Take A Bite of The Big Apple! PAA 2007
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Very soon applied demographers will be converging on New York City for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, being held March 28 – 31. The Committee on Applied Demography (CAD) hopes you will be able to attend the annual meeting and especially the following events of interest to applied demographers.

Committee on Applied Demography Business Meeting
*Wednesday, March 28, 4:30-6:30 PM*
We will be developing ideas for sessions at next year’s meeting in New Orleans; and ways to better serve the career and professional needs of applied demographers. This meeting is open to all interested persons.

Applied Demography Reception
*Thursday, March 29, 6:30-8:00 PM*
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 – All the Demographic News That’s Fit to Print
*Friday, March 30, 7:00-8:20 AM*
This year’s breakfast speaker is Sam Roberts of the New York Times. Sam covers the urban affairs and demography beat for the New York Times. In order to get a flavor of Sam Roberts work, just Google “Sam Roberts New York Times” and you will be led to a compendium of his recent and archived articles—ranging from Rudy’s run for the presidency to composition of juries to Census Bureau surveys on the demographics of children’s attitudes toward school to trends in women living without a spouse. Sam is a master at transforming our data and “occasionally dry” analysis into enticing news articles while preserving the demographic truths. This event is open to everyone, but requires a ticket purchased at the time of registration ($37 and $12 for students). Hey, nobody claimed New York City was cheap.

Applied Demography Sessions of Interest
It is the custom for the chair of the Committee on Applied Demography to alert members to sessions of particular relevance to applied demographers. It might be easier to list the handful of sessions that are not relevant to some phase of our work. The problem is one not of finding interesting session but rather in dealing with 3, 4, or 5 sessions of great interest all being held at the same time. The very first session that opens the meeting on Thursday, March 29 at 8:30am is titled, “Perspectives on the American Community Survey at Full Implementation,” and the very last session in the program on Saturday, March 31 at 12:30pm is titled, “Measurement Issues in Health and Mortality.” In between are numerous similar paper and poster sessions dealing with compelling topics. In addition I am calling your attention to an interest group launched a few years ago by
CAD and the four sessions we have sponsored this year. Attendance is important in
allocating space on the program next year so please show your support.

Wednesday, March 28
2:00-4:00 PM – School Demography Interest Group Meeting. (Organizer: Jeanne
Gobalet, Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research)

Friday, March 30
8:30 - 10:15 AM – #66 - “Sociodemographic Change in a New York Minute” (Chair: A.
Peter Lobo, New York City Department of City Planning)

10:30 AM - 12:15 PM – #91 - “Small Area Demography” (Chair: Richelle Winkler,
University of Wisconsin at Madison)

2:30 AM - 4:15 PM – #123 - “State and Local Population Estimates and Projections”
(Chair: Warren A. Brown, Cornell University)

Saturday, March 31
10:30 - 12:15 AM – #156 - “Studies in Applied Demography” (Chair: Shelley Lapkoff,
Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc.)

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