

Quarterly Newsletter of the Population Association of America, Inc.

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FROM THE EDITORS

One of our primary goals at *PAA Affairs* is to make this publication meaningful and valuable for all members. In this issue we introduce a new feature, *Data Points* (see p.7), which presents a chart and short explanation about a contemporary situation. We hope you find this feature a reason to read the newsletter. Another new feature, *Research to Policy*, describes instances when policy-makers are informed by, and if possible act upon, solid population research. We seek original statements that are not published elsewhere—it's a chance to document your personal experience. Member interviews are always appreciated by readers, but we need people to go out and interview. Grad students: this is a great opportunity for you to get to know someone outside of your own institution: contact us for interview question ideas.

We want everybody to have a reason to open up and read the newsletter. For submitters, that means keeping things short and very readable (no more than 250 words). We do edit some submissions, but would prefer you to limit the submission to its most important points. *PAA Affairs* is by our members, for our members. We thank all our readers who contributed material.

PAA BUSINESS

PAA 2016 Survey Results

Danielle Staudt, Executive Director

PAA conducted its first post-annual meeting survey to hear more about attendees' opinions and characteristics. We sent the survey to 2,726 attendees, and 775 completed it—a 28% participation rate. Thank you to everyone who responded.

About PAA 2016 Attendees

The top five areas of specialization for respondents are Health and Mortality (18%); Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behavior, and Reproductive Health (17%); Marriage, Family, Households, and Unions (13%); Economy, Labor Force, Education, and Inequality (10%); and Migration and Urbanization (9.7%)

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Most respondents attended PAA 2016 to participate in an oral or poster presentation (60%). Other top reasons included hearing about the latest research in their field (17%) and networking opportunities (11%).

Slightly over half of the respondents stayed at one of the three PAA 2016 hotels and the majority of those stayed at the Marriott Wardman Park. Those who did not stay in one of the hotels indicated that cost was the primary reason (57%) or that they were local residents and commuted to the event (27%).

About PAA 2016



PAA Members Network Among the Blossoms

94% of the respondents rated their PAA 2016 experience as excellent or good. Most cited the high quality of research and the opportunity to meet with colleagues and friends as the most compelling reasons to attend.

The majority of attendees found PAA 2016 online registration to be an excellent or good experience (88%). The same holds true for onsite badge pick up (91%) and onsite registration (92%).

The interactive online preliminary program received mixed reviews, with only 38% of respondents saying they were able to use it easily. Other respondents indicated that they experienced a few problems (24%) or found it difficult (24%). Another 13% did not use it at all. The mobile device app was only used by 43% of respondents. Most respondents indicated that they primarily used the printed final program (63%) onsite.

Key Insights from the Survey

Internet Access: We received many comments that internet access should be provided throughout the conference. We will investigate the feasibility of providing some level of internet service for PAA 2017 in Chicago. What makes it difficult? In a word—cost. Hotels and convention centers charge steep rates for internet access. Typically, organizations purchasing internet access at a hotel or convention center must purchase it from the in-house company. The lack of competition allows the in-house company to charge whatever they wish. For a meeting the size of PAA, we could expect to pay anywhere from \$25,000–\$50,000 for conference internet. This would increase the entire meeting budget by 10%–20%. We'll be looking for a solution that will provide cost-effective, reliable access to all attendees.

Online Program and Mobile App: The online program and mobile app need improvements, particularly in ease of use and speed. We will be working diligently on these issues for PAA 2017 to provide you with an improved experience for both of these tools.

Session Content: Several respondents noted a lack of sessions on specific topics. This information has been passed on to the 2017 PAA Program Committee for review and action. The 2017 meeting hotel will provide more session rooms than the 2016 hotel, which provided the fewer session rooms than the 2014 and 2015 hotels.

Coffee: Many respondents commented on the lack of availability of coffee at the conference. Coffee, much like internet access, is expensive and must be purchased through the hotel. On average, coffee from a hotel costs \$100–\$120 per gallon (or \$6.25 per cup). This year, we'll continue working to secure sponsorship from supporting organizations to help offset the cost of these pleasant additions.

Timing: Some respondents suggested that we start the meeting earlier on Wednesday and cancel Saturday. Others suggested that we add more programming to Saturday and into Sunday. This is not something we will be able to address in the short-term. PAA contracts for the meetings are set through 2020. Significant changes are difficult to achieve (due to space constraints at the hotel) and cancellations are very expensive. In addition, pre-conference activities like member-initiated meetings, the PAA Board of Directors meeting, and other workshops are held in the days leading up to the conference, complicating the ability to hold sessions on Wednesday. Eliminating sessions on Saturday would reduce the number of presenting opportunities.

Highlights of the Spring Board Meeting at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC

The 2016 annual meeting of the PAA was a tremendous success, made possible by the advance work of the Program Planning Committee, President Judy Seltzer, Vice President Elizabeth Frankenberg, and the PAA Executive Office. Countless PAA members volunteered time to organize and chair sessions, judge posters, and present their own work. The transition to Confex went reasonably smoothly, and PAA Officers and staff are working with Confex staff to improve the submission process for the 2017 annual meeting. The Board recognized German and Irene Rodriguez at the Presidential address for their service to PAA managing the PAMPA annual meeting program organization software and the PAA conference website. German and Irene Rodriguez are retiring, and thus bringing the PAMPA era to an end.

The final registration count was 2,735, a record for annual meeting attendance. In addition to the 224 paper sessions and 11 poster sessions, members participated in the Early Career Mentoring Lunch, attended by about 88 junior demographers, and the reception for the Early Career Demographers, who are within 8 years of receipt of their degree. These events were organized by the hard working Membership Committee: Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue (chair), Jason Boardman, and Jason Fields. The International Outreach Committee was able to support 32 scholars from developing countries to attend the meeting. The Board is considering how best to address the substantial mismatch between increasing numbers of IOC travel award applications (517 in 2016) and declining travel award funds.

The Board welcomed its new members to their first meeting: President-elect Amy Tsui, Vice President-elect Robert Hummer, Lisa Berkman, Kate Cagney, Jason Fields, Leah Van Wey. Past-President Steven Ruggles handed on the Presidential gavel to President Judith Seltzer.

Amy Tsui, PAA President-elect, reported that the 2017 Program Committee has been formed. The committee has requested suggestions for the 2017 program and will start the hard work of organizing the 2017 program in mid-May. In recent years, submissions have increased more quickly than the number of sessions. The good news for the 2017 Chicago meeting is that 26 session rooms are available.

The PAA is in relatively stable financial condition, albeit deficits are projected for 2017–2020 because membership revenue is projected to be flat while annual meeting and administration costs will increase. Identifying ways to stimulate revenue and ensure that income keeps pace with expenses is one of the goals of PAA's strategic planning process that will be launched summer 2016. The PAA Strategic Planning process will identify PAA's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges over the next 3 to 5 years. The Board has selected a research partner to administer a community needs assessment survey in May 2016. Results from the membership survey will be available in advance of the Board's June 20–21 Strategic Planning Workshop to help the Board identify ways PAA can be of most value to its membership. PAA's Strategic Planning activities are funded by a Hewlett Foundation Grant, secured by PAA Executive Director Danielle Staudt.

The Publications Committee reported the transition to the new editorial team for Demography is going well. The three new co-editors, all at Pennsylvania State University, are Stephen Matthews, Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Demography; Jennifer Van Hook, Professor of Sociology and Demography and PRI Director; and John Iceland, Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminology and Professor of Sociology and Demography.

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 14, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

Early 2016 Brings PAA Advocates to the Hill as Congress Begins work on FY 2017 Budget

Springtime in Washington always starts with cherry blossoms, but attention quickly shifts to budget and appropriations activities. Given the 2-year, bi-partisan budget agreement (covering fiscal years 2016 and 2017) achieved late last year, we hoped that this year's budget and appropriations process could move along with greater efficiency and less partisan rancor. Whether this will happen remains to be seen. President Obama has proposed a FY 2017 budget

that hews to the discretionary spending caps contained in the budget agreement in part, but also proposed additional spending for certain programs that would be funded through additional *mandatory* spending, requiring Congress to pass separate authorizing legislation. Congress, however, essentially dismissed the proposal as soon as it arrived. Notwithstanding the reality that the proposed funding mechanism was at best a long shot, the President’s plan prioritized the extra spending for several agencies of interest to PAA, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

At press time, the only appropriations bill of interest to PAA that has seen committee action is the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) bill, which funds the Census Bureau and the NSF, and was approved by the Senate Appropriations committee. This bill allocates \$7.5 billion for NSF in FY 2017, essentially flat funding; in addition, the committee report calls on NSF to include criteria in its merit review process that would consider a project’s potential for advancing “national security and economic interests.” The report did NOT, however, single out any individual directorate either for cuts or for preferential treatment, as specified in last year’s House bill. The Census Bureau would receive \$1.518 billion, which represents an increase of \$148 million over the FY 2016 level, but is \$117 million less than the President’s request. The Senate report does reiterate the Committee’s support for the American Community Survey (ACS). The House is set to move the CJS bill through committee over the second half of May.

The outlook for floor consideration of CJS, as well as committee and floor action for the Labor, HHS and Education (LHHS) funding bill, is unclear. Congress is set to begin its summer recess in mid-July, two weeks earlier than normal, which leaves even fewer days for legislative business. Stay tuned for action alerts should any amendments emerge that would threaten funding levels or any agencies or key federal statistical surveys, such as the American Community Survey.

PAA Populates the Hill with Advocates

On March 30, 2016, scores of PAA member advocates took to the halls of Congress to meet with their elected representatives and staff to discuss PAA legislative priorities. PAA Advocacy Day took place the day before the start of the PAA annual meeting, attracting roughly 75 registrants from 22 states. More than 100 visits to congressional offices took place over the course of the day. Advocates took full advantage of the opportunity to educate congressional staff about population science and federal funding for research and statistical agencies and reported overwhelmingly positive feedback. See p.9 for a full account. The Government and Public Affairs Committee (GPAC) would like to thank the Development Campaign for funding Advocacy Day 2016 and would especially like to thank the dozens of PAA members who contributed their personal time and energy to advocate for legislative priorities that benefit all of us.

FY 2017 President’s Proposed Budget Compared to FY 2016 Enacted

Agency	FY 2016 Final	FY 2017 Proposed	Difference
BEA	\$105 M	\$108 M	+2.3%
BLS	\$609 M	\$641 M	+5.2 %
Census Bureau	\$1.3 B	\$1.6 B	+19.2%
NCES	\$112 M	\$125 M	+1.3%
NCHS	\$160 M	\$160 M	No change
NIH	\$32 B	\$33 B	+2.6%
NSF	\$7.4 B	\$7.9 B	+6.7%
AID FP/RH	\$575 M	\$544 M	-3.1%

Senate May Debut its COMPETES Bill

Senator John Thune (R-SD), chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, recently indicated that a Senate version of a reauthorization of the COMPETES Act, which has authority over NSF, will likely be introduced in May. The chairman's remarks came at a May 11, 2016 hearing, "Leveraging the U.S. Science and Technology Enterprise," which examined a number of issues related to the federal investment in basic scientific research, innovation, translational research, and training of a STEM-qualified workforce. The hearing follows months of consideration by a bi-partisan working group tasked with engaging stakeholders and developing consensus on these issues. A House-drafted bill, H.R. 1806, was narrowly approved by the House a year ago, but failed to attract the support of the scientific community, nor did it garner a single Democratic vote.

PAA supports proposed funding with the exception of seeing the need for higher funding levels for NIH, NSF, NCHS and AID FP/RH

DATA POINTS

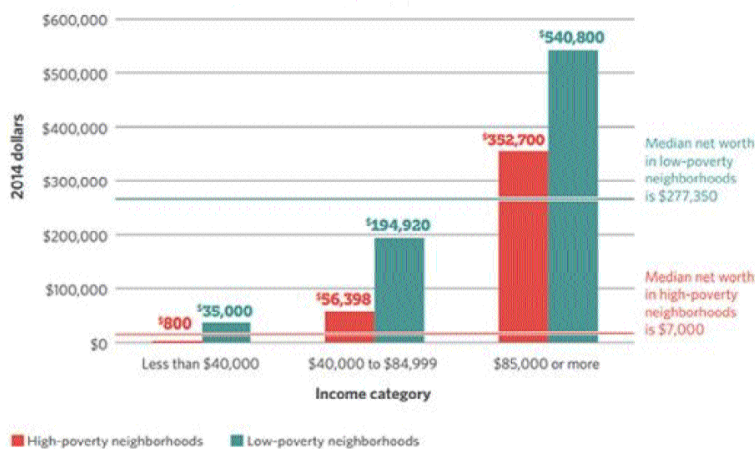
Net Worth by Neighborhood Poverty Level

Joanna Biernacka-Lievstro

The typical household in a low-poverty neighborhood has net worth 40 times higher than that of the typical household in a high-poverty neighborhood. This is not surprising. What is more surprising is that families in the same income categories tend to have very different net worth levels depending on the neighborhood in which they live. The most dramatic differences occur among low-income households: Those in high-poverty neighborhoods have only \$800 in accumulated wealth, compared with \$35,000 for those in low-poverty neighborhoods. Residents of low-poverty areas are more likely to own homes, but homeownership does not explain this pronounced difference in net worth, which holds true regardless of home equity.

Low-Income Households in High-Poverty Neighborhoods Have Almost No Wealth, While Those in Low-Poverty Communities Have Some

Median net worth by neighborhood poverty level, 2014



Notes: Neighborhood poverty is determined by the percentage of families in poverty for the residential census tract from the American Community Survey, 2013, five-year estimates. Low-poverty neighborhoods have poverty concentrations of 5 percent or less. High-poverty neighborhoods have poverty concentrations of 25 percent or more. Net worth is total assets minus total liabilities, and nonhousing net worth is total nonhouse assets minus total nonhouse liabilities; both are as reported by survey respondents.

Source: Survey of American Family Finances

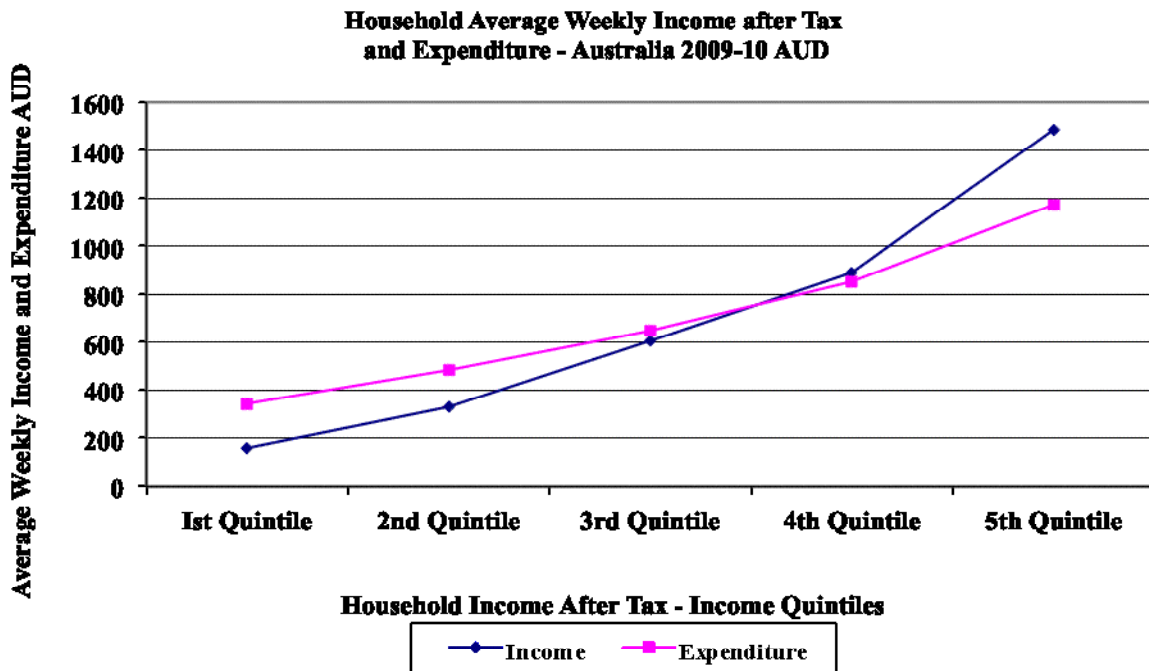
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This figure is taken from "Neighborhood Poverty and Household Financial Security" chartbook, published by the Pew Charitable Trusts in January, 2016. <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/issue-briefs/2016/01/neighborhood-poverty-and-household-financial-security>.

Life Chances: Income and Expenditures in Australia

Jo. M. Martins & David A. Swanson

Average income of households in Australia corresponds with age: incomes rise and reach a peak around 45–54 years and then decline. As income changes, so too do rates of spending and saving. Economist John Maynard Keynes pointed out that, although people tend to consume more as their income rises, the proportion they save also tends to increase. Households at lower income levels often have no choice between consumption and saving, as all income goes to basic needs. When the cost of those basic needs exceeds current income, households may need to rely on credit (e.g. “Payday Loans”) or on past savings, as might be the case with older people. It is at higher household income levels that consumption needs are met and an increasing proportion of their income is saved and available for investment in securities and property. It is noteworthy that the average age of the reference person in the lowest income quintile (Q1) in Australia that spends more on average than is earned is 62 years of age while the average for all households is 50.



Note: The first quintile is defined as the fifth of all households with the lowest income after tax; the second quintile represents the fifth of all households with the second lowest income after tax, and so on. (AUD) Australian Dollars. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Computations made by the authors.

2016 PAA ADVOCACY DAY

Why should you participate in PAA Advocacy Days? Ask A 2016 PAA Advocacy Day Participant

When Congress approves funding for federal scientific and statistical research agencies, or when Congress considers legislation regarding the federal peer review process, it affects the whole population research enterprise. By meeting with members of Congress and their staffers, PAA members can improve understanding in Congress of what population scientists do and why it is important to the public, including policymakers and their constituents.

PAA Advocacy Day 2016 was a unique opportunity for all PAA members to go to Capitol Hill and engage policymakers from their home states—an opportunity PAA can only offer when the annual meeting is in Washington, DC.



Kansas/Missouri PAA Advocacy Day delegation: Jarron Saint Onge, University of Kansas; Colleen Heflin, University of Missouri; Enid Schatz, University of Missouri



Texas PAA Advocacy Day delegation: Nicole Lansford, Office of Congressman Roger Williams; Debra Umberson, University of Texas-Austin; Rebecca Wong, University of Texas Medical Branch; Chandra Muller, University of Texas-Austin

This year, on March 30, almost 80 PAA members conducted over 100 meetings with congressional staff, sharing information about their research and expressing support for the federal agencies, programs, and surveys that directly and indirectly support the field. Over the long term, these meetings create relationships between PAA members and their congressional offices. Such relationships improve communications, facilitate collaboration, and promote the sharing of information about the implications of future congressional actions. As the only major professional society representing population science, our perspective is unique and our voice is indispensable.

The PAA Office of Government and Public Affairs, led by Mary Jo Hoeksema and Suzanne Stokes Vieth, did an admirable job of planning the event; Advocacy Associates provided additional logistic support. The PAA Office of Government and Public Affairs provided participants with excellent comprehensive background material and training to prepare for the meetings. Advocacy Associates created individual schedules for each state delegation, along with a marvelous smart phone “app” to manage the schedule and background materials, and an experienced government relations professional led each delegation.

While the prospect of participating in the next PAA Advocacy Day may seem daunting, please know that the excitement of taking on a new challenge and promoting the profession with this unique audience is very rewarding. If PAA hosts a 2020 Advocacy Day to coincide with the next PAA meeting in Washington, DC, we hope you will join us in promoting the population sciences on Capitol Hill!

—*Wendy Baldwin*
Chair, Government and Public Affairs Committee

NEWS FROM RELATED CENTERS AND GROUPS

Performance, Monitoring and Accountability 2020 announces the release of a brief on sustainability and development goals for Uganda. To measure progress, 17 Sustainable Development Goals were created, each with specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years. Each goal includes a set of indicators to track success. [PMA2020](#) provides data for several of these indicators, allowing countries to track progress towards achieving these ambitious goals more frequently than ever before.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Social Service Review: Announcement of Special Issue and Call for Papers: Household Economic Instability and Social Policy

Guest editors: Heather Hill, Marybeth Mattingly, and Jennie Romich.

Manuscript Submission Deadline: September 15, 2016

Social Service Review announces a special issue dedicated to studies of household economic instability and social policy. We invite submissions from scholars studying household economic instability in multiple disciplines and research fields. We will consider studies that provide new empirical evidence or a major theoretical contribution. More information about the special issue and instructions for submission can be found [here](#) or can be accessed by clicking the link in the right bar [here](#). Email ssr@uchicago.edu with any questions.

Biodemography and Social Biology: Call for Papers, Special Issue on Racial/Ethnic Health Differences

We invite the submission of papers that further our understanding of how and why race and ethnic groups differ in health outcomes. The black-white disparity in life expectancy has recently narrowed to its lowest-ever gap of about 4 years. However, many black-white health and cause-specific mortality disparities remain wide and continue to present major social and health problems, reducing the international standing of the U.S. in population health relative to other high-income nations. There is also reason for concern with regard to very recent trends in African American health given the context of growing socioeconomic inequality during and after the housing crisis and great recession. While some narrowing of black-white health differences is a positive development, there is much the scientific community does not understand regarding this trend and much uncertainty regarding what may lie ahead. Health differences between other racial or ethnic groups and African-Americans and/or non-Hispanic whites are also of interest and importance in plotting out the future of US health trends. Questions can be addressed to Eileen Crimmins, Editor, *Biodemography* and *Social Biology* (biodemog@usc.edu). Submit papers by September 1, 2016 via the journal's ScholarOne Manuscripts [website](#). Full submissions instructions are [online here](#).

Journal of Interpersonal Violence: Special Issue on the Social and Economic Costs of Gender-Based Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa: Causes, Implications, and Policy Directions

This peer-reviewed special issue aims to publish original empirical research on topics that deal with social and economic costs of gender-based violence in Sub-Saharan Africa. These costs may include, but not be limited to, loss of revenue to individuals and the larger economy, physical and mental health costs, negative psychological effects on children, etc. Contributions from across disciplines should appeal to an international audience of researchers, educators, victim advocates, policy makers, and other stakeholders. Papers may address one or more of the following: Physical, sexual, and psychological violence occurring in the family; Physical, sexual, and psychological violence occurring within the general community; Physical, sexual and psychological violence perpetrated or condoned by the state, wherever it occurs; Prevalence and experiences of physical and sexual violence and their economic and/or health costs; Gender-based violence and poverty; Social services; Impacts and risks to children from direct and indirect exposure to violence and abuse; National policies on gender-based violence. Authors should submit their manuscripts for peer review to www.jiv.sagepub.com with an email to the managing editor (jiv@u.washington.edu) indicating that the submission is for the Special Issue. The submission deadline is November 1, 2016.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ESRC-DFID Education and Development: Raising Learning Outcomes in Education Systems Program

ESRC and DFID are pleased to announce the third call under a joint program funding world-class cutting edge social science research that addresses key questions on learning outcomes within education systems in developing countries. The 2016 call in the ESRC-DFID Raising Learning Outcomes in Education Systems Research Program is

focused on the theme of “Accountability” and the core question: How do accountability relationships and processes within developing country education systems enable or inhibit the raising of learning outcomes? A total of up to £6.5 million is being made available for research projects under this call. Proposals are invited for projects with a Full Economic Cost value of between £200,000 and £700,000 and from one year up to a maximum of four years in duration. There are no geographic restrictions on who may apply for this funding opportunity, and proposals are sought from across the social sciences. The deadline for proposals is 16.00 (GMT) on 26 July 2016. Full details on this call and information on how to submit a proposal can be found on the [call webpage](#).

CONFERENCES

Penn State’s 11th Annual De Jong Lecture in Social Demography, November 11, 2016. How are social and environmental experiences during the transition from adolescence into young adulthood associated with health in adulthood? Dr. Kathleen M. Harris, James Haar Distinguished Professor of Sociology at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill will be the lead speaker. Discussants include Dr. H. Harrington (Bo) Cleveland, Associate Professor of Human Development & Family Studies at Penn State and Dr. Bridget J. Goosby, Happold Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Please [register](#) for this free conference. More information to come in the fall.

Applied Demography Conference, San Antonio, Texas, January 11–13, 2017. The Applied Demography Conference is a biennial meeting of demographers, sociologists, economists, planners, marketers, and others working with demographic information in applied settings to discuss current issues relevant to applied research. An invitation to submit abstracts for papers and posters is now open. Visit the conference [website](#) for more information and to submit abstracts electronically. Students are welcomed and encouraged to participate. The deadline for abstract submissions is August 31, 2016. Please contact Lloyd Potter at lloyd.potter@utsa.edu with any questions.

University of Texas at Austin Population Research Center’s 2016 Conference on Population Health, June 1, 2016. Speakers include Doug Jutte, MD, the executive director of the Build Healthy Places Network and population health researcher at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health; Dr. Sherman James, Professor of Epidemiology at Emory University; and Dr. Eileen Crimmins, Professor of Gerontology at the University of Southern California. The conference also showcases outstanding population health research being done by faculty across the UT campus. The conference is part of the PRC’s Population Health Initiative, a campus-wide interdisciplinary research program led by Dr. Mark Hayward that aims to facilitate the highest level of population health science research. Read more about the Population Health Initiative [here](#).

The **[Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science](#)** thanks the many attendees and the NIH staff who presented at our March 30 Open Reception for Population Health Science. We are pleased to announce the launch of our Website and the opening of registration for [Persistent & Emerging Issues in Population Health Science](#), September 19–21, 2016, at Penn State University. This is the second annual research conference for interdisciplinary population health research. An agenda will be available in June. Join our mailing list [here](#).

COURSES/TRAINING/SYMPOSIA

Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies Research Training Events. [Portland State University](#), in collaboration with the [American Institutes for Research \(AIR\)](#) and the [Educational Testing Service \(ETS\)](#), is sponsoring a series of training activities for individual researchers and research teams to explore and use data and assessment tools from the [Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies \(PIAAC\)](#) in their own research projects. 1- and 3-day training sessions are available. Activities at the training events include guided demonstration, hands-on instruction, and opportunities to work collaboratively with participants and trainers who come from multiple fields.

The [1-day trainings](#) are intended for individual researchers from specific disciplines. The next 1-day session is scheduled for August, 19, 2016 in Seattle, WA in conjunction with the American Sociological Association (ASA) meeting. Further information and application materials for the 1-day session are available on the [PIAAC Training website](#).

The [3-day sessions](#) are designed for research teams with established interdisciplinary agendas. These events are being held June 14–16, 2016 in Portland, OR; August 9–11, 2016 in Washington, DC; and in June 2017 in Chicago, IL. Further information and application materials for the 3-day session are available on the [PIAAC Training website](#).

Training sessions are free to qualified applicants. Those selected for the 1-day sessions will be provided with lunch. Those selected for the 3-day sessions will receive support covering housing and meals while attending the training. A number of scholarships may be available to those who do not have any other means of support to pay for travel to the 3-day session.

Barcelona RECSM Summer School, 27 June to 8 July, 2016. The summer school comprises 16 independent courses covering different topics in survey methodology and statistical analyses: Probability sampling methods; Practical multilevel modeling with Stata; Designing and implementing mobile web surveys; Latent trait and latent class analysis for cross-national surveys; Software for web surveys; Conducting web surveys, introduction; Web survey paradata; Conducting web surveys, more advanced issues; Introduction to applied network analysis; Social media research and big data; Survey experiments; Bayesian modeling; Questionnaire design; Probabilistic online panel management; Measurement errors in surveys; Analyzing comparative longitudinal survey data using multi-level models. The School is organized by the Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology (RECSM) of the Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona, Spain). Registration deadline: June 10, 2016. Registration and more information is available [here](#) or by writing to reasm@upf.edu.

Training Workshops on Qualitative Research, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health. Registrations for August 2016 workshops will open in early June. Visit our [website](#) for more information or contact kmuwwak@emory.edu or 404-727-3152.

1. Qualitative Research Methods, August 1–4, 2016. Registration Fee \$750 (Students \$650). This 4 day workshop covers theory and practice of qualitative data collection. It is suitable for anyone involved in designing, conducting, evaluating, training or managing qualitative research. No prerequisites.
2. Mentored Qualitative Methods, August 5, 2016, 9am–12.30pm. Registration Fee \$130. This half-day workshop enables you to bring your own qualitative research project or proposal and receive expert individual mentoring on qualitative methods specific to your project.
3. Qualitative Data Analysis, August 9–11, 2016. Registration Fee \$600. This 2½-day workshop integrates theoretical principles, practical skills and hands-on software sessions to conduct rigorous qualitative data analysis.
4. Mentored Qualitative Analysis, August 11, 2016, 1.30–5pm. Registration Fee \$130. This half-day workshop allows you to bring your own project and data and receive expert individual mentoring on qualitative data analysis specific to your project.

Join our listserv to hear about upcoming workshops. Email kmuwwak@emory.edu with “JOIN QUALITATIVE LISTSERVE” in the subject line.

DATA AND RESOURCES

The India Human Development Survey (IHDS) at the University of Maryland has released additional data sets. The new IHDS II files include: Eligible Women, Birth History, Medical Staff, Medical Facilities, Non Residents, School Staff, School Facilities and Wage and Salary. All files can be downloaded from www.icpsr.umich.edu.

As always, our data are public access and free to use. Information about survey design, procedures for linking data files from two waves, and publications based on IHDS data are available at www.ihds.info/. For new research and events related to IHDS, we encourage scholars to follow us on Twitter at @IHDSCorner and on Facebook at India Human Development Survey—IHDS.

INDEPTH prepares to update health and demographic data in its freely accessible repository on July 1, 2016.

[INDEPTH Network](#) is organizing a 10-day data management training workshop to prepare data for the release of the next version of Core Micro Dataset and Documentation to be published on its data repository. Launched in 2013, the Network took a major step toward improved access to fully documented, high-quality micro-level surveillance data generated by its member centers and to date the repository has recorded over 1500 dataset downloads. Data managers from over 20 INDEPTH member centers will participate in the workshop held in Dubai May 11–20, 2016. The overall aim of this training is to prepare member centers to use the Center-in-a-Box (CiB) data management application to extract, assure quality, document, share, and analyze the INDEPTH Core Micro Dataset. This will assist them to produce the core micro datasets and indicators for the July 1st update of the [INDEPTH Data Repository](#) and [INDEPTHStats](#). This platform is an excellent example of the global south taking a lead in responsibly sharing public health data for use within the Network, and with researchers and policy makers globally. This data repository, which currently holds data on 1.3 million individuals and over 5.3-million person-years of observations, represents the first harmonized database of longitudinal population-based data from low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs). Furthermore, it includes data from 20 sites covering 11 countries (alongside publications datasets and cause specific mortality data from 22 sites). Data in the INDEPTHStats come from 30 sites covering 15 countries.

Data Sharing for Demographic Research (DSDR). Interested in disseminating your research data? Searching for secondary data for analysis? DSDR disseminates, archives, and preserves data for population studies. DSDR serves as a resource for researchers who collect, analyze, and distribute primary data as well as researchers who analyze secondary data. The DSDR collection includes data on a variety of topics, geographies, and study designs. From the [DSDR website](#), you can:

- Learn about disseminating and preserving research data
- Download public-use data and analyze data online
- Obtain access to restricted-use data
- Search for studies, variables, and data-related publications
- View survey instruments and data collection measures

Planned additions to the DSDR website include data guides, power analysis for proposals, guidelines for identifying disclosure risk, and interactive variable crosswalks. [Subscribe to DSDR News](#) to receive updates on these projects and to learn about new data releases. *DSDR is supported by the Population Dynamics Branch (PBD) of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and is hosted by the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan.*

New data in the National Historical Geographic Information System (NHGIS): Geographically standardized data for 2000 and 2010.

The National Historical Geographic Information System (NHGIS), available at <http://www.nhgis.org>, now includes 65 geographically standardized tables that provide 2000 census data in 2010 census units for 10 geographic levels, including census block groups, census tracts, county subdivisions, places, counties, ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs), core-based statistical areas (CBSAs), urban areas, congressional districts, and states. To help users interpret uncertainty introduced by the standardization process, NHGIS also provides upper and lower bounds around each estimate based on the spatial relationships between 2000 census blocks and 2010 census units. More details about the standardization process used by NHGIS are available [here](#). Users will find these new geographically standardized tables under the Time Series tab of the NHGIS interface. All NHGIS data are available free of charge to researchers, and questions about the data can be directed to nhgis@umn.edu.

MEMBER STUDIES IN THE PRESS, BOOKS, AND RESEARCH BRIEFS

Mathew E. Hauer, Applied Demographer at the University of Georgia, published a paper on projected populations at risk of sea level rise across all U.S. coastal counties. In the absence of protective measures, the 13.1 million people projected to be at risk of 1.8m of sea level rise by 2100 could lead to US population movements of a magnitude similar to the twentieth century Great Migration of African-Americans from the South to the North and West. The piece was covered by [Time Magazine](#), [National Geographic](#), The Guardian, [New York Times](#), Forbes, [Bloomberg News](#), [USA Today](#), NPR, [Wired Magazine](#), Popular Science, [Times of India](#), [Shanghai Daily](#), and over 200 other news outlets.

Piedad Urdinola recently published the book (in Spanish only) *Aplicaciones en Demografía*, which is a collection of applied demography on issues of interest for developing countries, all applied to Colombian data. It includes measurement of domestic violence, transition to adulthood, fiscal burden of pensions under high-violence mortality, maternal mortality, and race differences. To learn more and download an electronic version use this [link](#), and to receive a printed book, use this [link](#).

Margo Anderson, Distinguished Professor, History & Urban Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee recently published the second edition of *The American Census: A Social History* (Yale University Press, 2015), updated to the ACS and 2010 Census. Here's the link to the press: <http://yalebooks.com/book/9780300195422/american-census>.

***Good Catholics: The Battle over Abortion in the Catholic Church*, Patricia Miller, University of California Press, 2015.** [Good Catholics](#) tells the story of the remarkable individuals who have engaged in a nearly fifty-year struggle to assert the moral legitimacy of a pro-choice position in the Catholic Church, as well as the concurrent efforts of the Catholic hierarchy to suppress abortion dissent and to translate Catholic doctrine on sexuality into law. Includes a detailed look at the Vatican's opposition to international family planning programming and funding, including its role at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, and shows how its obstructionism continues to reverberate throughout the UN family planning program.

***Contraceptive Failure Rates in the Developing World: An Analysis of Demographic and Health Survey Data in 43 Countries*, Chelsea B. Polis, Sarah E.K. Bradley, Akinrinola Bankole, Tsuyoshi Onda, Trevor Croft, and Susheela Singh.** In the most comprehensive study to date of contraceptive failure rates in the developing world, using Demographic and Health Surveys from 43 countries, researchers estimated (a) failure rates among sexually active women of reproductive age for seven contraceptive methods over 12-, 24- and 36-month intervals; and (b) the contraceptive prevalence and the method mix for each country and the seven subregions in the analysis, information that is critical in determining the type of policies and programs needed to reduce contraceptive failure rates. Researchers found that failure rates are lowest for users of longer-acting contraceptive methods (IUDs, implants, or injectables), intermediate for users of shorter-acting methods (oral contraceptive pills or male condoms) and highest for users of traditional methods (withdrawal or calendar rhythm). Also, women younger than 25 generally have higher contraceptive failure rates than their older counterparts, so the authors suggest that family planning programs and providers need to expand the availability of youth-friendly counseling and services so that young women can successfully use their chosen method. The study's authors hope the findings can inform strategies to improve the provision of contraceptive services, focusing efforts where they are most needed, and helping women and couples to correctly and consistently use the methods best suited to their needs. The [full report](#) is available online, as is a [summary](#) of the findings, which will be published in the forthcoming issue of *Contraception*.

***The Invisible Ones: How Latino Children Are Left Out of Our Nation's Census Count*, William O'Hare, Yeris Mayol-Garcia, Elizabeth Wildsmith, and Alicia Torres.** This report was released on April 26, 2016 at a Congressional Briefing sponsored by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. The briefing was attended by more than 50

people and the report generated coverage in many major newspapers including the *Los Angeles Times*. The policy issue in need of understanding is the importance of an accurate decennial census count of the population, which helps ensure fair political representation and the equitable distribution of public services. The authors and affiliated organizations hope the report and the congressional briefing will help make information on the undercount of young Hispanic children more readily available to leadership groups and to increase public awareness about this problem. Authors note that many of the most important decisions about how the 2020 Census will be conducted will be made in the next two years, so this problem must be addressed quickly. The report was co-published by the National Association of Latino Elected Officials and Child Trends. It is available on the web [here](#).

Three New Books from Russell Sage

Coming of Age in the Other America, by Stefanie DeLuca, Susan Clampet-Lambert, Kathryn Edin.

From High School to College: Gender, Immigrant Generation, and Race-Ethnicity, by Charles Hirschman. Available June 2016.

Children of the Great Recession, edited by Irwin Garfinkel, Sara S. McLanahan, and Christopher Wimer. Available for free download from www.russellsage.org in August.

PAA PEOPLE AND HONORS

Mark Leach has been promoted to Branch Chief of the Administrative Records Research Branch in the Census Bureau's Center for Administrative Records Research and Applications (CARRA). CARRA acquires administrative data from federal, state, and commercial providers both to improve census and survey operations and to conduct innovative demographic, social, and economic research using linked individual-level administrative records and survey data.

The University of Melbourne will open a new Demography Unit in its Melbourne School of Population and Global Health as of 1 July 2016. Peter McDonald will head the new unit, moving from the Australian National University. Other demographers moving from Canberra to the University of Melbourne include Meimanat Hosseini-Chavoshi, Jeromey Temple, and Helen Moyle. They will join Alan Lopez, Rebecca Kippen, and Tim Adair, all ANU-trained demographers who are already attached to the Melbourne School. Research of the Melbourne group will emphasize the burden of disease; the demography of Australia, Indonesia and Iran; population aging; national transfer accounts; international migration policy; gender equity and fertility; and historical demography.

Margaret Levenstein has been named director of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. The University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research (ISR) and the Governing Council of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) announced in April that Margaret (Maggie) Levenstein has been appointed as the next director of ICPSR. Levenstein was selected after a national search by a joint committee composed of ISR faculty and members of the ICPSR Governing Council, who represent the consortium's 760 world-wide members. Levenstein will be ICPSR's first female director. Levenstein will begin her five-year term on July 1, 2016, following the departure of current ICPSR Director George Alter. Under Alter's direction ICPSR expanded international membership and increased data accessibility. The Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research recruited more than 1,000 participants annually under Alter. Alter will continue to be a Research Professor in ICPSR. An economist, Levenstein first joined ISR's Survey Research Center (SRC) in 2003 as the executive director of the Michigan Census Research Data Center (MCRDC), a joint project with the U.S. Census Bureau. She is also a research professor in SRC and adjunct professor of business economics and public policy in the U-M Stephen M. Ross School of Business. She is the associate chair of the American Economic Association's Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession. Levenstein received a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University and a B.A. from Barnard College, Columbia University. More details are available at <http://home.isr.umich.edu/releases/levenstein-icpsr/>.

Kenneth M. Johnson has been named a 2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellow. He is among just 33 scholars nationwide selected to receive the fellowship to advance research in the social sciences and humanities. Johnson is a long-time member of the PAA and professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. Fellows receive up to \$200,000 from the Carnegie Corporation to fund scholarly research and writing aimed at addressing some of the world's most urgent challenges to U.S. democracy and international order. As a fellow, Johnson will advance and expand his work on the changing demographic structure of rural America and its implications. The fellowship will allow Johnson, who is also senior demographer with UNH's Carsey School of Public Policy, to undertake a comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of the newly released census demographic and vital registration data, mining it for insights into the impact of the Great Recession and the new influx of Hispanics in rural America. "This is an incredible honor," Johnson acknowledged. "I have studied rural America throughout my career and it is gratifying to see recognition for not only this often forgotten part of America but the important role the social sciences play in understanding big policy questions. Understanding the implications demographic change has for these critical elements of democracy will inform efforts to provide equal opportunities to rural residents so they can fully participate in American democracy." Johnson has published a book and more than 70 peer-reviewed publications on rural issues, including numerous articles in leading academic journals. In addition, he is highly sought after for his expertise and ability to explain demographic information to a broad audience by reporters for national media outlets like *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, National Public Radio, and CNN. In 2013 Johnson received the university's faculty award for excellence in research and in 2011 he was recognized with the Rural Sociological Society's excellence in research award for outstanding contributions to rural research.

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Three Program Officer Positions at the Division of Behavioral and Social Research (BSR), National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institutes of Health (NIH). (1) A senior population or social scientist to serve as Chief of the Population and Social Processes Branch. The Branch Chief will lead a talented group of professionals and foster innovative grant-supported research and research training supporting the NIA mission in the areas of demography, sociology, economics, social epidemiology, and health policy. In addition to the supervisory role, the candidate will manage a portfolio of research in areas of particular interest and expertise and will have the opportunity to serve as the NIA Project Scientist of one or more of the major longitudinal data resources supported by BSR, such as the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) or the National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS). (2) A population or social scientist to be a Health Scientist Administrator (HSA) in the Population and Social Processes Branch. The HSA will manage and develop a portfolio of innovative grant-supported research and research training in one or more of the areas listed above, and identify scientific opportunities to generate new knowledge supporting the NIA mission. This position also offers the opportunity to serve as the NIA Project Scientist for the HRS or NHATS. (3) A behavioral or social scientist to manage and develop a portfolio of research and research training that relates to the National Alzheimer's Plan of Action, specifically on formal and informal dementia caregiving, including long-term supports and services for persons with dementia, and services for their caregivers. For more information about the positions and how to apply, please contact, as soon as possible, Dr. John Haaga, Acting BSR Division Director, at John.Haaga@nih.gov.

Specialized Training Program in the Demography and Economics of Aging (T32) Postdoctoral Fellowships. The Specialized Training Program in the Demography and Economics of Aging at the University of Chicago, funded by the National Institute of Aging (T32 AG000243), trains doctoral recipients interested in the fields of demography and economics of aging through the development of basic and applied research and policy-making and analysis. This training program is administered by the University of Chicago's Center for Health and Social Sciences (CHeSS) and is affiliated with the Aging Action Research Network (AARN) at NORC at the University of Chicago. The training program is offering two postdoctoral fellowships for the 2016–2017 academic year. The goal of these postdoctoral fellowships is to train recent doctoral recipients interested in the demographic and economic analysis of aging

through the development of basic methodological tools, applied research, policy-making and analysis, and professional development. Apply [online](#) by **Monday, June 13, 2016, at 5 PM CST**. Learn more about the program and application guidelines here: <http://chess.uchicago.edu/demography-and-economics-aging-postdoctoral-fellowship>.

The Columbia Population Research Center (CPRC) is hiring a Staff Associate to provide strong research, technical, and administrative support for the study of poverty and family wellbeing under the guidance of the PIs and Project Director. He/she will work closely with internal and many external stakeholders, including researchers, the offices of sponsored research, administration, finance, and project sponsors. Using experience and knowledge of Stata and nationally and locally representative longitudinal datasets, the Staff Associate will, under the supervision of the PIs and Project Director, extract data from the New York City Longitudinal Study of Wellbeing and associated datasets; generate variables for quantitative studies; assist in estimating empirical models, hypothesis testing, and interpretation of results; format output tables, and draft reports of research findings based upon estimation results. (60%) Using experience and knowledge of research methods and academic writing, the Staff Associate will, under the supervision of the PIs and Project Director, be responsible for providing general research assistance, writing literature reviews for journal articles, and writing research briefs for nonacademic audiences. (20%) Under the supervision of the PIs and Project Director, the Staff Associate will assist in administering project procedures for sample management for the New York City Longitudinal Study of Wellbeing. The Staff Associate will be responsible for developing Stata routines to facilitate sample management, and other project administration tasks as required. (20%) (All applicants MUST meet these minimum qualifications to be considered for the position):

- Master's degree in Social Work or related field such as psychology, sociology, and economics.
- Graduate coursework in quantitative research required with prior experience and work with Stata Statistical Software.
- 1 year of relevant research experience, especially relating to poverty and social policy; in addition to a familiarity with issues impacting low income New Yorkers. Facility with Stata statistical programming is also required.
- Excellent organizational skills, interpersonal and written communication skills, attention to detail, and ability to interact with a broad constituency is mandatory.
- Ability to write in an academic style using APA standards, and the skill to translate (and write) these findings for a general audience.
- Ability to accurately meet time sensitive deadlines while working on multiple, concurrent projects with minimum supervision, in a virtual work environment required.
- Capacity to prioritize projects and demands.
- Demonstrated tact, discretion, diplomacy, and professionalism and a strong customer service orientation required.

All candidates must submit a cover letter and resume and apply through Columbia University's RAPS online employment application system under Requisition # 0006720: <https://academicjobs.columbia.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=62737>.

The Department of Maternal & Child Health (MCH) in the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill seeks to hire up to four open rank tenure-track faculty. Substantive area of expertise is open, but we are especially interested in colleagues who can complement our current strengths in program planning, monitoring and evaluation, and implementation science. We are also interested in applicants who bring strong statistical skills, particularly those with expertise in breastfeeding, child/adolescent health, or LGBT health. The applicant must have an MD or doctorate (PhD, ScD, DrPH) in public health, the social sciences, management, or engineering. Commensurate with their academic rank, the successful candidate will have a strong record of scholarly products in their fields. Scholarly products include peer-reviewed publications in scientific

journals that are highly regarded in the field, as well as impactful technical reports, book chapters, software, digital media, or similar products. A track record of establishing and collaborating in interdisciplinary, externally funded research programs, or an interest in expanding their portfolio to interdisciplinary work, is highly desirable. Strong methodological and analytical expertise is preferred, as is attention to equity issues. Individuals filling these positions will also be expected to teach graduate level courses, and to mentor masters' and doctoral students. See full announcement at: <http://unc.peopleadmin.com:80/postings/96010>.

OBITUARIES

Adansi “Felix” Amankwaa, 1954–2015, was Professor of Sociology at Albany State University in Albany, GA. He was born in Seikwa, a small village in the Brong Ahafo region of Ghana. He received his Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of Ghana in 1980, his Master of Arts from Lakehead University (Ontario) in 1988, and his Doctor of Philosophy in sociology with a concentration in demography from Florida State University in 1993. Following receipt of his PhD, Adansi taught at Tallahassee Community College and as an adjunct faculty member at FSU, and he joined the faculty at ASU in 1996. He moved up the faculty ranks, receiving the University’s designation as Faculty Researcher of the Year during 2004–2005 and later serving as Chair of the Division of Behavioral Science. Adansi’s research was international in scope. His doctoral dissertation examined how polygyny contributed to infant mortality in Ghana. His recent publications focused on all-cause and cause-specific mortality as part of the Global Burden of Disease study. In a separate stream of work, Adansi evaluated prison sentencing in Florida and policies towards HIV/AIDS testing, among other topics. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Blackshear Amankwaa, along with his children, grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. <http://dev.albanyherald.com/news/2015/sep/10/adansi-8220felix8221-amankwaa/>.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PAA would like to welcome 494 new members from February 1 through April 30, 2016. The current membership now stands at 3,392.

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