patterns and interrelationship of population dynamics across space. **The deadline is May 31, 2020.**

[Spatial Demography](#) announces a call for papers on **The Spatial Dimensions of Race and Racial Inequality**, organized by Heather O’Connell (Louisiana State University, USA). Race and space are both critical dimensions of social processes, but the scholars focusing on critical conceptualizations of race and those employing cutting-edge spatial methods often miss the contributions of the other. The aim of this special issue is to bring these subfields into

closer conversation with one another. The result will be a stronger body of work elucidating how race and space shape society. We have made the coverage of this special issue intentionally broad in order to bring together the highest quality work dealing with race and space from a variety of perspectives. Please note that although spatial methods are currently viewed as primarily quantitative, scholars conducting relevant qualitative research are strongly encouraged to submit their manuscripts. **The deadline is May 31, 2020.**

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics: June 28 to July 9, 2020 at Waterville Valley, NH. This two-week Summer Institute introduces graduate students and beginning faculty in economics and related disciplines to the findings and methods of behavioral economics—the application of psychological theory and research to economics. The program includes topics on psychological foundations such as decision-making under risk and uncertainty, inter temporal choice, biases in judgment, mental accounting, and social preferences, as well as the implications of these foundations for savings behavior, labor markets, development economics, finance, public policy, and other economic topics. Participation is restricted to Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty within one year of their Ph.D. Students need to have completed at least one year of their graduate program before the Summer Institute. There are no restrictions based on citizenship, country of study, or country of employment. Application information is available on [our website](#). **The application deadline is February 25, 2020 at 2pm EST.** Questions should be directed to programs@rsage.org.

Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS): June 14-27, 2020 at Duke University. This two-week Summer Institute introduces graduate students and beginning faculty in the social and data sciences (broadly conceived) to computational social science—the use of digital-age data sources and methods to conduct social research. The program will highlight issues about access, privacy, and confidentiality that are raised by the emergence of computational data and methods. The institute will also introduce participants to a network of scholars across disciplines with similar interests in these new data and methods. Participation is restricted to Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers, and untenured faculty within 7 years of their Ph.D. There are no restrictions based on citizenship, country of study, or country of employment. Application information is available on [our website](#). **The application deadline is February 25, 2020 at 2pm EST.** Questions can be directed to rsfcompsocsci@gmail.com.

Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods (SIMRM): May 27 to June 5, 2020 at the University of California, Berkeley. This 8-day Summer Institute helps to train early career researchers in best practices and methodologies particularly relevant to the study of immigration and migrant populations. The 2020 institute will focus on: (1) ethics and best practices for mixed methods research design; (2) estimating causal relationships in research on immigrants and immigration policy; and (3) the use of administrative and linked, longitudinal data sources to study change over time and across generations. The institute will also include sessions on professionalization, including how to increase the impact of research by translating findings for policy discussions and the public. Participation is restricted to Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers, and untenured faculty within 5 years of receiving their Ph.D. who do empirical research on migration. It is open to researchers in the social sciences, professional schools (e.g., Education, Public Policy) or digital humanities who have sufficient training and background to succeed. Application information is available on [our website](#). **The application deadline is February 10, 2020 at 2pm EST.** Inquiries may be directed to organizer Jennifer Van Hook at jxv21@psu.edu.

Russell Sage Foundation Proposal Development Summer Institute (PDSI): May 31 - June 6, 2020 at the University of Pennsylvania. The one-week PDSI is designed to develop a participant's research idea into a completed proposal for future RSF application deadlines. The program will involve lectures, writing time, group work, peer review, panel discussions, one-on-one consultations, and networking opportunities. It will address both the technical and soft skills necessary for navigating the research development and grant application processes. There will also be outside speakers who conduct social science research with a variety of methods and data and have experience applying for

and reviewing grants and getting their work published. Topics covered include a review of various research methods and data sources, research ethics, proposal/grant writing tips, navigating university bureaucracy, peer review, publishing, and free time for writing. There will be ample opportunities for students to discuss their ideas and research with the organizers, other participants, and visiting speakers. More information on the PDSI is available on [our website](#). **The application deadline is February 25, 2020 at 2pm EST.** Questions should be directed to programs@rsage.org.

JOBS

RAND: Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Study of Aging. RAND is accepting applications for one or more postdoctoral fellowships in the Study of Aging. This program enables outstanding scholars to sharpen their analytic skills and advance their research agenda in the field of aging. Scholars come from various disciplines including economics, demography, sociology, and psychology. Housed within RAND's Social and Behavioral Policy Program, the program blends formal and informal training and extensive collaboration with distinguished researchers without teaching obligations. One-year fellowships are renewable for a second year and provide a stipend and health insurance. Fellows must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and must have completed a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline before they begin the program. The program is open to new scholars, as well as individuals who have some research experience or are on leave from an academic position. **The application deadline is January 31, 2020.** Additional information and application materials are available at <https://www.rand.org/well-being/social-and-behavioral-policy/centers/aging/fellows.html> or by contacting [Cary Greif](#) (RAND Corporation, 1776 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2138) or [Kathleen Mullen](#). RAND is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Penn State: Assistant Research Professor in Arctic Community Research. Penn State's Social Science Research Institute and Population Research Institute seek a talented scholar to join their large transdisciplinary POLARIS team. POLARIS, or Pursuing Opportunities for Long-term Arctic Resilience for Infrastructure and Society, is a [newly-funded NSF project](#) that studies environmental migration, food security, and human-environment conflicts in coastal Arctic indigenous communities. This position will have both project management and research responsibilities. This position will manage and coordinate project activities. This position will also help ensure the team is on track and milestones achieved in a timely, efficient, and effective manner. For research, the person in this position will participate in and collaborate on research activities of this project; he/she will also lead research in his/her own research area. This position requires a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Fieldwork experience in the Arctic, especially in coastal Indigenous communities is desired. Some fieldwork experience in remote research settings is a minimum. To apply for this position, please visit <https://psu.jobs/job/91936>. Please submit a cover letter that describes relevant experiences along with a current curriculum vita, and contact information for three references. This is a fixed-term appointment funded for one year from date of hire with excellent possibility of renewal. This position is expected to be at least four years. A competitive package will be provided. Review of applications begins immediately, and will continue until the position is filled. Please contact [Dr. Guangqing Chi](#) with any questions.

PEOPLE

Sarah Burgard will begin a five-year term as director of the University of Michigan (UM) [Population Studies Center \(PSC\)](#) beginning July 1, 2020. Sarah is a research professor in PSC, a faculty associate in the [Survey Research Center](#), and a professor in three different UM departments: Sociology, Epidemiology, and Public Policy. She brings an exemplary record of research accomplishments, public service, and mentorship to this position, including serving as a member of the PAA's Board of Directors from 2015 to 2018. In 2019, Sarah was awarded [the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science](#) Mentoring Award and the [John Dewey Award](#) for long term commitment to undergraduate education from UM's College of Literature, Science, and Arts. Her research on health equity seeks to understand how systems of social, economic, and political stratification impact the health of people and populations.

John Czajka, Senior Fellow at Mathematica Policy Research, was named to the Census Bureau's [Scientific Advisory Committee](#). John's research focuses on statistical applications of program administrative data and the analysis of survey data from large national samples, smaller-scale panel studies, and more specialized surveys. His projects include comparative analysis of income and asset reporting in federal surveys, the application of statistical disclosure limitation to public use files of individual tax data, an analysis of the dynamics of health insurance coverage, and a study of the feasibility of using IRS records to count the U.S. population. John is an elected Fellow of the American Statistical Association and a recipient of its Founders Award. He has served on six review committees for the Committee on National Statistics of the National Academy of Sciences, most dealing with Census Bureau programs. John holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Michigan and a B.A. in government from Harvard University.

Tomas Frejka has been appointed Distinguished Presidential Scholar at the University of Miami. He is the sixth individual to be designated with the university's highest non-faculty honorific. Tomas comes to this position after several years in Europe, as a visiting scholar at the University of Oxford, the Vienna Institute of Demography, the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, and the Institut National d'Études Démographiques. Prior to that, he was a Senior Population Expert with the UN Economic Commission for Europe, and before that worked for the Population Council for over twenty years. Tomas's research focuses on population issues and population policies worldwide in their interrelation to political, economic, and social issues; population projections; formal demography; reproductive health, fertility, contraception, and induced abortion; family planning operations; international migration; and working experience in the United States, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, and the Middle East. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in 1966 and completed postdoctoral training in demography and Princeton University's Office of Population Research.

John Haaga is retiring from the federal government on December 31, 2019. He has been director of the [Division of Behavioral and Social Research](#) at the National Institute on Aging since 2016, and was Acting Director and Deputy Director since 2004. He had the good fortune during his pre-government career to work for leading population institutions, including RAND, the NAS Committee on Population, the Population Council, and the Population Reference Bureau. For the PAA, John served as Secretary-Treasurer, a member of the Board of Directors, and chair of the Nominations Committee, the Finance Committee, and the International Relations Committee. He has taught as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, the University of Maryland School of Public Policy, and the Defense Intelligence College. After retirement he will be providing full-time child care for six months (don't apply; his one client has already selected him!), and he will continue to serve on the Maryland Commission on Aging, and to work on other projects as they arise.

OBITUARIES

Zheng Wu (1960-2019) passed away on August 27 in Victoria, British Columbia, after a short illness. He was Professor of Gerontology and Tier I Canada Research Chair in Aging and Health at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. He was also Professor of Sociology at the University of Victoria (1992-2018) and past Chair of the Sociology Department (2006-2011) and past President of the Canadian Population Society (2008-2010).

Zheng's research interests reached across numerous demographic topics, with long-standing interest in family demography. His recent research program was concerned with trends and patterns of aging population in Canada, focusing on union formation and dissolution in later life, and physical and psychological wellbeing of older adults. His other research areas include immigration, social integration, and race and ethnicity. Zheng was an accomplished educator and scholar. Over his career, he published over 100 books, edited volumes, chapters in books, and peer-reviewed journal articles.

Zheng is survived by his wife Lanjing Li, brother Jun and sister Fei. At his request, no funeral will be held.

Maurice D. (Don) Van Arsdol (1928-2018) passed away in Pebble Beach, California, on September 19, 2018, at the age of 90. A native of Seattle, he served as a First Lieutenant in the US Army before earning a Sociology Ph.D. at the University of Washington. Don went on to spend 37 years on the sociology faculty at the University of Southern California, notably as Director of its Population Research Laboratory. PRL affiliates came to include David Heer, Kingsley Davis, Bill Hodge and many more. With the support of UNFPA, NIA, NIMH, NOAA, and the Hewlett Foundation, Don spearheaded research and training programs that ranged from the demography of social disorganization to aging populations to population policy.

Don's scholarship was valued. He was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in his early thirties. His work, which spanned half a century, was far-sighted. Ground-breaking contributions in the human ecology tradition speak today to environmental challenges, residential segregation, and administrative record linkages. Long before climate change captured global attention, Don was projecting the implications of rising sea levels on California's coastal population—an activity he continued as an Adjunct Professor at the Monterey (now Middlebury) Institute of International Studies after retiring from USC.

Don engaged the world. He carried out UN Missions, consulted with governments, and served as visiting professor in Stockholm, Hawaii, and Nanking. He trained a generation of population scientists and policymakers drawn from the US, Indonesia, China, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. The Van Arsdol home in Pacific Palisades—with its joyous collection of art from around the world—welcomed a continuous stream of students, colleagues, and collaborators.

Don is remembered not only for his intelligence and acumen, but also for his boundless generosity and dry humor. Today, one prominent researcher attributes his area specialization to Don's insistence that a lack of formal training could be remedied in time to teach a summer program on fertility in China. Many will fondly recall Don's devotion to an enormous, bulging briefcase. He playfully insisted it contained whatever papers were required, even if they could not be retrieved immediately.

Don was survived by his wife of 68 years, Marian, his son Pece, his daughter-in-law Lori, and two granddaughters, Chelsea and Jessica. Contributions may be directed to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue <https://www.peaceofminddogrescue.org/index.php> or The Lymphatic Education and Research Network <https://lymphaticnetwork.org/>.

PAA is a nonprofit, scientific, professional organization established “to promote the improvement, advancement, and progress of the human race by means of research into problems connected with human population, in both its quantitative and qualitative aspects, and the dissemination and publication of the results of such research.” Members receive the journal *Demography* and PAA Affairs. An annual meeting is held in the spring. Dues in 2019 are: Regular member, \$130; Emeritus member, \$112; Early-Career member \$90; Student member \$50; members in these categories who select to receive *Demography* in print will add \$22 to their membership fees; this applies to all except low-income members which is \$50. To join, contact: Population Association of America, 1436 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, 301.565.6710.

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