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PAA BUSINESS

2011 PAA Nominees Announced

The PAA Nominating Committee – Linda Waite (Chair), Andrew Cherlin, and Ann Pebley – proposes the following slate of candidates for the 2011 election (terms begin in 2012). Additional candidates may be nominated according to the procedures outlined in Article IV, Section 1, 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 May 6, 2011, to Ann E. Biddlecom, Secretary-Treasurer, PAA, 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The biographical information form may be obtained from the PAA office.

In order to reduce costs and encourage more member participation in the elections, the Board of Directors, at the October 23, 2009 meeting, approved an administrative change in the PAA bylaws (Article IV, Section 3) to enable online voting (mail ballots will be made available upon member request and for members without email addresses). Additional information will be emailed to members at the time of the May 2011 election.

Nominees for PAA Offices

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Christine A. Bachrach, University of Maryland

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Board of Directors

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Nominating Committee

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GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Fiscal Year 2011 – No End in Sight

On February 19, 2011, on a party-line vote (235-189), the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Continuing Resolution (CR), which would fund the federal government through September 30, 2011. The new House leadership used mandatory passage of the CR as an opportunity to enact immediate, dramatic cuts to the federal government. The bill proposed cuts totaling nearly \$61 billion from FY 2010, rolling non-security domestic discretionary spending back to FY 2008 levels. For PAA agencies of interest, the effect of these proposed cuts translates into:

- Cutting the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by \$1.6 billion, which would reduce all Institutes and Centers pay lines;
- Cutting the National Science Foundation (NSF) by \$827.5 million, \$551 million of which comes from the Research and Related Activities account;
- Cutting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by \$850 million, holding the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) budget at \$138 million and jeopardizing its plans to modernize vital statistics data collection nationwide and improve ongoing surveys;
- Cutting the Census Bureau by \$73 million, affecting funding for initiatives to increase the sample size of the American Community Survey (ACS), develop a supplemental poverty measure and update the Master Address File (MAF); and,
- Cutting \$440 million from the Agency for International Development's Family Planning/Reproductive Health account, a \$208.5 million cut from the FY 2010 level.

During debate on the bill, various amendments to further reduce or bolster spending for specific federal agencies were proposed. For example, Congressman Lankford (R-OK) and Congressman Mack (R-FL) introduced separate amendments to eliminate funding for the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Congressman Pearce (R-NM) introduced an amendment to eliminate funding for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Congressman Latta (R-OH) introduced an amendment to eliminate all funding for international family planning/reproductive health programs. Congressman Issa (R-CA) proposed an amendment to "de-fund" five peer-reviewed research grants funded by the NIH and NSF. Congressman Edward Markey (D-MA) offered an amendment to restore the \$1.6 billion cut to NIH, using elimination of oil and gas subsidies as the offset.

By the end of the weeklong deliberations, only one proposed amendment affecting PAA agencies of interest passed. The amendment, offered by Congressman Michael Michaud (D-ME), shifted \$80 million from the Census Bureau's Periodic Censuses account to the Commerce Department's Economic and Development Administration.

During debate in the House of Representatives, PAA and its colleagues in various coalitions sent letters, communicating their positions on the H.R. 1 and some of the proposed amendments. These communications included:

- A letter from the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, opposing provisions in H.R. 1 that would reduce funding for NIH (<https://www.aamc.org/research/adhocgp/021611.pdf>)
- A letter from the Coalition to Promote Research, opposing the Issa amendment to de-fund peer-reviewed NIH and NSF grants (<http://www.cossa.org/CPR/2011/IssaHR1.html>)
- Two action alerts to PAA members on the Government and Public Affairs listserve. (If you would like to receive these action alerts, please send an email to the PAA Office of Government and Public Affairs at paaapc@crosslink.net.)

On February 15, the White House issued a veto threat on H.R. 1 (<http://1.usa.gov/fLPOyR>). At press time, the U.S. Senate was drafting its own version of the CR with plans to debate it the week of February 28. If the House and Senate fail to agree on a CR, that the President will sign, by March 4—when the current CR expires—the federal government will shutdown. The prospect of a government shutdown was appearing likely as the House Republican leadership was unwilling to accept another short-term extension of the current CR unless new spending cuts are included.

President Releases FY 2012 Budget Request

On February 14, President Obama submitted his FY 2012 budget to Congress. The budget proposes to reduce the deficit by \$1.1 trillion over ten years, with two-thirds of the reductions coming from spending cuts. These cuts include a five-year, non-security discretionary spending freeze. However, in keeping with messages regarding innovation and education that he articulated in his State of the Union address, the president recommended some targeted investments in research agencies. These proposed increases include:

- \$31.748 billion for NIH, an increase of \$745 million (2.4%) over the FY 2010 request; and,
- \$7.8 billion for NSF, an increase of approximately \$895 million (13%) over the FY 2010 request, which includes an 18% increase in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) Directorate.

Amounts recommended in the budget for other PAA priority agencies of interest include:

- \$161.8 million for the National Center for Health Statistics—a \$23 million increase over FY 2010. Funds will be used to support the National Health Interview Survey (HIS), National Health and Nutrition Examination Health Survey (NHANES), and National Health Care Survey, and to purchase a full 12 months of vital statistics collected by the vital records jurisdictions. The budget request also includes funding to support the implementation of electronic birth records in the states.
- \$769.1 million for bilateral and multilateral international family planning/reproductive health assistance programs administered by the Agency for International Development—a \$121 million or 19 percent increase above the \$648.5 million current funding level.
- \$1 billion for the U.S. Census Bureau, an amount approximately \$3 million below last year's level, but sufficient to continue work on previously proposed activities related to the ACS, MAF, and supplemental poverty measure.
- \$647 million for Bureau of Labor Statistics, a \$2 million increase over the FY 2010 request, which includes funding to add the Contingent Work Supplement to the Current Population Survey to capture data on contingent work and alternative work arrangements and to establish a new National Longitudinal Survey (NLS) youth cohort.
- \$113 million for Bureau of Economic Analysis, the same funding level request in FY 2011, which would allow BEA to continue four major ongoing initiatives to “improve timeliness, relevance, and accuracy of the national economic accounts.”

Quick Links to FY 2012 Budget Requests: PAA Primary Agencies of Interest

President's FY 2012 budget: <http://1.usa.gov/bubJ9L>

NIH Congressional Justification: <http://bit.ly/2lTmwA>

NSF Budget Overview: <http://1.usa.gov/gxoJVV>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Budget Request (includes NCHS): <http://1.usa.gov/gpgmFU>

Department of Commerce (includes Census Bureau & BEA): <http://1.usa.gov/hiHsET>

Department of State (which includes USAID): <http://1.usa.gov/ejq1J6>

NIH Posts BRDPI Update

On January 24, NIH announced that the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates a 2.8 percent increase in the Biomedical Research and Development Price Index (BRDPI) for FY 2010. The BEA staff also revised last year's preliminary estimate for FY 2009 downward from 3.4 percent to 2.9 percent. BEA is projecting the following pattern of growth in the BRDPI: 2.9 percent for FY 2011; 3.0 percent for FY 2012; 3.1 percent for FY 2013 and FY 2014; 3.2 percent for FY 2015; and 3.3 percent for FY 2016.

The BRDPI measures changes in the weighted-average of the prices of all the inputs (e.g., personnel services, various supplies, and equipment) purchased with the NIH budget to support research and is updated annually. BRDPI is an important measure for determining future funding requests for the NIH.

The complete memo, dated January 24, is available at: <http://bit.ly/hxz7u8>

Census Bill Defeated In Final Hours of 111th Congress

On December 14, 2010, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to suspend the rules and pass S. 3167, the Census Oversight Efficiency and Management Reform Act of 2010. This bill, which PAA supported, would have made the Census Director's position a fixed five-year term of office and enacted other administrative reforms in the agency. To pass, the vote required 2/3 of the members voting in the affirmative.

Unfortunately, the bill did not pass. The final vote was 201-167 with 65 not voting (final roll call vote: <http://1.usa.gov/gSp3qs>). Much gratitude goes to the bill's sponsors, Senator Carper (D-DE) and Congresswoman Maloney (D-NY), and their staffs for their leadership and efforts. It is not clear a similar bill will be reintroduced in the 112th Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Papers: International Conference on Methods for Surveying and Enumerating Hard-to-Reach Populations

October 31–November 3, 2012, Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A.

The H2R 2012 conference will bring together survey methodologists, sociologists, statisticians, demographers, ethnographers, and other professionals from around the world to present new and innovative techniques for surveying hard-to-reach populations. Addressing both the statistical and survey design aspects of including hard-to-reach groups, researchers will report findings from censuses, surveys, and other research related to the identification, definition, measurement, and methodologies for surveying and enumerating undercounted populations.

Call for Submissions:

February 1 – March 31 2011: Invited Call for Submissions

April 1 – May 31 2011: Contributed Call for Submissions

For more information and a list of potential topic areas, visit <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/h2r/2012> or email H2R2012@amstat.org.

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH): Health Scientist Administrator

The National Institutes of Health, a major research component of the Department of Health and Human Services, invites you to apply for two professional tracks currently available in one of the 24 Institutes and Centers that award extramural grants: Program Officer and Scientific Review Officer.

As a Program Officer, you will stimulate, plan, direct, and evaluate activities for a portfolio of research projects, research program and other grant/awards, cooperative agreements, and/or contracts in the assigned program area and the discovery, development and evaluation of associated prevention and therapeutic strategies.

As a Scientific Review Officer, you will be responsible for the initial administrative and scientific merit review of grant applications for research programs and/or research training and career development grants through interaction with established scientists in a variety of fields. You will assure the fairness and consistency of the scientific peer review process and provide guidance on peer review policies and procedures to applicants, reviewers, and Institute staff.

The salary range for these positions is \$74,872 to \$136,771 per annum, commensurate with qualifications and professional experience. A full benefits package is available, which includes retirement, Thrift Savings Plan participation, health, life, and long-term care insurance.

For qualification requirements, evaluation criteria, and application instructions, view the vacancy announcements at <http://www.jobs.nih.gov/hsa>. Please contact Lauren Tedesco at 301-594-8208 if you have any questions.

DHHS and NIH are Equal Opportunity Employers.

PATH: Country Manager, Measure DHS Project

PATH is one of the implementing partners of the USAID-funded MEASURE DHS project in Calverton, MD. Since 1984, the project has provided technical assistance to more than 240 surveys in 84 countries. The team collects and disseminates accurate, nationally-representative data on fertility, family planning, maternal and child health/child survival, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and nutrition.

We're recruiting a Country Manager to help lead the implementation of this program. Ideal candidates will have a minimum of three years working with developing countries and experience collecting, analyzing, disseminating, and/or using survey data. A Master's degree in demography, sociology, economics, public health or related field is required. The position involves 25-30% travel to Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. This position is located in Calverton, MD.

Interested? View the full details of this position and apply online today! Position details are here: <http://tinyurl.com/4j2rqgg>, while PATH's main website is <http://www.path.org>.

United Nations Population Division: Population Affairs

At least four posts for population specialists will be advertised by early 2011. Posts are advertised for 60 days. If you are interested in being considered for any post, you must submit your application via the website within the

specified period. To apply, follow the instructions provided in the website. The expected job openings are the following:

Chief of the Policy Section, P-5 level

Chief of the Demographic Analysis Branch, D-1 level

Chief of the Population and Development Branch, D-1 level

The United Nations has changed the way in which it advertises job openings and the manner in which qualified candidates may apply for those openings. To see the list of job openings, please visit <http://careers.un.org> and scroll to the bottom of the page to “Search Job Openings.” To find the openings in Population, choose “Economic and Social Development” in the drop-down list under Job Network and “Population Affairs” in the drop-down list under Job Family (note that both have to be selected for the search to work). Leave “All” in all other entries. You will then get a listing of all openings in the area of Population.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PAA would like to welcome 114 new members from December 1 through January 31, 2011. Current membership now stands at 2,740.

CONTRIBUTORS ***PAA THANKS YOU!***

The contributors listed on the PAA web site include new donors and those individuals who have advanced to a new donor category from December 2 through January 31, 2011. A complete list of contributors is available on the PAA website and printed in the PAA Annual Meeting Final Program.

PAA is a nonprofit, scientific, professional organization established “to promote the improvement, advancement, and progress of the human race by means of research into problems connected with human population, in both its quantitative and qualitative aspects, and the dissemination and publication of the results of such research.” Members receive the journal *Demography* (print and/or online only), and PAA Affairs online. An annual meeting is held in the spring. Dues in 2011 are: Regular member, \$112; Emeritus member, \$73; Organizational member \$305; members in these categories selecting online access only to *Demography* will have their membership fees reduced by \$15 (the cost of the print version of the journal that PAA would otherwise incur); Joint spouse members, \$52; Student member, \$45; Low-income country resident and citizen, \$37. To join, contact: Population Association of America, 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3812, 301.565.6710.

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

2011 President of PAA: David A. Lam

Future PAA Meetings

- 2011 March 31-April 2 Washington, DC; Marriott Wardman Park
- 2012 May 3-5 San Francisco, California; Hilton San Francisco
- 2013 April 11-13 New Orleans, Louisiana; Sheraton New Orleans
- 2014 May 1-3 Boston, Massachusetts; Boston Marriott Copley Place
- 2015 April 30-May 2 San Diego, California; Hilton San Diego Bayfront
- 2016 March 29-April 3 Washington, DC; Marriott Wardman Park

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.”

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