Workshop Proposal, 2020 Meeting of the Population Association of America

Title:
Panel Study of Income Dynamics Workshop for New and Prospective Users

Organizers:
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Summary:
The US Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) is the world’s longest-running active household panel study. It is used in the fields of demography, economics, sociology, public health, and public policy to investigate individual and family socioeconomic status, health, and well-being in longitudinal and intergenerational contexts. This workshop familiarizes new and prospective users with the design, content, and applications of the main PSID interview and two youth-centered supplements: the Child Development Supplement and Transition into Adulthood Supplement. The workshop also provides a hands-on introduction to data access, key data files, and user education resources.

Workshop objectives:
• Provide an overview of the genealogical, longitudinal design and content of PSID
• Describe the design and content of the ongoing PSID Child Development Supplement and Transition into Adulthood Supplement
• Interactively demonstrate how to access data, documentation, and tutorials through the publicly available online Data Center
• Interactively demonstrate data tools that allow users to connect individuals in PSID to their kin to support intergenerational and family-level analysis. Programs and data files will be available to workshop participants who register as PSID users.

Workshop goals/outcomes:
• Understand the genealogical, longitudinal design that governs PSID’s sample following rules
• Understand structure of publicly available data files
• Be able to use data resources that identify and describe family relationships
• Know where to find learning resources to become more familiar with PSID

Benefit to attendees:
PSID is a rich secondary data resource for research in a variety of disciplines on topics related to family formation, health, mortality, geographic mobility, and status attainment in the United States. Yet this richness often poses a challenge to new users. This workshop covers the highlights that will help participants to get started with the data.

Target audience:
We expect this workshop will attract between 20 and 30 participants. Most attendees will be graduate students or early career scholars in academic and non-academic research positions from a variety of disciplines.

**Workshop timing, duration, and schedule:**

Wednesday, April 22\(^{nd}\), ½ day

- 45 minutes: Introduction to the design and content of PSID (Johnson)
- 45 minutes: Introduction to the PSID Child Development Supplement and the PSID Transition into Adulthood Supplement (Sastry)
- 45 minutes: Introduction to the PSID Data Center with data download demonstration (Fomby)
- 1 hour: Tutorial on using PSID data tools for identifying family relationships including the Family Identification Mapping System (FIMS) and the family unit matrix. (Fomby)

Time will be included for question and answer periods and refreshment breaks.

**A/V needs:**

Standard equipment provided is sufficient. Third presenter will use her own laptop (Lenovo PC) and will require appropriate connection to projector output.

**Short biographical sketches of presenters with links to CVs:**

**David S. Johnson** is Director of PSID and Research Professor at the Institute for Social Research. He is an economist with many years of experience in the federal statistical system. His research focuses on inequality and poverty measurement, equivalence scale estimation, and consumption.

**Narayan Sastry** is Associate Director of PSID, Director of the PSID Child Development Supplement and the PSID Transition into Adulthood Supplement, and Research Professor at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. Sastry's research interests center on social and spatial dimensions of health, development, and well-being of children and adolescents.

**Paula Fomby** is Co-Investigator of PSID, Associate Director of the PSID Child Development Supplement, and Research Associate Professor at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. Fomby is a sociologist and demographer studying family organization and child development.