Highlights of the 2013 Meetings

In addition to over 200 regular paper sessions and nine poster sessions, PAA 2013 will feature 15 invited sessions and a variety of traditional and not-so-traditional special events. Information on meeting events, fun activities, organized by the Local Arrangements Committee, and member-initiated meetings is available at the links provided. Here are some previews of the invited sessions:

**Prospects and Perspectives on Population Research: The View from Inside the Beltway**
Key leaders in federal agencies reflect on the implications for our field of developments in Washington, DC [Bob Groves, Myron Guttmann, Alan Guttmacher, Linda Jacobsen, and Katherine Wallman].
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**Population Health: Common Themes and Contested Frameworks**
Leading demographers and epidemiologists engage in a critical discussion of interdisciplinary differences and commonalities and address where the new field of population health is moving [Lisa Berkman, Maria Glymour, Mark Hayward, and Sam Preston].

**Revisiting the Anthropological Challenge: Incorporating Culture and Ethnography in Demographic Research**
In the 1990s anthropologists challenged demographers to incorporate contemporary theories of culture and related methodological approaches in their research. A panel of anthropologists and sociologists reflect on what has happened since and the challenges ahead [Kathy Edin, Jenna Johnson-Hanks, Jennifer Hirsch, David Kertzer, Veronique Petit, and Susan Watkins].

**Big Data & Demography**
Today, technologies permit the harvesting and analysis of massive quantities of data from the Web, social media, and administrative systems. What opportunities and issues does this create for demographic research? [Barbara Entwisle, Stephen Fienberg, Sandra Hofferth, Ken Land, and Herbert Stackhouse].

**New Orleans' Post-Katrina Population**
Perspectives on population change, social disparities, and the lives of New Orleans residents since Hurricane Katrina [Elizabeth Fussell, Narayan Sastry & Michael Rendall, Mark VanLandingham, Mary Waters & Edward Chervenak].

**U.S. Health in International Perspective**
Panelists discuss the results of recent National Research Council reports that explore the U.S. health disadvantage relative to other high-income countries (Eileen Crimmins, Jessica Ho, Alberto Palloni & James Yonker, Tom Plewes, and Steven Woolf).

**The Impact of Feminism on Social Science Research in the 21st Century**
Inspired by Harriet Presser’s death in 2012, this session reflects on the ways in which feminist scholarship has shaped recent research in demography, economics, family sociology, and public policy [Sonolde Desai, Nancy Folbre, Jennifer Glass, Janet Gornick, and Reeve Vanneman].

**Authors meet Critics: Population Aging and the Generational Economy**
A discussion with authors Ron Lee and Andy Mason about their volume on the National Transfer Accounts project, a 23-country study of inter-generational patterns of economic support [David Bloom, David Canning, Frank Heiland, and Robert Willis].
Collecting Race/Ethnic Data in Future Censuses – What Recent Alternative Questionnaire Research Shows

Recent Census Bureau research suggests that new approaches could improve the measurement of race and ethnicity. Panelists discuss the research findings and their implications for data systems [Joan Hill, Ken Hodges, Nicholas Jones, Kenneth Prewitt, Roberto Ramirez, and Katherine Wallman].

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Planning the 2020 Census

It is only 2013, but planning for the 2020 census is underway. Census Bureau staff and other panelists discuss the efforts and the key challenges [Warren Brown, Connie Citro, Linda Gage, Amy O’Hara, Elizabeth Poehler and Frank Vitrano].

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Race and Ethnic Residential Patterns in the US and Canada

This session features research on racial and ethnic segregation and neighborhood disparities in the U.S. and Canada [Eric Fong, Charles Jones, Michael Haan, John Logan, Lincoln Quillian, Jing Shen, Zoua Vang, and Michael White].

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Mortality of Mexican Populations in the US and in Mexico: Evidence and Methods

This session features research by U.S. and Mexican demographers on the epidemic of violent death in Mexico and the mortality of Mexican populations in the U.S. [Elizabeth Arias, Vladimir Canudas-Romo, Rosario Cardenas, Carlos Echarri, Robert Hummer, Manuel Ordorica and Rebeca Wong].

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Age-Specific Net Migration Patterns for US Counties, 1950-2010

This session highlights the release of a sixth decade (2000 to 2010) of net migration numbers and rates for US counties. Panelists will introduce an interactive website and report on early analyses of migration patterns [James Beaudoin, Ronald Cossman, Katherine Curtis, Kenneth Johnson, Paul Voss, Richelle Winkler].

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The National Health and Aging Trends Study: A New Resource for Studying Late-Life Disability Trends, Trajectories, and Consequences

Panelists will present early results from the new National Heath and Aging Trends Study (NHATS), a new panel study focused on disability and aging [Vicki Freedman, Judith Kasper, Kenneth Langa, Linda Martin, Brenda Spillman, and Doug Wolf].

Work, Family, and Health Study: A Group-Randomized Trial in Workplaces

This session presents the conceptual model, design, and early findings from a major experimental-design study to evaluate the effects of workplace interventions on work-family conflict, family, and health [Jeremy Bray, Orfeu Buxton, Lynne Casper, Erin Kelly, Rosalind King, and Ellen Kossek].