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PAA Facing Shortfall in 2006

The Board of Directors of the PAA met on November 11 in Washington D.C., with Charles Hirschman presiding. While net income in 2005 has met budget expectations, PAA is projected to face a slight shortfall in 2006. Specifically, the proposed operating budget for 2006 projects a deficit of about \$19,000 in 2006, compared with a surplus of about \$17,000 in the approved budget for 2005. The proposed deficit is mainly due to predicted decreases in revenue from Foundation Funds, (the end of a Mellon Foundation grant to the PAA in particular), and to a lesser extent from increases in the PAA annual meeting expenses. Overall, the proposed operating budget for 2006 reflects a 3.4 percent decrease in revenue and a 2.0 percent increase in expenditures compared with the 2005 approved budget.

As a way of lowering expenses, the Board approved eliminating printed versions of the annual meeting's preliminary program. The program will be available on-line at the PAA website instead. The printing and mailing of the preliminary program cost the PAA \$16,300 in 2005. Thus, the elimination of this expense alone would nearly close the projected 2006 deficit. The Board discussed the possibility of providing *PAA Affairs* in electronic format only in the future, (the printing and mailing cost of *PAA Affairs* was \$5,600 in 2005), though no vote was taken on the matter. The Board reiterated its current policy to invest up to 15 percent of PAA reserve funds into an index stock fund if the PAA financial advisor recommends such a change to the president. The PAA Development Committee also reported on possible ways to increase revenue in the future—such as through raising funds through a more diverse set of donors. The Development Committee will continue to review alternative options in the coming months.

Demography

The Board approved that *Demography* should have non-exclusive partnerships with publishers (such as EBSCO) in order to ensure that the journal gets widely distributed

in electronic format; this advantage was thought to outweigh the potentially greater revenue that could be obtained via an exclusive contract with a particular publisher.

PAA meetings in Dallas in 2010, Washington, D.C. in 2011

The Board approved holding the 2010 annual meeting in Dallas, and the 2011 meeting in Washington, D.C. Because of traditionally high attendance at annual meetings held in Washington, D.C., the Board approved holding the 2016 meeting there as well.

On the Hill

The Public Affairs Committee reported that appropriations bills funding Census Bureau, National Science Foundation, and National Institutes of Health are moving forward without large cuts in funding for demographic research. There will likely be slight across board cuts in discretionary spending in the budget as a whole, but the Census Bureau was able to maintain a funding level that will allow the American Community Survey to proceed as planned in the coming year. The Public Affairs Committee continues to work diligently to raise the profile of demographic research in funding discussions on Capitol Hill.

Membership Issues

The Membership Committee reported that the Mentoring Lunch at the 2005 annual meetings was a success and recommended that it be continued. The committee also recommended that on-line membership renewal should be phased in as an option in the near future. The Board approved a motion that people should have the option to purchase multi-year membership next year (as opposed to annual membership renewal only).

Access and Childcare at Annual Meetings

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Access recommended that a quiet room be provided at the annual meetings; the Board approved the recommendation. The Board also approved a motion that the committee should continue its work for another year and to survey PAA members on access issues

in the coming months. The committee also raised the issue that there were only three children in PAA-organized childcare during the last meetings (at a cost of \$2,200 to the organization). The Board therefore recommended that members should have an option to mark their interest in childcare arrangements on the conference registration form, but if there is very little interest, the PAA may simply try to facilitate childcare arrangements by putting attendees in contact with each other rather than sponsor the childcare. The Board also agreed that questions on

childcare should be included in the upcoming access survey. (See article on page 5).

Farewells

The President and Secretary-Treasurer wish to thank outgoing Past President Sara McLanahan, Vice President Eileen Crimmins, and Board members Joseph Chamie, Irma Elo, Elizabeth Frankenberg, and Calvin Goldscheider whose terms end December 31, 2005 for their outstanding service to the PAA.

Public Affairs

As the first session of the 109th Congress draws closer to adjournment, the House and Senate are racing to complete an ambitious agenda. While Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) believes the Senate will complete its business for the year by Thanksgiving, House Majority Leader Roy Blunt (R-MO) predicts the House will not adjourn until mid-December.

At press time, most federal agencies were being funded under a temporary spending measure, called a continuing resolution, which expires on November 18. Although the House and Senate have passed their own versions of all 10 annual appropriations bills, only four, thus far, have been reconciled by Congress and signed into law. Nonetheless, almost all of the remaining appropriations bills are being negotiated in a House-Senate conference committee, which diminishes the likelihood that Congress will need to pass an omnibus spending bill.

The devastation caused by recent hurricanes and the ongoing costs of the Iraqi war, have complicated and delayed the annual appropriations process and required Congress to pass several supplemental spending bills to cover the rising costs. To offset this spending, Congress is considering legislation to curb future spending on mandatory spending programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, higher education loans, and food stamps and is pursuing across-the-board funding cuts that would apply to all Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations bills. At press time, these decisions had not been finalized. The below table summarizes the status of funding for key PAA agencies. Future updates will be posted on the PAA and Association of Population Centers (APC) home pages.

| Agency / Institute | House FY 2006 | Senate FY 2006 | Conference Recommendation |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| National Institutes of Health | \$28.5B | \$29.4B | Not Available |
| National Institute on Aging | \$1.05B | \$1.09B | Not Available |
| National Institute of Child Health and Human Development | \$1.27B | \$1.31B | Not Available |
| National Center for Health Statistics | \$109M | \$109M | Not Available |
| National Science Foundation | \$5.64B | \$5.53B | \$5.65B |
| Census Bureau | \$812.2M | \$727.4M | \$812.2M |
| USAID Child Survival/Maternal Health | \$347M | \$375M | \$360M |

M=million/B=billion

Key Appropriations Issues

Census

The PAA and APC have been actively following action on funding for the Census Bureau in FY 2006, particularly given the approximately \$85 million gap between what the House and Senate recommended. The Census Bureau

Director, Louis Kincannon, conceded that if the final funding figure fell below the House-passed level, key programs such as the American Community Survey, 2006 census field tests, and the sample size of key demographic and economic surveys would be in jeopardy.

PAA and APC sent letters to members of the House and Senate conference committee appointed to negotiate the final bill, urging them to adopt the House-passed level. PAA and APC also joined forces with a diverse array of other organizations through its membership on the Census Project to communicate the same message. Fortunately, on November 4, the conferees met and agreed to fund the Census Bureau at \$812 million in FY 2006. The full House and Senate are expected to vote on the bill the week of November 7. The President will sign the final version of the bill after it passes both chambers.

National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation, which is also funded as part of the same funding bill that covers the Census Bureau, also received good news. On November 4, the House and Senate conferees agreed to fund the NSF at \$5.65 billion, a figure that is roughly \$10 million over the House number, \$50 million over the President's request, and \$120 million over the Senate number.

National Institutes of Health

On October 27, by a vote of 94-3, the Senate passed its version of H.R. 3010, the Fiscal Year 2006 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill. The House passed its version of the bill on June 24. The bill funds two agencies important to the PAA, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

The Senate bill recommends funding the NIH at \$29.4 billion (a 3.7 percent increase over FY 2005), while the House bill provides the agency with \$28.5 billion (less than one percent increase over FY 2005). As members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding, the PAA and APC signed a letter, urging members of the House-Senate conference committee negotiating the final bill to recede to the Senate-recommended level of funding for the NIH. The Senate relied on accounting maneuvers to boost the amount of available funding for the overall bill. It is not clear the House conferees will agree to these parameters and accept the higher NIH spending level passed by the Senate.

During debate in the Senate, the chamber adopted two amendments of interest to the PAA. One amendment, offered by Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), precludes the use of funds provided by the bill to ask Federal scientific advisory committee candidates for their political affiliation, voting history, or views on issues not directly related to the work of the committee. Further, the amendment does not allow the use of funds to disseminate scientific information that is deliberately false or

misleading. The Senate also adopted an amendment sponsored by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), requiring the Bureau of Labor Statistics to resume the collection of data on women's employment as part of the Current Employment Survey. To become law, both amendments will need to be accepted by the House-Senate conference committee, which will meet the week of November 14, to negotiate a final version of the FY 2006 Labor-HHS spending bill.

NIH Reauthorization Status and OPASI

As reported in the last issue of *PAA Affairs*, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has oversight authority of the NIH, remains interested in pursuing legislation to reauthorize the agency. Although a second draft version of the bill has circulated, a final bill has not been introduced. The comments PAA and APC provided to the Committee on the first version of the bill are now posted on the public affairs links of both organizations. Further developments will be reported.

On October 20, NIH Director, Dr. Elias Zerhouni, met with stakeholders to discuss his vision for the NIH and to respond to questions about reauthorization and other issues. During the meeting, Dr. Zerhouni discussed the agency's plans to establish the Office of Policy Analysis and Strategic Initiatives (OPASI). OPASI will consist of three divisions ((1) Resource Development and Analyses, (2) Strategic Coordination and (3) Evaluation and Systematic Assessments) that are responsible for identifying trans-NIH research opportunities and evaluating trans-NIH initiatives. He also discussed the "Common Fund," a source of money that will reside in the Institutes and Centers' budgets, but remain available to fund future trans-NIH initiatives.

Agency Highlights

NIH

Katrina Response—In addition to offering medical support services to people affected by Hurricane Katrina, the NIH also announced several research opportunities, including RAPID Research Grants program announcements and administrative supplements. NICHD announced its plans to include some sessions on Katrina-related internal migration in its May 2006 conference on internal migration. NIA is exploring the use of ongoing longitudinal surveys to examine before and after effects and considering more qualitative studies to look at various systems and decision-making. More information about the agency's response to Katrina is available at: <http://www.nih.gov/about/director/hurricanekatrina/index.htm>.

New electronic NIH grant application—On October 26, the NIH announced its roll out of the electronic grant application process. Beginning December 1, 2005, NIH will require all its SBIR/STTR grant applicants to electronically submit their competing grants. NIH plans

to transition all of its competing grant programs one by one from paper to electronic by May 2007. The NIH is also moving simultaneously from its PHS398 application form to the new SF424 application form. Additional information about these changes and links to technical assistance are available at: <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/oct2005/od-26.htm>

National Children's Study—On September 29, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) announced the six Vanguard Centers and one Coordinating Center that will begin implementing the National Children's Study (NCS). Specifically, the Vanguard Centers will recruit participants, collect and process data, and pilot new research methods for incorporation into the NCS. A team of researchers from the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina, in collaboration with Duke University, and Battelle Memorial Institute was designated one of the Vanguard Centers. Ultimately, the study will include a national probability sample of 100,000 children, as early as possible in pregnancy. These children will be followed for 21 years to explore the causes of a variety of health problems including obesity, injuries, asthma, and developmental delays.

New NIH Clinical and Translational Award—As part of its series of NIH Roadmap activities, the agency announced a new request for applications, the Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Award. The purpose of this initiative is to eliminate barriers that have prevented creativity in the past and create places where clinical and translational science will be researched by multi- and inter-disciplinary investigators and research teams. Additional information is available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-06-002.html>

Basic BSR Working Group—On October 31, at the annual meeting of the Consortium of Social Science Associations, which PAA belongs to, Dr. David Abrams, Director, NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences, announced the agency's plans to convene a working group of relevant IC Directors charged with developing a trans-NIH response to address the needs and scientific opportunities within basic behavioral and social science research.

NCHS

New Coordinating Center Director—On September 13, Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announced the appointment of Captain Steve Solomon, M.D., as the Director of the Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service (CoCHIS). The CoCHIS houses the National Center for Health Statistics. Dr. Solomon joined CDC in 1981 and has held a number of positions, including, most recently, acting director of the National Center for Health Marketing.

Census Bureau

2010 Census Advisory Committee—In September, the Census Bureau announced the members of the new 2010 Census Advisory Committee. PAA was not selected to serve on the Committee, but will continue to advise the Bureau through its extensive involvement in the Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations. PAA is represented on the 2010 Committee through its affiliation with other organizations that were selected to serve, including the Consortium of Social Science Associations and the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics.

Department of Homeland Security

Office of Immigration Statistics—Effective October 1, the Office of Immigration Statistics at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reports to the new DHS Under Secretary for Policy.

White House Conference on Aging

WHCOA Solutions Session and Resolution—On September 22, PAA member Ms. Barbara Boyle Torrey represented the PAA at a "Solutions Session" with delegates from the upcoming White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA). The purpose of this event was to discuss specific areas of aging research and to hone recommendations the conference delegates may adopt about aging research when the conference occurs in December 2005. Ms. Torrey spoke about the science of population studies as applied to aging, including the age structure of populations; changes in the levels of disease and disability; the economic costs of disability; cost effectiveness of interventions; migration and geographic concentration of older people; and health disparities by gender and race. Ms. Torrey highlighted the importance of investing in longitudinal studies. Following the session, WHCOA staff received a draft aging research resolution for further consideration by the conference delegates.

PAA on Capitol Hill

Friend of the National Institute on Aging (NIA)—On September 20, the Friends of the NIA sponsored its inaugural event—a scientific poster session and reception on Capitol Hill. Mary Jo Hoeksema represents the PAA and APC on the Friends of NIA Executive Committee. PAA member Dr. David Weir, University of Michigan, participated in the event presenting information on the Health and Retirement Study.

Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF)

Courtesy Visits—On September 13 and 14, PAA Members, Dr. Steve Ruggles, University of Minnesota, Dr. Suzanne Bianchi, University of Maryland, and Dr. Robert Schoeni, University of Michigan, participated in a series of Capitol Hill courtesy visits with other grantees from the National Science Foundation (NSF). As members of multi-disciplinary teams, the PAA representatives met with members and staff from the U.S.

House of Representatives and U.S. Senate to discuss their NSF-supported research and the important role NSF plays in supporting behavioral and social scientific research.

Friends of NICHD Congressional Tour—On September 16, Mary Jo Hoeksema, Chair of the Friends of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), helped organize a tour for congressional staff of the NICHD facilities in Bethesda, Maryland. Staff whose members belong to the Children's Caucus in the House of Representatives participated in the event, which included tours of the Institute's intramural research facilities and briefings from the NICHD Director, Dr. Duane Alexander, and PAA member, Dr. Sara McLanahan, Princeton University, who discussed her work on the Fragile Families and Child Well-Being Study.

American Sociological Association 100th Anniversary Poster Session—In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Sociological Association, on October 25, the ASA sponsored a reception and poster session on Capitol Hill. PAA member Dr. Kathleen Mullan Harris, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, presented information on the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, while PAA Member Dr. Virginia Cain manned a booth about the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

For more information about PAA public affairs activities, please visit the new public affairs link on the PAA home page at: <http://www.popassoc.org/PublicAffairsCommittee.html>

Survey on Access and Accommodations at the Annual Meeting of the PAA

There is widespread support from the PAA Board of Directors for ensuring that all PAA members feel welcome to attend the annual meeting and able to participate fully. This goal may require the provision of targeted facilities and services to individuals with need. To this end the Ad-Hoc Committee on Access and Accommodations at the Annual Meetings was established to consider, in a systematic way, issues of access and accommodation that reflect both the current needs of members and possible future needs. The committee members are Dennis Hogan (Chair), Nan Johnson, and Carolyn Liebler.

The PAA Board of Directors received an interim report of the committee at its November meeting, and approved an on-line survey to gather more information about member needs for access and accommodation to attend the

annual meeting. We ask that all members who require targeted facilities and services to attend the annual meeting, (because of physical disability, accommodation for hearing or sight limitations, child care needs, or any other reason), complete the on-line PAA Survey on Access and Accommodations at <https://survey.cla.umn.edu/paa/>.

President Charles Hirschman Appoints PAA Development Committee

During their spring 2005 meeting, the PAA Board of Directors authorized President Charles Hirschman to appoint an ad hoc PAA Development Committee (PAA Affairs Summer 2005 issue). The motion followed from a discussion of the 2006-08 strategic plan by Secretary-Treasurer Lynn Casper that projected small deficits in the coming years. Hirschman appointed Sara Seims (Chair), Albert Hermalin, and Charles Westoff to the PAA Development Committee.

The PAA has a solid financial base. Membership dues from 3,000 members, revenues from the annual meetings, and library subscriptions to *Demography* provide sufficient funds for our core activities of publication, organizing the annual meetings, and managing a very lean and efficient administrative office. Moreover, the PAA has been the beneficiary of support from the Mellon and Hewlett Foundations that have allowed us to run a small travel awards competition (through the International Outreach Committee) for researchers from developing countries who have papers on the PAA program. The Foundation grants also covered a small fraction of PAA administrative costs and the outreach activities of the Public Affairs Committee.

The projected deficits assume a worst case scenario without future Foundation grants and zero interest income from our PAA reserve funds, which are currently about 1.5 times our annual budget. These pessimistic assumptions are not out of bounds. The Mellon Foundation has changed its future priorities and no longer has a population program. If our annual meetings were cancelled for any reason, (e.g. as a result of a hurricane or other national disaster), the PAA reserve funds would take a major hit.

In addition to frugal budgeting, (a long standing PAA tradition), the appointment of the Development Committee is an initiative to explore options for expanding the PAA reserve funds that could provide

support for the continuation and possible expansion of our outreach activities. Recommendations from the Development Committee for fundraising would be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

The Development Committee held its first meeting on September 23, 2005 in Washington, D.C. and will meet again at the 2006 PAA meetings in Los Angeles. Although no concrete proposals have emerged, the initial discussions focused on two activities: (1) approaching PAA members who have the financial capacity for contributions; and (2) asking foundations for major grants and/or gifts. These programs will be developed over the next year in consultation with the Board of Directors and the PAA membership. There may also be additional PAA members appointed to the Development Committee.

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 **Sylvia Keim**, a doctoral student at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research.

Warren: How did you become interested in population issues?

Sylvia: I am a sociologist by training and during my studies was mainly interested in migration, family and gender issues. Before, I was not so much looking at population development in the big picture but for example at how migrants as well as the host society deal with integration; how the institution of family has changed over the years, or how work is divided in a partnership.

For my PhD I was very much interested in pursuing the family-topic, also on the background of the public discussions on shrinking fertility in Germany. So I got in contact with the Max-Planck-Institute for Demographic Research, where an Independent Research Group on the “Culture of Reproduction” was about to be formed, which employs qualitative research methods. I am now working in this group and during my stay at the institute I have learned a lot about population issues and broadened my view.

Warren: What type of work are you currently involved in?

Sylvia: I am part of the research project “Social influence on family formation and fertility in Northern Germany: a comparison between an eastern and a western city.” The basic idea is to focus on the role of personal relationships and social networks in shaping ideas, intentions and behavior concerning family formation. The theoretical assumption in the background is that human action is carried out by socialized actors who are rooted in a web of social relationships of kinship, love, friendship, competition, and so forth. Actors exchange and negotiate their beliefs in social networks, they learn about social norms and may feel social pressure; also there is an exchange of material or non-material support within the network. All this may influence their fertility intentions and behavior.

Our main questions are: What are the mechanisms of influence? What kinds of relationships are influential concerning family formation? How do the characteristics of the social network matter? Germany is an interesting place for a comparative study, because of 40 years of political separation of the eastern and western part. During these years two different fertility regimes developed in these countries and today after unification, even though the legal system is the same many differences persist. We use mixed methods of qualitative interviews and some more standardized measures. We interview young adults mainly about their ideas on family formation and their social networks and interactions concerning the family topic. We also collect information on the network structure in a standardized way, in order to have comparable measures on network size, closeness of relations and density. Additionally we interview their partners, a close friend and a parent, in order to also capture their perspective on family formation and hear from them how they interact. Presently we are about to finish the interviewing and after having already done some preliminary analyses will now go in-depth.

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

Sylvia: I became a member of PAA when I learned that I could go to the conference in Philadelphia this year. We were able to present the methodology we are employing and present some of our first results. The discussion in our session was beneficial to our research project. The conference as a whole was very interesting for me, as it enabled me to experience the large variety of approaches to population research and to meet with researchers from different countries.

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?

Sylvia: Just the usual stuff: going out with friends, taking long walks at the beach, reading books on issues not related to family research (here I am more interested in mortality issues, for I like crime novels!).

SIDNEY GOLDSTEIN RECEIVES IUSSP LAUREATE AWARD

At the special plenary session of the IUSSP held in conjunction with the annual PAA meetings in Philadelphia last March, the IUSSP (International Union for the Scientific Study of Population) awarded Sidney Goldstein, G.H. Crooker University Professor Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Brown University, its Laureate Award for 2005. This honor is given annually to a population scientist who demonstrates outstanding contributions to the advancement of the field of population sciences and distinguished service to the IUSSP and the profession. The IUSSP, headquartered in Paris, France, promotes scientific studies of demography and population-related issues. Originally founded in 1928 and reconstituted in 1947, the IUSSP is the leading international professional association for individuals interested in population studies. The IUSSP network includes almost 2000 members worldwide, one third of whom are from developing countries. At the IUSSP plenary session, the award was presented to Professor Goldstein by IUSSP President Jacques Vallin.

Goldstein served on the faculty of the Department of Sociology at Brown University for 47 years, beginning in 1955, and as Director of Brown's Population Studies and Training Center for 25 years, after its inception in 1965. In 1977, Brown named Goldstein as the George Hazard Crooker University Professor. Goldstein is an international expert on problems of urbanization and population movement, especially in developing countries. He has served as a consultant to the United Nations, the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the Population Council, the Ford Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation, and has helped to develop training and research programs in many countries, including Thailand, China, Vietnam, South Africa, Ethiopia, and Guatemala. Early in his career, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and was named a Fulbright Scholar. He was elected and served as President of the Population Association of America in 1976-77. Goldstein is the author of numerous articles and books in the field of population studies. In 1981 and 1983, Goldstein received awards from the National Academy of Science's Committee on Scholarly Communication with the Peoples Republic of China to lecture and undertake research in China on the relation between population change and economic development.

New Editor for PAA Affairs beginning Spring, 2006

The Publications Committee and the Editor of *PAA Affairs* wish to advise that the editorship of *PAA Affairs* will become vacant in March, 2006. PAA members interested in applying for the editorial position should send their C.V. and a brief statement of interest to the Chair of the Publications committee, Professor Sonalde Desai, Department of Sociology, 112 Art-Sociology Building, College Park, MD 20742, sdesai@socy.umd.edu, before December 15, 2005. The new editor of *PAA Affairs* will be selected from among the applicants at the annual meeting of the PAA in Los Angeles and announced in the following Summer issue of *PAA Affairs*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Demography Goes Electronic

As those of you who have submitted papers or carried out reviews in the last 12 months know, we have been gradually migrating *Demography* into an electronic manuscript management and control system called *Editorial Express*. For us, it has been a great tool for controlling the flow of manuscripts, liaising between editors and deputy editors, monitoring outside reviews, and creating a database of submissions that we think will make future transitions of the editorship easier. The system made possible the situation during the first half of this year when the co-editors were on different sides of the world!

Most authors and referees also appear to be using the system effectively. Paper has been completely eliminated in our correspondence with referees. Authors receive decision letters and reviewer comments electronically, so they don't have to wait for a letter through the mail. Not all the feedback from reviewers has been positive - some referees have found the system hard to navigate, others miss the more personal nature of the old way of doing things. We have passed these comments along to the technical staff who work to make the system friendlier for all parties.

Since our editorship began, we have been requiring manuscripts to be emailed to the Editorial Office in pdf format, and that two paper copies are posted along with a check covering the submission fee. Beginning on January 1, 2006, we will be accepting submissions via our on-line web-based system. Payment will be made

on-line through a secure web site and papers uploaded in pdf format. We encourage contributors to migrate to the electronic system, through which a faster turnaround is likely. For any questions, continue to contact us by sending an email to demography@umd.edu. You will receive a speedy response from our excellent Editorial Assistant, Hedy Ross, who will continue to monitor all submissions and assist those who have difficulty uploading reviews or manuscripts.

Suzanne Bianchi and Kenneth Hill
Co-editors

The William T. Grant Scholars Program

The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports promising early career researchers from diverse disciplines. The award supports the professional development of early career scholars who have some demonstrated success in conducting high quality research and are seeking to further develop their skills and research program. Studies from these Scholars deepen and broaden the knowledge base on how to improve the lives of young people ages 8-25. The program is now in its 26th year. The Foundation is particularly interested in reaching early career scholars of color. The William T. Grant Foundation has just released its 2006-2007 William T. Grant Scholars Program brochure. The new brochure contains a description of the program, application guidelines, and a list of current William T. Grant Scholars. To view or download the brochure, please visit the Foundation's website at www.wtgrantfoundation.org. Questions about the program should be sent to wtgs@wtgrantfdn.org.

2006 Luxembourg Income Study Summer Workshop

The Luxembourg Income Study has made comparable over 140 large microdata sets containing comprehensive measures of income and economic well-being for a set of 30 modern industrialized welfare states. The LIS databank currently covers countries including: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States. The LIS Summer Workshop is a one-week pre- and post-doctoral workshop designed to introduce young scholars in the social sciences to comparative research in income distribution and social policy using the LIS database. The 2006 Summer Workshop, our 18th such event, will be held

in Luxembourg. Arrival will be the evening of Sunday, June 25 and departure the afternoon of Saturday, July 1. Tuition of €1,200 will cover instructional materials, accommodations, and full board. Transportation to and from Luxembourg is the responsibility of the student. Applications are available from the LIS homepage at: <http://www.lisproject.org/workshop.htm> and are due by April 1, 2006. Please note that space is limited.

The language of instruction will be English. The course of study will include a mix of lectures and assistance and direction using the LIS database to explore a research issue chosen by the participant. Workshop faculty will include the entire LIS staff (including Timothy Smeeding, Overall Project Director; Janet Gornick, Associate Project Director, and Markus Jäntti, LIS Research Director) and other experienced LIS users. For more information about the workshop, please contact: Caroline de Tombeur, LIS Administrative Assistant, 17, rue des Pommiers, L-2343 Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, caroline@lisproject.org; Or, Kati Foley, LIS Administrative Assistant, 426 Eggers Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-1020 USA. lisaa@maxwell.syr.edu; For information about the LIS Project, see <http://www.lisproject.org/>.

Lunch with PAA Colleagues: Early Career Mentoring Beyond the PhD and the Post-doc

Thursday, March 30, 2006, 12:30-1:30 pm, Westin Bonaventure Hotel

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Are you a new Ph.D., Post-doc or junior faculty member? Would you like to talk with other young professionals and more senior mentors to discuss career planning, professional opportunities, how to find appropriate mentors and collaborators, strategies for balancing research, publication, teaching, administrative duties, and other work and non-work commitments? Come join the 4th annual career mentoring lunch where you will meet distinguished colleagues and widen your professional networks in an informal setting. Look for the "Lunch with Colleagues and Mentors" announcement on the PAA website annual meeting page, www.popassoc.org/meetings.html and sign-up to participate.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal of Population Research: Special Issue on “Globalization and Demographic Change”

Dr. Adrian C. Hayes, Guest Editor
The Australian National University

Deadline for submissions is April 30 2006. Send to adrian.hayes@anu.edu.au.

Aims and Scope of this Special Issue:

A special issue of JPR (November 2006) is planned on Globalization and Demographic Change under the Guest Editorship of Dr. Adrian C. Hayes. Globalization is having a profound influence on economic life around the world, on the way countries are governed and interact with one another, and on culture. At the same time new international institutions are emerging and older ones are redefined. All these changes impact directly or indirectly on demographic processes and the composition of populations, but research explaining precisely how has barely begun. Researchers are invited to submit scientific papers on any aspect of globalization and demographic change. The following topics are illustrative only: globalization and demographic transitions (first and second), demographic convergence and divergence in an interdependent world, global cities and migration, globalization and nationality, population health in a networked world, poverty and poverty eradication. It is envisioned the bulk of the special issue will concentrate on substantive issues but methodological and theoretical papers are welcome too.

Proposals are not required, but authors are encouraged to send proposals or inquiries to adrian.hayes@anu.edu.au before the April 30 deadline.

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Library’s Eccles Centre for American Studies**

The Institute for the Study of the Americas at University of London’s School of Advanced Study, and *The Eccles Centre for American Studies* at the British Library invite papers for a multidisciplinary conference on ‘The Changing Demographics of US Society’.

Proposals are welcome from all disciplinary perspectives. Papers might address topics including, but not limited to: regional population and economic changes and their impact; the impact of changing demographics on politics; new immigration shifts, and the impact of new immigration; the greying of America; the enduring significance of race and ethnicity; borderland populations, lives and literatures.

A selection of the conference papers will be included in a volume edited by Iwan Morgan and Philip Davies, published by The Institute for the Study of the Americas Press (Brookings Institution Press in the U.S.).

Confirmed keynote speakers are:

William Frey, University of Michigan Population Studies Center and *Rhodes Cook*, leader in US political opinion polling.

Accommodation will be provided for one night for UK- and Europe-based speakers, and four nights for trans-Atlantic-based speakers, or a comparable contribution to defray conference costs.

Deadline for proposals: Monday, December 12, 2005.

Proposals (maximum length four pages, including a short c.v.) should be emailed to: Iwan.Morgan@sas.ac.uk and Philip.Davies@bl.uk. Please contact us for further information.

Journal of *Feminist Economics*

The journal of *Feminist Economics* invites submissions of papers and short discussions for a special issue on “AIDS, Sexuality, and Economic Development.” We encourage scholars in all disciplines as well those involved in NGO and governmental work to submit abstracts by March 1, 2006. If the abstract is accepted, the completed manuscript will be due on October 15, 2006.

In 2004, women and girls for the first time comprised half of the 39.4 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide. The feminization of the AIDS epidemic has been most dramatic in sub-Saharan Africa, where nearly 60 percent of those infected with HIV are women, and where young women are more than three times as likely

to be infected as young men. The interplay of gender and socioeconomic inequality is key to understanding the growing proportion of infected women. While much of the work on the impact of AIDS has focused on children, relatively little research has been done on how this epidemic affects broader economic issues. The special issue would seek to generate a more robust understanding of AIDS, sexuality, and economic development to facilitate more effective responses to the epidemic. The papers must explicitly consider gender issues, but do not have to focus on women.

Please direct queries and abstracts to Guest Editors Cecelia Conrad (cconrad@pomona.edu) or Cheryl Doss (cheryl.doss@yale.edu). Final papers (after approval of abstracts) should be submitted to *Feminist Economics* through the submissions website (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rfec>). Questions about these procedures may be sent to feministeconomics@rice.edu, +1.713.348.4083 (phone), or +1.713.348.5495 (fax). For more information visit <http://www.feminist-economics.org>.

Book Announcement

Readers of the Newsletter may be interested in a new book published by the University of Chicago Press. The book is authored by Arland Thornton of the University of Michigan and is titled, *Reading History Sideways: the Fallacy and Enduring Impact of the Developmental Paradigm on Family Life*

Reading History Sideways documents how European and American scholars from the eighteenth through the mid-twentieth centuries thought that all societies passed through the same developmental stages, from primitive to advanced. Implicit in this developmental paradigm—one that has affected generations of thought on societal development—was the assumption that one could “read history sideways.” That is, one could see what the earlier stages of a modern Western society looked like by examining contemporaneous so-called primitive societies in other parts of the world.

In *Reading History Sideways*, Arland Thornton demonstrates how this approach, though long since discredited, has permeated Western ideas and values about the family. Further, its domination of social science for centuries caused the misinterpretation of Western trends in family structure, marriage, fertility, and parent-child relations. Thornton also demonstrates how developmental thinking, methodology, and conclusions played a central role in changes in the Western world, from marriage to

gender roles to adolescent sexuality. Through public policies, aid programs, and colonialism, these forces also continue to reshape families in non-Western societies.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

Visit the PAA website, www.popassoc.org,
for job announcement updates

Ohio State University-Columbus. The Department of Sociology invites applications from senior scholars for the Robert F. Lazarus Professorship in Population Studies, appointment beginning Autumn 2006 (pending final budgetary approval). We anticipate that the Lazarus Professor will also play a central leadership role in the Initiative in Population Research, an NICHD-funded unit working to build a “center of excellence” in the College of Social and Behavioral Science. This multidisciplinary community of nationally and internationally recognized population scholars is devoted to innovative family and demographic research and training, with an emphasis on children, youth, and families. We are seeking a scholar with a strong publication and grant record who will not only increase the strength of our program in population, health, and the life-course but who is also a leader dedicated to building and enhancing the intellectual and resource base of a population research center. Please send curriculum vitae, selected publications and the names of three references to: Lazarus Search Committee, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, 300 Bricker Hall, 190 North Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1353. Review of applications will begin October 1, 2005. The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, which is committed to working to produce faculty and student communities that are characterized by diversity. Women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, disabled veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Population Studies Center—University of Michigan Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Population Studies Center of the University of Michigan expects to have four openings for postdoctoral fellows sponsored by NICHD and NIA. Positions will start on or about September 1, 2006. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in demography, public health, or one of the social sciences at the starting date. Background in aging is desirable for the NIA positions, but not required. Selection will be based on scholarly potential and compatibility with the interests of a faculty mentor. Fellows devote most of their time to independent research, but may also take selected courses and/or teach on a light-load basis. Positions offer exceptional opportunity for

collaboration with staff of the Population Studies Center and Survey Research Center on major projects in the U.S. and overseas. The term of appointment is two years and the stipend is commensurate with experience, based on levels mandated by NIH. Candidates must be citizens or Permanent Residents of the United States at the time of application. Screening of applications will begin on January 17, 2006 and will continue until positions are filled. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, 1-2 page statement of research interests, examples of written work, and three letters of recommendation to: Chair, Postdoctoral Search Committee, Population Studies Center, 426 Thompson St., Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248. For more information about the Center see: <http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/>; inquiries to Lora Myers (loram@umich.edu). An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

RAND

The RAND Corporation is accepting applications for postdoctoral fellowships in Population Studies and the Study of Aging. This program enables outstanding junior scholars in demographic and aging research to sharpen their analytic skills, learn to communicate research results effectively, and advance their research agenda. Housed within RAND's Labor and Population Program and taking advantage of the extensive research resources of RAND, the program blends formal and informal training and extensive collaboration with distinguished researchers in a variety of disciplines. Fellowships are for one year, renewable for a second and provide a yearly stipend of \$45,600 to \$61,000, depending on qualifications, and health insurance. Each fellow, in regular consultation with a staff adviser, will design a program that reflects his or her research needs and interests, and stage in their research career.

Fellows must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and must have completed a Ph.D. (or its equivalent) in a relevant discipline before they begin the program. The RAND Fellows program is open to new scholars in the field of demographic or aging research, as well as individuals who have some research experience. In some cases, fellows are on leave from an academic position so they can engage in research and writing full time, and extend their research agenda and funding base. Applications must be received by January 15, 2006. Additional information and application materials are available at <http://www.rand.org/labor/fellows> or by contacting Julie Ann Tajiri, The RAND Corporation, 1776 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2138, email julie_tajiri@rand.org. RAND is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Young J. Kim, a mathematical demographer at Johns Hopkins University was killed on October 27, 2005, in a car accident near Baltimore, MD. Professor Kim joined the Department of Population Dynamics at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in 1972, was promoted to professor in 1987, and was recently named an emeritus professor. Professor Kim served on the editorial boards of *Mathematical Population Studies* and *Demography* and made major contributions to mathematical demography. A scholarship fund for students has been established in her honor: The Young J. Kim Memorial Scholarship Fund in the Department of Population and Family Health Sciences of Johns Hopkins University (checks made to JHU can be mailed to Ricky Fine, Room W1600, 615 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD 21205).

Welcome New Members!

PAA would like to welcome 80 new members since August, 2005. Current membership now stands at 2,807.

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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:

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Future PAA Meetings

2006 March 30-April 1 Los Angeles, CA; Westin Bonaventure
2007 March 28-31 New York, NY; Marriott Marquis
2008 April 17-19 New Orleans, LA; Sheraton New Orleans
2009 April 30-May 2 Detroit, MI; Detroit Marriott

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