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Population Association of America – Committee on Applied Demography Newsletter

PAA ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DIEGO: CAD ACTIVITIES FOR PAA 2015

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The Population Association of America's 2015 Annual Meeting will be held April 30-May 2, 2015 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel. While applied demographers will find an appealing and varied list of sessions in the general PAA program, the Committee on Applied Demography (CAD) would like to invite you to participate in several events that should be of particular interest to those of us in the applied demography community.



Photo from PAA website.

Annual CAD Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 4:30 to 6:00 PM
(Aqua Salon F)

The business meeting is open to everyone—from those individuals who have an emerging interest in applied demography to those with decades of experience. It is the forum for learning more about CAD, raising ideas as well as providing suggestions about the Committee's future. In particular it is a place to propose sessions you would like CAD to sponsor for the 2016 PAA Annual Meeting, which will be held in Washington, D.C. The business meeting also provides a great opportunity to meet other applied demographers.

Applied Demography Reception

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 to 8:00 PM
(Elevation Room, 30th Floor)

For the first time, the Committee on Applied Demography is joining the Population Reference Bureau and The Annie E. Casey Foundation in sponsoring a reception for applied demographers and others interested or involved in applied demography. This is a fantastic networking event for graduate students, young professionals, or others new to applied demographic work. Come see old friends and make new connections. You will meet practicing applied demographers from local, state, and federal agencies; the business sector; nonprofit organizations; and academia. The reception includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

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Applied Demography Breakfast*Friday, May 1, 7:00 to 8:20 AM**(Aqua Salon F)*

A long-standing CAD tradition is the Friday morning breakfast of applied demographers with a featured speaker. As the storm clouds that threaten the data we work with continue to brew and darken this year, our invited speaker is the PAA's own **Mary Jo Hoeksema**, PAA's Director of Government Affairs, who also serves as co-director of the Census Project. She will share what the PAA has been doing, as well as the activities of the larger census advocacy community. Please join us for an update of recent developments and learn how YOU can most effectively be an advocate.

The cost of the breakfast remains at \$35 this year, with a reduced rate of \$15 for students. Interested participants may register for the breakfast upon registering for the conference at the PAA website.

Applied Demography Sessions at PAA

The following sessions are of direct result of sponsorship by CAD. In addition of being of great interest to you professionally, your attendance at these sessions helps encourage the PAA to continue sponsoring as many or more sessions of this type. Attendance counts are taken at PAA sessions and are a factor in allocation of session slots for future meetings—so please show your support!

*(Friday, May 1, 8:30 to 10:00 AM)***Session 101: “Innovations in Applied Demography”****Chair: Stephen J. Tordella, Decision Demographics****Discussant: Ken Hodges, Nielsen**

1. Assimilation and Coverage of the Foreign-Born Population in Administrative Records [Renuka Bhaskar, U.S. Census Bureau; Leticia Fernandez, U.S. Census Bureau]
2. When Race and Hispanic Origin Reporting Are Discrepant Across Administrative Records Sources: Exploring Methods to Assign One Response [Sharon R Ennis, U.S. Census Bureau; Sonya Rastogi, U.S. Census Bureau; James Noon, U.S. Census Bureau; Ellen Zapata, U.S. Census Bureau]
3. Creating a Longitudinal Data Infrastructure at the Census Bureau [Catherine Massey, U.S. Census Bureau; Trent Alexander, U.S. Census Bureau; Amy B. O'Hara, U.S. Census Bureau; Todd K. Gardner, U.S. Census Bureau]
4. Projecting Fertility for the 1.5 Generation [Jennifer M. Ortman, U.S. Census Bureau; Sandra Colby, U.S. Census Bureau]

*(Friday, May 1, 10:15 to 11:45 AM)***Session 122: “Challenges in Small Area Demography: New Trends and Explanations”****Chair: Jack Baker, University of New Mexico****Discussant: Stuart H. Sweeney, University of California, Santa Barbara**

1. Overcoming Data Issues to Project Interregional Migration Flows Amongst Australia's Indigenous Population [James Raymer, Australian National University]
2. Spatial Demography in Public Health Practice [Kevin J. Konty, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene]
3. Population Projections and Risk of Inundation from Mean Sea Level Rise for the United States in 2100 [Mathew E. Hauer, University of Georgia]
4. Model-Based Small Area Estimation of Healthcare Outcome Integrating Census and Survey Data in Ghana: Methodological Challenges and Policy Implications [Fiifi Amoako Johnson, University of Southampton; Hukum Chandra, University of Southampton; Nikos Tzavidis, University of Southampton; Sabu S. Padmadas, University of Southampton]

*(Friday, May 1, 1:00 to 2:30 PM)***Session 141: “Cohort-Component Forecasts... Without the Components”****Chair: Adelaar Alcantara, University of New Mexico****Discussant: Warren A. Brown, Cornell University**

1. Exploring Stable Population Concepts from the Perspective of Cohort Change Ratios: Estimating the Time to Stability and Intrinsic R from Initial Information and Components of Change [David A. Swanson, University of California, Riverside; Lucky M. Tedrow, Western Washington University; Jack Baker, University of New Mexico]
2. Woods Method: Demographic Forecasting Made Easy [Webb Sprague, State of Washington]
3. Measuring Uncertainty in Population Forecasts by Age [David A. Swanson, University of California, Riverside]

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(Saturday, May 2, 12:30 to 2:00 PM)

Session 233: “Baby Boomers and Millennials After the Great Recession”

Chair: Jason Devine, U.S. Census Bureau

Discussant: Jack Baker, University of New Mexico

1. Fertility Behavior of Millennials Before and After the Great Recession [Nan M. Astone, Urban Institute; Steven P. Martin, Urban Institute; H. Elizabeth Peters, Urban Institute]
2. Talkin’ ‘Bout Our Generations: Baby Boomers and Millennials in the United States [Sandra Colby, U.S. Census Bureau; Frank Hobbs, U.S. Census Bureau]
3. Evolving Interrelations in Demographic Processes and the Great Recession: Continuous Evolution or Seismic Shift? [Mark J. Lyons-Amos, Institute of Education]
4. Was the Great Recession Unique? Young Adults Living with Parents During Economic Downturns, 1967-2013 [Jonathan Vespa, U.S. Census Bureau; Laryssa Mykyta, U.S. Census Bureau]

Other PAA Sessions of Interest to Applied Demographers

The sessions in this year’s “Applied Demography Track” at PAA are not the only ones that will be of special interest to the applied demography community. So are these sessions listed below:

(Thursday, April 30, 8:30 to 10:00 AM)

Session 7: “Spatial Demographic Analysis of Poverty”

Chair: Mark Ellis, University of Washington

Discussant: Christopher S. Fowler, Pennsylvania State University

1. Spatio-Temporal Dimensions of Child Poverty in America, 1990-2010 [Maia Call, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Paul R. Voss, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill]
2. Industrial Structure and Poverty in the U.S. Upper Midwest, 1960-2010: New Evidence on Spatial-Temporal Regimes [Katherine J. Curtis, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Heather A. O’Connell, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Junho Lee, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Jun Zhu, University of Wisconsin-Madison]
3. The Demographic Burden of Population Decline in U.S. Cities, 2000-2010 [Rachel S Franklin, Brown University]
4. Public Housing and the Spatial Concentration of Poverty: A Simulation Approach [Lincoln Quillian, Northwestern University; Marcel Knudsen, Northwestern University]

(Thursday, April 30, 8:30 to 10:00 AM)

Session 16: “Immigration and Population Change: Implications for Business and Government”

Chair: Dowell Myers, University of Southern California

Discussant: Jeffrey S. Passel, Pew Hispanic Center

1. Previous Migration Experience and Legal Immigration Status Among Mexican Immigrants: Impacts on Social Security [Peter Brownell, RAND Corporation; Michael S. Rendall, University of Maryland]
2. The U.S. Social Security Burden and Emigration: Legal Status Criteria in Modeling Emigration [Karen A. Woodrow-Lafield, University of Maryland]
3. Renting, Crowded, and Broke? Social Vulnerabilities and the Accumulation of Precarious Housing Situations in Los Angeles [Eileen Diaz McConnell, Arizona State University]
4. The Population Decline of Puerto Rico: An Application of Prospective Trends in Cohort-Component Projections [Alexis R. Santos-Lozada, University of Texas at San Antonio; Alberto Velazquez, Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics]

(Thursday, April 30, 10:15 to 11:45 AM)

Session 26: “Moving Forward Through Innovative Solutions to Better Data”

Chair: John Iceland, Pennsylvania State University

1. Administrative Records Data in a Reengineered 2020 Census [Daniel Cork, CNSTAT and National Research Council (NRC)]
2. Projecting ACS Income Data to Current Dates with Trends in Scanner-Based Sales Data [Ken Hodges, Nielsen; Matheu Kaneshiro, Nielsen; Jessica Tucker, Nielsen; Fred Wilcox, Nielsen]
3. Using DHS Data to Explore Immigrant Family Dynamics and Post-LPR Trajectories [Guillermina Jasso, New York University (NYU)]
4. Addressing the Challenges for Small-Area Data from the American Community Survey: A Look Forward [Joseph Salvo, New York City Department of City Planning]

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(Thursday, April 30, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM: POSTER SESSION)

Poster Session 2: “Data and Methods/Applied Demography/Spatial Demography/Demography of Crime”

(Thursday, April 30, 2:45 to 4:15 PM)

Session 63: “Visualizing Demographic Data”

Chair: Timothy L. M. Riffe, University of California, Berkeley

Discussant: Robert Chung, University of California, Berkeley

1. Why Population Researchers Should be Data Visualization Experts [Erica Nybro, The DHS Program/ICF International/JHUCCP; Amanda Makulec, JSI; Libby Skolnik, JHUCCP]
2. How Data Visualisation Enhances the Impact and Visibility of Science [Ramon Bauer, Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU) & University of Vienna; Nikola Sander, Vienna Institute of Demography]
3. Plotting Integration [Michael D. M. Bader, American University]
4. Visualizing Composite Data on the Lexis Surface [Jonas Schoeley, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research; Frans Willekens, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research]

(Thursday, April 30, 4:30 to 6:00 PM)

Session 82: “Big Data for Population Research”

Chair: Emilio Zagheni, University of Washington

Discussant: Emmanuel F Letouzé, University of California, Berkeley

1. Millionaire Migration and the Taxation of the Elite: Evidence from Administrative Data [Cristobal Young, Stanford University; Charles Varner, Stanford University; Ithai Lurie, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Richard Prisinzano, U.S. Department of the Treasury]
2. Using the Annual Social and Economic Supplement with Current Population Survey Panels [Jose Pacas, University of Minnesota; Sarah Flood, University of Minnesota]
3. Self-Presentation and Information Disclosure on Twitter: Understanding Patterns and Mechanisms Along Demographic Lines [Nina Cesare, University of Washington; Emma Spiro, University of Washington; Hedwig Lee, University of Washington]
4. Online Information Behaviors during Disaster Events: Roles, Routines, and Reactions [Harrison T. Reeder, Carleton College; Tyler McCormick, University of Washington; Emma Spiro, University of Washington]

(Thursday, April 30, 4:30 to 6:00 PM)

Session 84: “Urban Change in the United States”

Chair: Nancy A. Denton, University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY)

Discussant: Michael D. M. Bader, American University

1. Successive Development: How Natural Hazards Help Drive Urbanization and Vice Versa [James R. Elliott, Rice University; Matthew Clement, University of Oregon; Jessica Schultz, University of Oregon]
2. Racial Segregation in Interwar United States: A Dynamic Segregation Approach [Trevor Kollmann, RMIT University; Sandy Suardi, La Trobe University; Emilia Perez-Orselli, La Trobe University]
3. Inequity by Default: Metropolitan Foreclosure and Racial Residential Segregation, 1990-2010 [Thiago Marques, University of Washington]
4. Racial/Ethnic Inequality in Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status in the 2000s [Jeffrey M. Timberlake, University of Cincinnati; Alan Grigsby, University of Cincinnati; John Iceland, Pennsylvania State University; Kyle Crowder, University of Washington]

(Friday, May 1, 8:30 to 10:00 AM)

Session 102: “Enhancing Government Statistics: Linkages with Nontraditional and Administrative Data”

Chair: Irma T. Elo, University of Pennsylvania

1. John Thompson, U.S. Census Bureau
2. Michael Horrigan, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
3. Brian C. Moyer, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
4. Robert Groves, Georgetown University

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(Friday, May 1, 10:15 to 11:45 AM)

Session 134: “Methods and Models Combining Multiple Data Sources”

Chair: Jessica D. Faul, University of Michigan

Discussant: Patrick Gerland, United Nations Population Division

1. Hyak Mortality Monitoring System: Innovative Sampling and Estimation Methods [Samuel J. Clark, University of Washington; Jon Wakefield, University of Washington; Tyler McCormick, University of Washington]
2. Producing Synthetic Estimates of Children’s Health and Well-Being for Local Areas [Mark S. Mather, Population Reference Bureau (PRB); Beth Jarosz, Population Reference Bureau (PRB); Linda A. Jacobsen, Population Reference Bureau (PRB)]
3. The American Opportunity Study: A Link to the Past and a Bridge to the Future [C. Matthew Snipp, Stanford University; David B. Grusky, Stanford University; Timothy M. Smeeding, University of Wisconsin-Madison]
4. Change in Local Healthy Food Retail Environment through Interactions in Population Poverty, Race, and Nativity [David M. Wutchiett, Columbia University; Tanya Kaufman, Columbia University; Daniel Sheehan, Columbia University; Kathryn Neckerman, Columbia University; Kayip Kwan, Columbia University; Andrew Rundle, Columbia University; Stephen Mooney, Columbia University; Jeff Goldsmith, Columbia University; Gina Lovasi, Columbia University]

(Friday, May 1, 1:00 to 2:30 PM)

Session 140: “Communicating with Policy Makers: Why It’s Important and How to Do It”

Chair: Linda A. Jacobsen, Population Reference Bureau (PRB)

1. Robert Groves, Georgetown University
2. Mary Jo Hoeksema, Director of Government and Public Affairs, PAA
3. Kathleen Mullan Harris, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
4. Erik Fatemi, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education; and Cornerstone Government Affairs
5. John G. Haaga, National Institute on Aging (NIA), NIH

(Saturday, May 2, 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM)

Session 205: “Migration Data and Estimation”

Chair: James Raymer, Australian National University

Discussant: Frans Willekens, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

1. Understanding Internal Migration to Urban Areas: Evidence from Censuses and Surveys from the Developing World [Zhen Liu, Brown University; Deborah L. Balk, CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR); Mark R. Montgomery, Population Council]
2. A Method for Estimating Neighborhood-to-Neighborhood Migration Flows from County-to-County Flow Data [Zack Almquist, University of Minnesota; Jack DeWaard, University of Minnesota; Susan Brower, University of Michigan; Liqi Huang, University of Minnesota; Scott Chase, University of Minnesota]
3. Estimates of Global Bilateral Migration Flows by Gender Between 1960 and 2010 [Guy J. Abel, Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU)]
4. Probabilistic Projection of International Migration for All Countries [Jonathan J. Azose, University of Washington; Adrian Raftery, University of Washington]

(Saturday, May 2, 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM)

Session 212: “The Measurement and Demography of Poverty”

Chair: Robert D. Plotnick, University of Washington

Discussants: Robert M. Hauser, National Research Council (NRC); Irwin Garfinkel, Columbia University; Neeraj Kaushal, Columbia University; Deirdre Bloome, University of Michigan

1. Crisis, Chronic, and Churning: An Analysis of Varying Poverty Experiences [Ashley Edwards, U.S. Census Bureau]
2. The Demography of Inequality: Income, Consumption, and Wealth [Jonathan Fisher, Stanford University; David Johnson, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA); Timothy M. Smeeding, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Jeffrey Thompson, Federal Reserve Board]
3. Projecting the Demographic Impact of Anti-Poverty Policy Changes Using the California Poverty Measure [Sara Kimberlin, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality; Marybeth J. Mattingly, University of New Hampshire and Stanford University; Sarah Bohn, Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC); Caroline Danielson, Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC); Christopher T. Wimer, Columbia University]
4. Health Care Reform, Health Insurance Benefits and Poverty Measurement: The Impact of Health Care Reform on Poverty in Massachusetts [Sanders Korenman, CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR); Dahlia Remler, Baruch College, City University of New York (CUNY)]

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE ON APPLIED DEMOGRAPHY

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 Chair, CAD Steering Committee

The Committee on Applied Demography—known by the acronym CAD—is one of PAA’s long-standing committees. CAD recommends sessions and events for PAA’s annual meeting, and serves as the primary conduit between the PAA members who practice applied demography and the larger organization. The committee consists of a four-member Board of Directors, with members appointed by the PAA president. Each board member serves a four-year term and assumes the chairmanship for their last year on the Board.

The Chair of the CAD this year is Tom Godfrey (Decision Demographics) with Stuart Sweeney (University of California, Santa Barbara) on deck to serve next year. Also, please welcome our newest member to the Committee, Susan Brower (Minnesota State Demographer).

TRANSITIONS: A BIG THANK YOU TO OUTGOING NEWSLETTER EDITOR KELVIN POLLARD

By Tom Godfrey
 Decision Demographics

This edition of *Applied Demography* is Kelvin Pollard’s last as editor. Let’s all join in a big round of applause for Kelvin. He began this significant endeavor for us with the March 2003 edition (vol. 16, no. 1). For the last 13 years he has faithfully gathered together and produced each edition of this newsletter. Kelvin reports he will not be attending the annual meeting in San Diego this year, so please considering dropping him an e-mail of thanks at kelvinp@prb.org. For those who are camera shy, you may now safely talk to Kelvin at future meetings without fear of appearing in the newsletter!

Kelvin’s departure leaves us currently without an editor. I will be working on recruiting someone to assist with our future communications.



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PRESIDENT SUBMITS FY16 BUDGET

On February 2, President Obama sent Congress his budget request for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), which begins October 1, 2015. The action has now shifted to Congress, where both the House and Senate have passed separate versions of a Budget Resolution that sets categorical spending limits for FY16. Negotiators will attempt to craft and pass a final compromise Budget Resolution when Congress returns for a two-week recess in mid-April. Last year, appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) generally kept statistical agencies roughly at or below their funding level in 2014.

Statistical agencies important to the Population Association of America (PAA)/Association of Population Centers (APC) generally fare well under this year's budget, as the President's request reflects his theme of investment in infrastructure—an infrastructure that includes federal statistics.. Below is what the Administration proposed for FY16:

- \$7.7 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF), which is \$379 million (5 percent) more than the final level for 2015. The FY16 allocation includes \$292 million (an increase of 7 percent from FY15) to support fundamental science funded by NSF's Social, Behavioral & Economic directorate; \$58 million to support a new initiative on resiliency in natural and man-made disasters; and \$1.2 billion for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education activities.
- \$31.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), \$1 billion more than what had been approved for 2015. The FY16 allocation includes additional resources for Alzheimer's and cancer research, as well as continued support for the BRAIN and Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) initiatives. Also included is \$215 million to launch a Precision Medicine initiative designed to use patient-powered research and targeted treatments to accelerate the ability to better treat diseases like cancer and diabetes and improve overall health outcomes.
- \$160.4 million for the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), \$5 million more than its FY15 allocation. Among other things, the additional funding would allow NCHS to investigate innovative ways to incorporate administrative data and electronic health record information into their health care provider surveys. NCHS would also be able to expand electronic death reporting and decrease the turnaround time for public access to vital statistics data.
- \$1.5 billion for the U.S. Census Bureau, up from \$1.1 billion the agency received in 2015. This amount includes a \$30 million increase for current surveys and programs, and an additional \$383 million for periodic censuses and programs. The latter increase is especially important, since it would fund the research and testing necessary to improve efficiency and lower unit costs of the 2020 Decennial Census. The FY16 request would also fund the development of an Administrative Records Clearinghouse, which would increase federal government capacity for data-driven program decision making and provide transparency about federal program effectiveness by developing a more comprehensive infrastructure for linking, sharing, and analyzing key administrative data. Also in the request is a proposed budget restructuring that would classify research in support of periodic surveys as part of the "current surveys" program. Such a move would better protect preparations for the Decennial Census and other research programs from the uncertainty of "periodic program" funding decisions by Congress.
- \$632.7 million for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which is \$41 million more than what the agency received in 2015. With the additional funding, the BLS would implement a new supplement to the Current Population Survey and expand and enhance the agency's Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS). The President's budget request would cover all of BLS's 2015 programs and allow it to rebuild staffing and staff training and development from the reduced levels the agency endured during 2014 and 2015, to levels adequate to assure statistical quality and timeliness.
- \$110 million for the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), which is about \$14 million greater than its FY15 allocation. Much of the additional allocation would support the agency's plan to consolidate its office space with the Census Bureau's. Even considering that, however, enough would remain to fund two initiatives: (1) the establishment of finer energy accounting and economic statistics to evaluate the impacts of energy-related structural changes in the economy; and (2) expansion and improvement of the data necessary to inform trade negotiations and support trade promotion efforts.
- The total amount requested for international family planning and reproductive health assistance programs that are administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) was not yet known at the time of publication. However, the amount allocated through USAID's Global Health Programs account (\$538 million) represents a 3 percent increase from the amount the program received in FY15. Also, \$35.3 million in family planning/reproductive health aid was allocated through the U.S. contribution to the United Nations Population Fund, the same amount as in 2015. Still unknown is the amount that the President is requesting family planning and reproductive health programs to receive through the U.S. State Department's Economic Support Fund.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Stakeholders also can keep up with developments through PAA's Government and Public Affairs Committee (www.populationassociation.org/government-affairs/). Users may get on the list to receive news and action alerts by contacting PAA's Director of Government and Public Affairs, Mary Jo Hoeksema, at maryjo@popassoc.org.

JAY SIEGEL INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN IAOS JOURNAL

The *Statistical Journal of the IAOS* recently published an interview former PAA president Jacob S. (Jay) Siegel gave to U.S. Census Bureau demographers Kirsten West and J. Gregory Robinson. In addition to heading the PAA, Siegel has served as a senior statistician at the Census Bureau and a senior research scholar and lecturer at Georgetown University. He also is a fellow of the American Statistical Association, and has written numerous books and articles in applied demography and gerontology—including co-authoring (with Henry S. Shyrock) the original edition of *The Methods and Materials of Demography*, a textbook that is still in use throughout the world. In the interview, Siegel discusses his long career at the Census Bureau, his scholarly work, and his many contributions to the profession. He also reflects on the continuing challenges of providing timely data while maintaining cost, quality, and confidentiality.



Jacob S. (Jay) Siegel (center) with Census Bureau demographers J. Gregory Robinson and Kirsten West. Photo from [Statistical Journal of the IAOS \(30:4, 2014, p. 310\)](http://www.iospress.com/content/e8771277t61117q7/fulltext.pdf).

The interview appears in the *Statistical Journal of the IAOS*, 30 (2014): 301-310 (Vol. 30, No. 4). The text is available at <http://iospress.metapress.com/content/e8771277t61117q7/fulltext.pdf>.

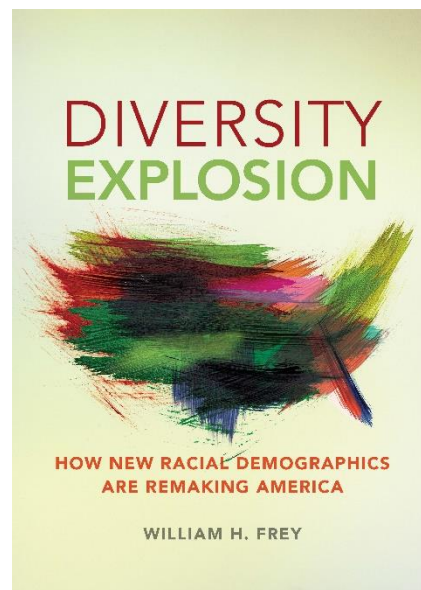
NEW BOOK ILLUSTRATES DIVERSITY'S EFFECT ON U.S. LANDSCAPE

From Brookings Institution Press

***Diversity Explosion: How New Racial Demographics Are Remaking America*, by William H. Frey. Brookings Institution Press, 2014. 224 pp.**

America is on the cusp of becoming a country with no racial majority as new minorities are poised to make a profound impact on its society, economy and politics. Drawing from the U.S. Census and other sources, *Diversity Explosion* tells how rapidly growing new minorities—Hispanics, Asians and multiracial Americans—along with blacks and other groups are transforming and reinvigorating the nation's demographic landscape. It covers their impact on generational change, regional change, neighborhood segregation, interracial marriage, presidential politics, and projections for the future. Accessible and richly illustrated, it provides a comprehensive overview of how unprecedented racial change is remaking the United States. More detailed information is available at www.brookings.edu/research/books/2014/diversityexplosion.

William H. Frey, senior fellow in the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program, is an internationally regarded demographer, known for his research on urban populations, migration, immigration, race, aging, political demographics and his expertise on the U.S. Census. He was the first to predict that 2011 would be the first year in which more minority babies than white were born. *Diversity Explosion* is his anticipated look into the future of the United States.



EDITOR'S NOTE: *Diversity Explosion: How New Racial Demographics Are Remaking America* (ISBN-13: 9780815723981, E-ISBN: 9780815723981; US\$29.95 cloth cover, US\$24 paperback/e-book) is available from Brookings Institution Press. More about the book, including how to order, is available at www.brookings.edu/research/books/2014/diversityexplosion.

SPATIAL “UNCONFERENCE”: SPATIAL INFORMATION FOR HUMAN HEALTH

From SPATIAL 2015 Unconference Flyer



The [Center for Spatial Studies](#) at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is launching a new biennial series of “unconferences,” entitled SPATIAL. Its main goal is to reach out to domain specialists to inspire and guide research on spatial information. Each edition will focus on *applications* of spatial information as a primary force to push the frontiers of geographic information science (GIS), spatial cognition, and related fields. Rather than spending the bulk of their time listening to paper presentations, attendees will debate new ideas, address challenges, and discuss how to improve solutions.

The inaugural SPATIAL 2015 will be held **December 9-11, 2015**, at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and will be dedicated to applying spatial information to human health. It will challenge the state-of-the-art in research on spatial information by discussing spatial approaches to problems and opportunities around human health. Attendees will share and develop bold visions, new insights, and best practices in applications of spatial information to the study of epidemics, nutrition, aging, health psychology, and other aspects of human health. The objective is to advance our understanding of how spatial information needs to evolve in order to better support such studies. Thus, insights are sought on research questions around spatial information more so than on health itself. The innovation is to pursue such insights through real-world problems in a close dialogue between health and spatial experts.

Among the program features:

- Invited presentations
- Five-minute lightning talks that make a “case for space” in health
- Interactive poster sessions
- Demonstrations—live or video
- Plenary debates
- Challenge competitions
- Two- or four-hour workshops and tutorials
- Breakout group discussions
- Paper or proposal writing sessions
- Informal discussions during walks on the beach or around the lagoon
- Hackathons

Call for Proposals

We invite proposals for contributions to the unconference program. Submissions are strictly limited to two pages that include text, diagrams and figures, as well as a 250-word biosketch of the applicant.

Submissions should do **one (or more)** of the following:

- Argue a viewpoint on a topic
- Summarize lessons learned in a health application of spatial information
- Present a new application idea or design
- Describe a problem to be solved
- Discuss a new pedagogical approach
- Suggest any other topic for discussion

Proposals will be reviewed by the program chairs, using the criteria of innovation, grounding in actual problems, and clarity. Authors of accepted proposals will be asked to submit final versions for online publication before the meeting. To submit an application, please adhere to the two-page limit for submissions and go to <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=spatial2015>. All proposals are due **May 31, 2015**. Applicants will receive notifications of acceptance around July 15.

Attendance for the unconference is self-funded, with an intentionally low general registration rate of \$200 (\$100 for students). The confirmation deadline date is October 15.

EDITOR'S NOTE: SPATIAL 2015, “Spatial Information for Human Health,” will be held December 9–11, 2015, in the McCune Conference Room, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara. Discounted rates have been negotiated at nearby hotels; please visit <http://spatial.ucsb.edu/spatial2015> for more information.

UPCOMING FCSM RESEARCH CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

On **December 1-3, 2015**, innovative professionals from government, academia, and business will convene at the **Washington (D.C.) Convention Center** to learn and share at the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research Conference. The three-day conference provides a forum for experts from around the world to discuss and exchange current research. Papers submitted to the conference must be original and not previously published or disseminated.

A partial list of potential topics include the following:

Survey design and data collection

- Questionnaire design issues
- Improving coverage and response rates
- Instrument design and pretesting
- Uses of innovative methods for data collection, processing, and dissemination

Estimation and analysis

- Bayesian statistical methods
- Variance estimation
- Small area estimation
- Exposure analysis and modeling

Evaluation

- Census and survey evaluation methodologies
- Collection and analysis of survey paradata
- Identifying and reducing sources of survey error
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