2006 Nominees Announced

The PAA Nominating Committee – Linda J. Waite (chair), Douglas C. Ewbank, and Cynthia B. Lloyd – proposes the following slate of candidates for the 2006 election. Additional candidates may be nominated according to the procedures outlined in Article IV of the PAA bylaws, available on the website, www.popassoc.org. Submit petitions signed by at least ten PAA members, along with the required biographical data information by April 28, 2006, to John D. Iceland, Secretary-Treasurer, PAA, 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The biographical information form may be obtained from the PAA office.

Nominees for PAA Offices

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Jere R. Behrman, University of Pennsylvania

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John B. Casterline, Pennsylvania State University

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Ann K. Blanc, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Jorge H. Del-Pinal, US Census Bureau
Paula S. England, Stanford University
Hans-Peter Kohler, University of Pennsylvania
M. Giovanna Merli, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Richard M. Suzman, National Institute on Aging
Susan Short, National Institute on Aging

Nominations Committee (3)
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Sonalde B. Desai, University of Maryland-College Park
Dennis P. Hogan, Brown University
David A. Lam, University of Michigan
Barbara Boyle Torrey, Population Reference Bureau
Lawrence L. Wu, New York University

Publications Committee (1)
Barbara S. Mensch, Population Council
Reynolds Farley, University of Michigan

A Message from the PAA President

Dear PAA Member:

On behalf of the PAA 2006 Program Committee, we are pleased to present the Preliminary Program for the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. The meeting will be held in Los Angeles from Thursday, March 30 to Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel.

The creation of the program of the annual meetings of the PAA is entirely the product of the research interests of our membership. Following last year’s meeting, PAA members submitted nearly 250 suggested sessions for the 2006 meetings. Based on these suggestions and investigation of the most popular sessions (as measured by the volume of submissions) at recent meetings, the program committee assembled a list of about 113 regular sessions that were listed in the Call for Papers that was mailed to members last August. The program committee endeavored to create broad, meaningful titles for sessions and asked members to serve as session organizers who had not been in this role in the last two years.

More than 1800 unique submissions came into the PAA Meetings website. The real heroes of program planning are the session organizers who must read and evaluate the submissions under quite a tight deadline. With approximately 113 session organizers, the mean number of papers per organizer is close to 15, but many organizers had more than 40 submissions. Sudhanshu Handa received 51 submissions (first choice) to his session on Child Well-Being in Developing Countries and 35 as second choice. Similarly, Virginia Chang received 46 submissions as first choice to her session on Socioeconomic Differentials in Health and Mortality and 45 as second choice. For Sudhanshu and Virginia, and other session organizers who received many more good papers than could be accommodated in one session, about 43 additional “overflow” sessions were added to the program. In addition, the organizing committee considered many submissions that were forwarded directly to the President or that were routed to him by the
organizers. These generated eight special sessions. There are also six poster sessions with about 60 posters per session in the program. All in all, we are able to accommodate about 1000 of the submissions in the 2006 PAA program. The preliminary program includes almost 2000 participants (including co-authors of multiple authored papers).

All of this is possible because hundreds of PAA members spend countless volunteer hours working as members of the program committee and as session organizers. THANK YOU! In addition to the dedicated membership, the other reason why the PAA Meetings are so well organized is all the machinery behind the PAA Meetings website created by German Rodriguez at Princeton. The website handles all of the contingencies of multiple submissions, produces mass mailings to participants, anticipates scheduling conflicts when presenters are in multiple sessions, and also produces the final program. German also volunteers plenty of his time to troubleshoot problems that inevitably emerge in the use of such a complex program. Thank you, German.

The actual translation of submissions into a final program does not only depend on the machinery of the PAA Meeting web site. It is possible thanks to the stewardship, dedication and long, hard hours of work of Janet Clear, the assistant to the PAA President and the Organizing Committee. Without her eye for detail and command of the web site operations, there would be no final program. Thank you, Janet.

In addition to the regular program, there are 8 invited sessions. These include two Author Meets Critics session on two important new books: bare branches: The Security Implications of Asia’s Male Surplus Population by Valerie M. Hudson and Andrea M. Den-Boer (MIT Press) and Reading History Sideways: The Fallacy and Enduring Impact of the Developmental Paradigm on Family Life by Arland Thornton (University of Chicago Press). There will also be special sessions on the following topics:


Another session will review the phenomenon of migration in our meeting city of Los Angeles: Dowell Myers has organized a special session on the Demography of California.

As in the past, we also take time at the PAA Annual Meeting to remember members of our field who have passed away since our last meeting. This year, we have tragically lost Young Kim, Emeritus Professor in the department of Population Dynamics at John Hopkins School of Public Health. Professor Kim served on the editorial boards of Mathematical Population Studies and Demography and made major contributions to mathematical demography. We also lost John S. Aird, a federal population expert who became a critic of China’s one-child policy. Dr. Aird, who for nearly 30 years was the Census Bureau’s resident expert on Chinese demographics, testified before Congress many times, calling the Chinese government’s family planning programs highly coercive and a violation of human rights. PAA will also miss Paul C. Glick who passed away January 19, 2006. He had a long career as a Senior Demographer, US Census Bureau, where he worked first as a Family Analyst between 1939-43 and 1945-48. He then became Chief of Social Statistics Branch where he stayed from 1949 to 1962 and then as Senior Demographer 1972-81. In 1972 he became an Adjunct Professor of Sociology at Arizona State Univeristy where he stayed until 1992. He made important contributions to the study of marriage and the family as well as to the study of population trends in the U.S.

There will be a special session on Thursday evening, 8:30-10:00 pm, in the Emerald Bay room to remember Young Kim, John Aird, and Paul Glick. If you know of other PAA members who have passed away during the past year, please let Peter Donaldson know (pdonaldson@popcouncil.org), so that their names may be included in the memorial service program. Members are encouraged to participate in this session and to contribute remembrances of recently deceased members.

A special concern of the PAA Board in recent years has been to make the meetings as accessible and as family friendly as possible. For the third year, the PAA is offering parents the opportunity to register for child care during the session hours. The presidential session will also be captioned for those with special hearing needs. The PAA Board continues to search for creative ways to enhance access at the annual meetings for all members within the constraints of our very limited association resources. As always, suggestions to improve access to the meetings are most welcome.
As in recent years, there will be LCD projectors and overhead projectors in all sessions. Presenters (or session organizers) are responsible for bringing a laptop computer with their PowerPoint presentations to connect to the LCD projector. The PAA program will continue until 2:20 pm on Saturday afternoon.

Los Angeles is a fascinating and vibrant city with beautiful gardens and natural areas, terrific museums, and excellent restaurants. Grand Central Market, Olvera Street, the Walt Disney Concert Hall, and the Museum of Contemporary Art are all in downtown L.A., close to the hotel. Numerous other attractions may be found further afield, in Santa Monica, Pasadena, Long Beach, and Anaheim. We hope you will take some time to enjoy the sights and sounds of this exciting city.

We look forward to seeing you in L.A.

Alberto Palloni, President
Kathleen Mullan Harris, Vice-President

### Public Affairs

At the end of December, the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations process concluded. For the first time in several years, Congress passed all twelve appropriations bills separately without resorting to an omnibus measure. The final outcome though was mixed for most of the federal agencies important to the Population Association of America (PAA).

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget for 2006 will be $28.6 billion, which after a one percent across-the-board spending cut Congress approved for all federal discretionary programs (except those under the Veteran’s Administration), leaves NIH with a one percent decrease—marking the first NIH budget decrease in 36 years. As a result of this outcome, NIH has projected a decline in the number of research grants for 2006, and there will be no adjustment for inflation for most new or continuing grants. The only significant budget increase at NIH will go to the Office of the Director (OD), where the budget has increased by 33.5% to $478 million. However, almost a quarter of this funding ($97 million) will be transferred directly from the Office of the Health and Human Services Secretary to the Office of NIH Director to be spent on the development of medical countermeasures against nuclear, radiological, and chemical terrorist attacks. The remaining 8% of the OD’s budget increase will be dedicated to clinical research, high-risk basic research, and collaborative research, as part of the NIH Roadmap Plan.

The final Labor and Health and Human Services appropriations conference report contained one item of interest to the behavioral and social research community. Specifically, the conferees included language urging the NIH Director, in consultation with the directors of the NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) and the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, to develop a structural framework for managing support of NIH basic behavioral science research. Congress requested the framework include a division of portfolio and funding responsibility among the affected ICs and encourage co-funded trans-Institute research initiatives. A report on the agency’s progress is due to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by May 1, 2006.

The National Science Foundation budget for FY2006 is $5.6 billion, a 3% increase over the FY2005 appropriation. However, the increase for FY2006 is less than a FY2005 cut to NSF’s budget, resulting in a 2006 budget that is smaller than the budget for 2004. Once inflation is taken into account, the 2006 budget is smaller than the budgets for the past three years.

There is one success story that emerged from the FY 2006 appropriations process. As reported in the November issue of *PAA Affairs*, the Census Bureau emerged with a higher level of funding passed by the House of Representatives, ensuring the continuation of the American Community Survey and the 2006 census field tests.

The below table summarizes the final FY 2006 appropriations as compared to FY 2005 appropriations. The table does not reflect, however, the one percent across-the-board cut or any other recessions or taps some of the agencies may face after receiving their allocations.

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The Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations process will officially begin when President Bush releases the Administration’s proposed budget the first week of February.
**PAA People**

“PAA People,” a regular feature of this newsletter, profiles members of our association in order to foster an appreciation of the diverse membership and different types of work we all do. Members are selected at random and then interviewed by Warren Brown, Cornell University. In this issue Warren interviews Ken Smith, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies and an investigator at Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah.

Warren: How did you become interested in population issues?

Ken: One of my early memories from my undergraduate years at the University of California-Davis was a lecture on population and the environment sponsored through the environmental studies program, I believe. A guest speaker was Paul Ehrlich. I recognized that many of the issues he was presenting were important and it sensitized me to population issues.

It was with this vague sense of interest that led me to ask faculty in the Sociology Department at UC-Davis about courses on population. While I am quite confident that they have no memory of this, I spoke to Jim Cramer and Tom Pullum at that time who advised me to take not only population-related courses around campus but to enroll in as many mathematical statistics courses to develop the needed quantitative skills. I dutifully followed their advice and found that I was typically the only sociology major in courses populated by math majors – intimidating but character building! In the end, my enthusiasm for demography and data analysis crystallized and I have not looked back since.

Warren: Please describe the current focus of your research.

Ken: My abiding research interests focus on the demography of aging. For me, this has led to on-going analyses of human longevity and aging and indeed exceptional survival (i.e., living past 100 years of age). What I have been attempting to do is to introduce more family-specific history information (e.g., family history of longevity, geographic concentration of kin, fertility patterns within the extended family) into models predicting longevity across the life span and mortality risks among the elderly. To do this, I rely on large genealogical files of multigenerational kindreds spanning the past two hundred years where each person is linked to data about thousands of their kin. This strategy has led me to collaborate with evolutionary biologists, anthropologists, and geneticists, all of whom complement and challenge conventional demographic models of survival. I have an on-going five-year NIA grant that is identifying socio-demographic and genetic factors that lead to exceptional survival in families. It remains to be seen whether we will find the fountain or leaky faucet of youth.

Warren: How long have you been a member of PAA and what benefits do you draw from your membership?

Ken: I first joined the PAA in 1978 as a new graduate student at Cornell University. Without a doubt the greatest benefit of my membership is being able to participate in the annual conference, something I have done for the past 25 years.

Warren: What do you do when you’re not studying population? Do you have any hobbies or interests that you’d like to share with the readers?

Ken: As a student of aging, my primary interest is in staying alive. Toward that end, my family and I are fond of hiking, especially in Utah’s Wasatch Mountains, the deserts of southern Utah, as well as any national park. My longstanding passion for tennis and squash is being slowly overtaken by muscles that are less flexible and joints that are less forgiving – but if asked I welcome any takers in either sport. Watching my son’s basketball games and track meets have become my most serious recreational pursuits of late.

**ABRIDGMENT OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2005 COPAFS MEETING**

Ed Spar opened the meeting with his executive director’s report on recent developments. Topics included the favorable outcome on the Census Bureau’s budget—allowing the American Community Survey to continue—and a proposed constitutional amendment requiring that the census count only U.S. citizens for purposes of apportionment.

Brian Harris-Kojetin, of the Office of Management and Budget, presented on proposed revisions to OMB Statistical Policy Directives 1 and 2. The directives establish standards for federal surveys—covering issues
such as response rates, bias, and the measurement of error—and are being revised for the first time since 1974.

An update from Capitol Hill was next. John Cuaderes, majority staffer with the House Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, noted that Census Bureau funding dodged a bullet this year, but expressed his expectation that Congress would continue to target Census and ACS funding for at least the next six budget cycles. Consultant Terri Ann Lowenthal attributed the favorable Census budget outcome in large part to stakeholder efforts, and called on these groups to remain energized. Cuaderes and Lowenthal also commented on the proposed constitutional amendment on the census, and proposals to count prisoners at their pre-incarceration address.

Denice Warren of the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center told the story of a data provider in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Despite technical challenges, unprecedented demand for their services, and disruption to their personal lives, Denice and her colleagues (who are now scattered across the U.S.), somehow kept the data center functioning, and providing critical information during this critical period.

In the final session, a panel from a variety of federal agencies described the impact of the hurricanes on their statistical work. The panelists included:

Carol Moylan, Bureau of Economic Analysis.
Margot Anderson, Energy Information Administration.
Philip Ross, Environmental Protection Agency.
Edith McArther, National Center for Education Statistics.
Marcie Cynamon and James Weed, National Center for Health Statistics.
Ron Jarmin, U.S. Census Bureau.

The full COPAFS meeting report can be accessed at http://members.aol.com/copafs/Dec2005Min.htm.

Obituary


Welcome New Members!

PAA would like to welcome 27 new members since November, 2005. Current membership now stands at 2,740.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The PAA History Committee has posted the “Demographic Destinies” online at: http://geography.sdsu.edu/Research/Projects/PAA/paa.html. These are the materials of the PAA Oral History Project that had been assembled by Jean van der Tak and published by her in the early 1990s as “Demographic Destinies.” A few years ago Harriett Presser scanned all of Jean’s manuscript into digital copies and we have now...
broken the material into more easily digestible sizes and created PDF files. The files include the following: (1) Interviews with PAA Presidents from 1947 to 1993; Interviews with PAA Secretary-Treasurers from 1953 to 1996; Interviews with four other people chosen by Jean van der Tak, and photos of most of the people for whom interviews were obtained. It is the intention of the PAA History Committee (Paul Demeny, David Heer, David Hodgson, Deborah McFarlane, and John Weeks, as Chair) to bring the oral histories up to date and maintain them over time. PAA members should visit the website periodically to check for updated material.

The Department of Sociology and Population Studies and Training Center will honor our colleague Fran Goldscheider on the occasion of her retirement from Brown University. The May 4, 2006 Day of Celebration will begin with a 1:30-4:30 p.m. Symposium on Gender and Family: Agendas for the 21st Century. This will be followed by a reception from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. All activities will take place at the Population and Studies Center on the Brown University campus at 68 Waterman Street, Providence, RI. We invite Fran’s former students, colleagues, and other interested persons to join us for this celebration of Fran’s career. We also invite you to send photos, memories, and congratulations to Retirement Celebration, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, Box 1836, Providence, RI 02912. Additional information is available at www.pstc.brown.edu.

The following publications are available from the Division of Reproductive Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Comparative Reports:
- Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health in Central America: (English or Spanish, 160 pages)
- Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health in Eastern Europe and Eurasia: (English, 238 pages)

Latin America Reproductive Health Survey Country Reports (only in Spanish):
- Ecuador 2004 (621 pages); Paraguay 2004 (342 pages); El Salvador 2002/03 (612 pages); Guatemala 2002: Two Volumes (Females, 295 pages and Males, 238 pages)
- Eastern Europe Reproductive Health Survey Country Reports (only in English):
  - Georgia 2005 (Summary Report); Albania 2002 (338 pages)

Individual copies may be requested at: https://webmail.brown.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/Surveys/index.htm or from: Publications Specialist, Division of Reproductive Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Mailstop K-20, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717, FAX 770-488-6450.

Data Sharing for Demographic Research

Data Sharing for Demographic Research (DSDR) is a project of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) in collaboration with the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Minnesota Population Center at the University of Minnesota, and the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. The project, supported by the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, is designed to directly address the issue of preparing original data collections for release to the public. Now beginning its second year, the project’s focus is to expedite the process of releasing federally funded data collections of interest to demographers to the user public. In addition to traditional data archiving activities, work on the project includes developing web-based and software tools for data producers to improve documentation, user guides, disclosure review, and data editing/cleaning. In the first year of the project, DSDR staff has completed a restricted use contract web module and are beginning work on a web-based prototype for data set user guides. The project is particularly focused on developing tools for archiving and analyzing complex data files and data sets that may pose particular disclosure risks. Another mission of the DSDR project is to educate both data producers and users about preparing data for public release. As part of the ICPSR summer program, data librarians and managers came to Ann Arbor for a three-day seminar concerning the challenges of preparing data for release including disclosure review, documentation, data cleaning and display and designing and administering restricted use contracts. Additional training is planned in the summer program as well as other venues. Research and development is the final part of the project and includes our partners at Minnesota, North Carolina, and the Michigan Population Centers. Disclosure risk for spatial data is the topic of research at UNC while researchers at Minnesota are working on a software tool to assist users in analyzing complex data files. Work on metadata standards for longitudinal files is also part of the research portfolio for DSDR.
DSDR capitalizes on the current and past experience of ICPSR archival staff in bringing data to the user public. In addition to archiving data, DSDR will share the tools, knowledge and expertise of ICPSR staff directly with data producers and users in order to facilitate the timely release of important data to the scientific community at large. The DSDR web site is www.icpsr.umich.edu/DSDR and the DSDR staff can be reached at dsdr@umich.edu

The Review of Economics of the Household (REHO) is currently soliciting abstracts for papers that deal with the economics of gay and lesbian households. Please note that REHO uses a broad definition of household economics (see www.springerlink.com for more on the scope of the journal). Papers chosen for publication will appear in a special issue edited by guest editor Lisa Jepsen. Please send abstracts by March 1, 2007, to Professor Lisa K. Jepsen, Department of Economics, The University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 50614-0129. Phone 319-273-2592. E-mail lisa.jepsen@uni.edu.

University of Washington-Seattle
Research Associate Department of Sociology

Applications are invited for a two year postdoctoral research associate position at the Department of Sociology with an affiliation with the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology at the University of Washington-Seattle. The research associate will work on a NICHD funded project, “Concepts and Measures of Race and Ethnic Identities” (Charles Hirschman, Principal Investigator). Pending final budget approval, the position will start on or about September 1, 2006. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in sociology, statistics, demography, or related social science. The major criteria for selection will be expertise in statistical methods, experience in the analysis of survey data, knowledge of the research literature in race and ethnic relations, and evidence of a high potential for scholarly productivity. The terms of service are 100% FTE for 12 months. Interested applicants are welcome to contact Charles Hirschman at charles@u.washington.edu. Applicants should submit a cover letter, c.v., a writing sample, and three letters of recommendation to Ms. Julie Miller at the University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Savery Hall, Box 353340, Seattle, WA 98195 by mail or electronically to jamill@u.washington.edu. Screening of applications will begin on March 15, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled. University of Washington faculty engage in teaching, research, and service. The University of Washington is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. The University is building a culturally diverse faculty and staff and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and covered veterans.

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PAA Affairs is the official newsletter of the Population Association of America. Its purpose is to report to PAA members news of the Association in particular and of the profession in general. Brief news items of interest to people working in the population field may be sent to the Editor (see address at right), who reserve the right to select for inclusion among the items received, and to edit items for publication. Deadlines for submission of items for the quarterly issues are as follows:

- Spring: January 15
- Summer: May 1
- Fall: August 1
- Winter: November 1

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2006 President of PAA: Alberto Palloni

Future PAA Meetings

2006 March 30-April 1  Los Angeles, CA; Westin Bonaventure
2007 March 29-31 New York, NY; Marriott Marquis
2008 April 17-19 New Orleans, LA; Sheraton New Orleans
2009 April 30-May 2 Detroit, MI; Detroit Marriott
2010 April 15-17 Dallas, TX; Hyatt Regency Dallas

As stated in the Bylaws of the PAA Constitution, “Meetings of the Association shall be held only at places where there is written assurance that no member will be denied full access to facilities of the meeting place.”