Applied Demography Activities at the 2006 PAA Meeting

This year’s annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) will be in Los Angeles from March 29 to April 1, 2006. The Committee on Applied Demography (CAD) is planning a number of activities during the L.A. meetings that we hope will be of interest to applied demographers. We invite you to attend any or all of these activities and to share this information with colleagues or students who might have an interest in applied demography.

Applied Demography Committee Business Meeting
Wednesday, March 29, 4:30-6:30 PM, Santa Barbara, Lobby Level
We will discuss the applied demography sessions scheduled for this year’s PAA meeting, develop ideas for sessions at next year’s meeting in New York, discuss ways to make the PAA and CAD more useful to applied demographers, and a variety of other topics. This meeting is open to all interested persons.

Applied Demography Reception
Thursday, March 30, 6:30-8:00 PM, Beaudry B, Lobby Level
Sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Population Reference Bureau, this reception—which will feature food and drink—is a chance to network and socialize with applied demographers. The reception provides an opportunity for graduate students and recent graduates to learn more about the field of applied demography, and for current practitioners to exchange ideas and experiences.

Applied Demography Breakfast – 30-Year Anniversary Celebration!
Friday, March 31, 7:00-8:20 AM, Beaudry B, Lobby Level
This year’s featured speaker will be Paul Voss of the University of Wisconsin, who will walk us through time as we celebrate 30 years of “breakfast” for applied demographers. This is a great opportunity to visit with your friends and colleagues while catching up on the happenings in the field. This event is open to everyone, but requires a ticket purchased at the time of registration ($25).

The following sessions may be of particular interest to applied demographers:

Wednesday, March 29

2:00-4:00 PM – School Demography Interest Group Meeting
La Brea, Lobby Level
(Organizer: Robin Blakely, Cornell University)

Thursday, March 30

8:30 - 10:20 AM – “Demography in the Wake of Katrina”
Avalon, Level 3
(Chair: Edward J. Spar, Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics)

8:30 - 10:20 AM – “Mathematical Demography”
San Bernardino, Lobby Level
(Chair: Nan Li, United Nations; Discussant: Vladimir Canudas-Romo, University of California, Berkeley)

Avalon, Level 3
(Chair: Linda Gage, State of California; Discussant: Susan Sechler, U.S. Office of Management and Budget)
10:30 AM - 12:20 PM – “New Methods and Analysis of Spatial Data”
San Gabriel A, Lobby Level
(Chair: Deborah Balk, Columbia University; Discussant: Glenn D. Deane, University of Albany, State University of New York)

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM – Poster Session, “Family, Households, Unions; Data, Methods, Study Design”
Pasadena Room, Below Lobby

1:30 - 3:20 PM – “The Demography of California”
San Pedro, Lobby Level
(Chair: Mary Heim, State of California; Discussant: Hans Johnson, Public Policy Institute of California)

3:00 - 5:00 PM – Poster Session, “Children And Youth, Adolescence, Parenting, Transition To Adulthood, Life Course”
Pasadena Room, Below Lobby

3:30 - 5:20 PM – “Applied Demography as a Tool for Policy Design and Program Implementation”
Palos Verdes, Lobby Level
(Chair: Matthew Stagner, Urban Institute; Discussants: Melissa Clark, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc; and Rebecca A. London, University of California, Santa Cruz)

Friday, March 31

8:30 - 10:20 AM – “New Directions in Small-Area Population Estimation and Forecasting”
San Bernardino, Lobby Level
(Chair: David Egan-Robertson, State of Wisconsin)

12:30 - 2:20 PM – “Getting Results: Case Studies in Applied Demography”
San Pedro, Lobby Level
(Chair: Valerie Edwards, Los Angeles Unified School District; Discussant: Megan Beckett, RAND)

2:30 - 4:20 PM – “Business Demography”
Palos Verdes, Lobby Level
(Chair: Tom E. Godfrey, Decision Demographics; Discussant: Susan H. Mott, Mathew Greenwald & Associates, Inc.)

Saturday, April 1

8:30 - 10:20 AM – “Temporary Migration”
Emerald Bay, Level 3
(Chair: Lisa S. Roney, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; Discussant: Pia Orrenius, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas)

In addition, there are a number of other sessions scattered throughout the program that will appeal to many applied demographers (e.g., race and ethnicity, spatial demography).

This year’s PAA meeting offers a wealth of sessions with particular relevance to applied demographers. You’ll find a session or two of interest in almost every program slot. We hope you enjoy them and look forward to seeing you there.