

PAA BUSINESS

PAA Fall Board Meeting 2007

PAA on Firm Financial Footing

The PAA Board of Directors met on October 26 in Washington DC, with President Barbara Entwisle presiding. The PAA is projecting balanced budgets over the next few years and has increased its reserves over the past several ones. The positive budget outlook has been facilitated by the receipt of a 3-year \$400,000 grant from the Hewlett Foundation last year, as well as increases in revenue from electronic publishing royalties and annual meeting income. However, the PAA budget also projects increases in expenses on the annual meeting and on PAA management software (which is in the process of being upgraded), as well as moderate increases in payroll and public affairs program expenses.

The President's Report

President Entwisle reported on the success of the 2007 PAA meetings in New York City, which had a record number of attendees (breaking the 2,000 barrier for the first time). The Editorship of Demography also changed hands over the summer, from Suzanne Bianchi (University of Maryland) and Kenneth Hill (Johns Hopkins University) to Kenneth Land (Duke University).

Development Committee

Charles Hirschman provided a report from the PAA Development Committee. The Development Committee was first convened over two years ago. While the PAA is for the most part self-financing, the organization still relies on grants to support its public affairs outreach efforts and to finance travel grants for many scholars in developing countries to attend the annual PAA meeting.

The Development Committee's purpose is to make recommendations on how PAA can become less dependent on short-term grants and to expand its demographic programs, such as international and public affairs outreach and develop scholarships and training for underrepresented minorities, if possible. The Board endorsed the work of the Development Committee and its initial plans to expand PAA fund-raising efforts.

Public Affairs Report

The Public Affairs Report noted that no Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations bill has yet to be passed, indicating that most federal agencies will continue to be funded at Fiscal Year 2007 levels. This hurts agencies that were expecting increased support based on initial FY 2008 Congressional budgets. The National Center for Health Statistics is facing severe budgetary challenges, as it has funding to collect only 11 months of data for the upcoming fiscal year. Likewise, the Census Bureau, which would normally continue to ramp up its efforts for the upcoming decennial census, would have to curtail some of its planning activities if it is not funded at increased levels for the upcoming year.

More generally, the Public Affairs Committee has continued to be very active in promoting the importance of demographic research on Capitol Hill. For a full report on the Committee's activities and Congressional appropriations, see: <http://www.popassoc.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3319>

2008 Annual Meeting

President-elect Greg Duncan presented an update on the preparations for the 2008 Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans, April 17-19. There were about 1,800 submissions for these meetings (down a little from last year). There are 165 sessions planned, supplemented by about 1,000 posters in 7 poster sessions. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign up for various tours of New Orleans, including one that reviews the impact of Hurricane Katrina.

PAA Membership Committee

PAA membership remained stable over the past year. As of September, 2007, the PAA had 2,270 members. The mentoring lunch at the 2007 PAA meeting was considered a success, with 27 enrollees. The Board recommended that PAA continue to subsidize the lunch at next year's meeting.

Future Meetings

Motions were approved to hold the 2012 meeting in San Francisco and the 2013 meeting in New Orleans once

again. The 2009, 2010, and 2011 meetings will be held in Detroit, Dallas, and Washington, D.C, respectively.

Farewells

The PAA Officers wish to thank outgoing Past President Alberto Palloni and Board members Lynne M. Casper, Myron P. Gutmann, Wendy D. Manning, and Duncan Thomas, whose terms end December 31, 2007, for their outstanding service to the PAA.

New Secretary-Treasurer

Alas, this is the penultimate report I will author for the PAA. However, I am very happy to report that Ann Bidlecom, a Senior Research Associate at the Guttmacher Institute, will assume Secretary-Treasurer duties next year.

John Iceland, PAA Secretary-Treasurer

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations

At press time, very little progress had been made in Congress to resolve the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations process. As of the end of October, the House of Representatives had passed all 12 appropriations bills, while the Senate had passed seven. Despite ongoing informal pre-conference staff negotiations, none of the bills have been reconciled and passed by both chambers as conference reports and sent to the President. With the exception of the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs appropriations bill, President Bush has threatened to veto all other appropriations bills on the grounds they exceed his overall budget request by almost \$23 billion.

At press time, congressional leadership was contemplating sending the President a “mini bus” bill that would combine the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill (which funds the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)) with the Military Construction/Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill. The strategy behind this move was to package the Labor-HHS bill with the other two appropriations measures in an effort to protect it from veto and/or to assist in achieving a veto override.

It is a shame the FY 2008 appropriations process has culminated in this stalemate—particularly given how well many of our agencies of interest were poised to do in the various appropriations bills.

National Institutes of Health

The House-passed version of the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill provides the NIH with \$29.6 billion, an increase of \$750 million (2.6 percent) above the FY 2007 funding level. The Senate recommends NIH receive an even higher amount, \$29.9 billion, an amount that is described as an increase of \$1 billion (3.5 percent) over the FY 2007 level.

During floor consideration in both chambers, no amendments were offered that proposed raiding or increasing the NIH account. To get the Senate bill passed, its sponsors, Senators Harkin and Specter, agreed to drop language that would have expanded human embryonic stem cell research and curtailed funding for abstinence education programs. The bill passed the Senate 75-19, which provides enough votes to override the President’s anticipated veto; however, it is not clear the House of Representatives would follow suit. When the House passed its version of the bill last June, 276-140, a number of members were absent.

During Senate debate on the bill, PAA and APC signed onto letters organized by the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, urging Congress to ensure the final Labor-HHS bills include the Senate recommended level of funding for the NIH. PAA and APC joined over 800 health, labor, and education organizations in signing onto a letter to the members of the Senate, urging them to pass the Labor-HHS bill as passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

National Center for Health Statistics

Both the House and the Senate responded positively to requests from many organizations, including PAA, as members of the Friends of NCHS, to boost funding for NCHS. The agency had been flat funded for three years, which was forcing the agency to consider cuts to many of its major survey operations and its vital statistics program. In fact, the agency had only enough money in its FY 2008 request to purchase 11 months of vital statistics data. Both the House recommended NCHS receive \$120 million, while the Senate recommended the agency receive \$117 million in FY 2008, a \$10 and \$7 million increase, respectively, over its FY 2007 level. The committees also included language in their reports expressing concern that this funding be used to restore credibility to the nation’s vital statistics program.

Census Bureau

In late July, the House of Representatives passed its version of the Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill, which funds the Census Bureau and National Science Foundation (H.R. 3093). The House bill allocates \$1.22 billion for the Census Bureau, roughly \$8 million less overall than President Bush's request of \$1.23 billion.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Commerce, Justice, Science bill (S. 1745) in July. Appropriators allocated \$1.24 billion for the Census Bureau, roughly \$18 million above the President's request. The \$226.2 million earmarked for the bureau's Salaries and Expenses (S&E) account includes \$26 million more than requested to continue the SIPP, which the committee said would ensure a sample size of 45,000 in 26 states. The bill provides \$1.02 billion for Periodic Censuses and Programs (the second main Census Bureau account), \$7 million below the President's request. The committee said in its report that it was not funding the American Community Survey Methods Panel, citing concerns expressed by the Government Accountability Office about the program's costs and plan.

During floor consideration, the Senate accepted, by voice vote, an amendment offered by Senators Coburn (R-OK) and Carper (D-DE) that would withhold \$10 million from the Census Bureau unless it submits to Congress a report within 120 days of the bill's enactment on steps the agency will take to allow citizens to complete the 2010 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey over the internet.

National Science Foundation

The NSF is faring well in both the House and Senate versions of the Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill. The Senate has recommended the agency receive \$6.5 billion, \$124 million above the President's request, while the House recommended NSF receive \$80 million more than the President's request. Thus, the two chambers are close on NSF's increase with some adjustments on research and education necessary. The Senate boosted NSF 10.8 percent over FY 2007, with a 21.9 percent increase for the Education and Human Resources Directorate. The House provided a 9.8 percent increase over FY 2007, but its enhancement was more geared to the Research and Related Activities account.

USAID Family Planning/Reproductive Health Funding

The overall family planning figure in the Foreign Operations bills is \$461 million in the Senate bill and \$441 million in the House bill. From this figure, the Office of Population and Reproductive Health is supported—the agency that funds the Demographic and Health Surveys and research activities important to PAA members.

FY 2008 Continuing Resolution

Because Fiscal Year 2007 officially ended on September 30, Congress was compelled to pass a continuing resolution (CR), which is funding most of the federal agencies at their Fiscal Year 2007 levels. The current CR expires on November 16. While CRs always pose a challenge for our agencies of interest, no agency is more affected by the terms of the current CR than the Census Bureau.

With final preparations for the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal underway, and only weeks to go before the start of the 2007 Economic Census, the Census Bureau is struggling to pay for critical activities. Members of Congress involved with census funding and oversight say that the short term funding gap will force the Census Bureau to drop group quarters enumeration at Fort Bragg (NC) from the dress rehearsal, delay critical tests of new data collection systems for 2010, reduce address updating assistance to state and local governments by Regional Census Centers, and delay the start of the 2010 Census Communications Campaign contract.

The dress rehearsal is designed to replicate an actual census, with similar preparations, methods, promotional activities, and schedules. Local census offices in the two dress rehearsal sites – San Joaquin County, CA, and nine counties surrounding Fayetteville, NC – are open, with hiring and training of census enumerators underway. Census forms must be mailed in March to ensure an accurate evaluation of census-like conditions. Congressional staff who have met with Census Bureau officials say that the agency likely would cancel the entire dress rehearsal, and cancel plans to use handheld computers for field data collection, if funding at 2007 levels continues after November 16. Congress will have to pass another CR to keep the federal government running if 2008 appropriations bills are not enacted by that date.

The Census Project, a coalition of 45 organizations including PAA, sent a letter last week to Commerce Sec-

retary Gutierrez, urging him to transfer funds to the Census Bureau to avoid any disruption of census preparations or delay in launching the Economic Census. He ultimately approved the \$7 million transfer (the limit he is allowed by law), which is helping to keep the handheld computers project alive. Nevertheless, the Bureau is facing a serious funding gap and must have an exemption in the next CR to keep its 2010 Census preparations on track. At a hearing on October 16 before the House Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, the Administration stated that it is “seriously considering” requesting an exemption for the Census Bureau should another CR become necessary.

Agency Highlights

NIH Peer Review Activities—NIH is considering possible changes to its extramural peer review system. A working group of the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director is holding meetings around the nation this fall to receive feedback from the community on the strengths and challenges of the current peer review process. On July 6, NIH issued a request for information (RFI) seeking input on six specific questions related to its peer review process. PAA and APC submitted comments, which largely emphasize what is working with the existing system. Some recommendations include ways to encourage the participation of more senior reviewers and to support junior investigators. More information about the current peer review activities is available at <http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/>.

NAS Panel to review NCS Research Plan—On September 20 and 21, a panel convened by the National Academy of Sciences at the request of NICHD to review the National Children’s Study Research Plan held its first meeting. Former PAA President Dr. Sam Preston is chairing the panel.

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 **Christine Pierce**, who works with The Nielsen Company in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Warren - How did you become interested in population issues?

Christine - I first became interested in demographic data as a teenager on a long road trip with my parents. I entertained myself by studying the atlas and making rank order lists of cities by population. So it is fitting that now one of my professional responsibilities is producing various rankings of the US television markets by demographic segments.

Professionally, I had a broad interest in public policy and social science research that led me to a master’s program in Public Policy at the University of Minnesota. While there I became very interested in the practical applications of quantitative methods, so I took as many courses as I could in applied economics and statistics.

When I finished graduate school in 2001, I wanted a job that would allow me to work with data and do quantitative research. I accepted a job with Nielsen Media Research in its universe estimates group. This was a dream come true because the job allowed me to spend my working hours analyzing demographic data and getting paid for it! It was a very exciting time because the Census 2000 results were just coming out. As one might imagine, I spent a great deal of time comparing the Census 2000 results to the existing population estimates which gave me a true appreciation for the importance of the decennial census and the difficulty in developing intercensal population estimates.

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

Christine - I am still in the universe estimates group at Nielsen, the media-measurement company best known for television ratings. I now manage the group, which provides population estimates and demographic analyses for the company’s various audience measurement services.

We use population estimates and projections from a variety of sources including Claritas and, of course, the Census Bureau. My responsibilities include understanding and communicating the methods that Claritas and the Census Bureau use to update their annual population estimates and projections. One of my responsibilities is explaining to media industry clients why population estimates for the various television markets change from

year to year and whether the changes reflect true demographic changes or are a result of the estimation methodologies. I also closely follow developments related to the decennial census and the American Community Survey.

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

Christine - I joined PAA in 2003. I would say that the annual conference is among the greatest benefits I draw from PAA, particularly the applied demography events. I also benefit from the newsletter as well as the Applied Demography newsletter.

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?

Christine - I live in Chicago with my husband and two dogs. I love to cook, and I love to read cooking magazines. My husband and I are also dedicated Cubs fans, so recently we've been enthusiastically following the Cubs as they battle for the lead in the National League Central Division. (ED. NOTE: The Cubs clinched the NL Division title after this interview. By the time you read this, we'll know how much Christine enjoyed watching her Cubbies play in "the friendly confines of Wrigley Field!")

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two members of PAA elected Fellows of the AAAS
Guillermina Jasso (New York University) and William Butz (Population Reference Bureau) were recently elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science this year, in the Section on Social, Political and Economic Sciences. Congratulations to them both!

Lunch with PAA Colleagues: Early Career Mentoring Beyond the PhD and the Post-doc
Thursday, April 17, 2008, 12:30-1:30 pm, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Sponsored by: The PAA Membership Committee and the Association of Population Centers

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 6th 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, <http://www.popassoc.org>. Registration opens January 2, 2008.

New Ph.D. program: Applied Demography at the University of Texas San Antonio

The Ph.D. in Applied Demography is a multi-disciplinary degree offered through the Department of Demography and Organization Studies in the College of Public Policy at The University of Texas at San Antonio. The program is offered in collaboration with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the San Antonio campus of the University of Texas School of Public Health. This unique partnership offers one of the top programs in the field of Applied Demography and addresses the growing national demand for individuals with doctoral training in the area of Applied Demography.

The Ph.D. program provides two tracks in which students can specialize – Applied Demography and Health and Applied Demography and Policy. The Applied Demography and Health track prepares students to address the expanding education and research problems that are at the intersection of demography and health care. Students in this area not only pursue careers in university-based medical centers, health science centers, and social science departments but also in health care areas in the private sector such as marketing and planning. The Applied Demography and Policy track prepares students to work in the area of applied social demography. Students are trained to examine the effects of demographic factors on policy—both private and public. Students trained in this track are prepared to pursue academic careers as well as careers in national and corporate settings, such as marketing, advertising and policy. Special emphasis is placed on research and policy in large local, state, and federal agencies. Both tracks focus training in research and statistical methodology necessary in an applied setting.

Research assistantships in the department are available on a competitive basis and an application form available from the departmental website: <http://utsa.edu/copp/demography>. It is anticipated that assistantships will be available for most students entering the program. The current remuneration is in the amount of \$15,000 per annum and additional tuition and fee based scholarships are sponsored by the Institute of Demographic and Socio-Economic Research located at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Interested parties may contact the departmental recruitment committee chair, Dr. Corey Sparks (corey.sparks@utsa.edu), for more information.

New Publication: ASA Demography Teaching Resource Guide (July 2007)

This publication contains over 20 syllabi at the undergraduate and graduate levels and a host of exercises that make use of plentiful internet data sources. The guide also provides a detailed list of public-use data sources currently available for data analysis projects. Edited by David Payne, Loretta Bass, and Rebecca A. Nees. 310 pp. This publication is available at the online ASA bookstore in both print and e-book forms: <http://www.e-noah.net/asa/asashoponlineservice/>.

Editor's clarification: In our last issue of PAA Affairs, we announced the deposition of a newly available data source entitled "Demographic Processes in England and Wales, 1851-1911: Data and Model Estimates" in AHDS History (Study Number 5587), but did not note the names and affiliation of the depositors. They were Dov Friedlander and Barbara S. Okun of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

NIH Director's Pioneer Award

Got bold, innovative research ideas with high-impact potential? Apply for an NIH Director's Pioneer Award. If you're a new investigator, you're also eligible for an NIH Director's New Innovator Award. Both programs are part of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research and support exceptionally creative scientists who propose highly innovative—and often unconventional—approaches to major challenges in biomedical or behav-

ioral research. Women and members of groups that are underrepresented in NIH research areas are especially encouraged to apply.

Pioneer Award:

- \$2.5 million in direct costs over 5 years
- 5-10 awards expected in September 2008

Open to scientists who:

- Are at an institution in the United States
- Are at any career level, including the early to middle stages
- Will commit at least 51% of their research effort to the project

Electronic application includes 3- to 5-page essay and 3 letters of reference

Applications accepted December 16, 2007-January 16, 2008. For more information, see <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-08-013.html> and <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer>; e-mail questions to pioneer@nih.gov.

New Innovator Award:

- \$1.5 million in direct costs over 5 years
- Up to 24 awards expected in September 2008

Open to new investigators who:

- Have not yet obtained an NIH R01 or similar grant
- Hold an independent research position at an institution in the United States
- Received a doctoral degree or completed medical internship and residency within the past 10 years
- Will commit at least 25% of their research effort to the project

Electronic application allows preliminary data but does not require it. Applications will be accepted March 3-31, 2008. For more information, see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-08-014.html> and http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/innovator_award; e-mail questions to newinnovator@nih.gov.

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JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

University of Southern California: School of Gerontology

The USC Davis School of Gerontology and the Andrus Gerontology Center are recruiting for a promising junior faculty member for Fall 2008 as part of our ongoing expansion of programs. We seek candidates with a strong research profile and potential in the social scientific study of aging and the life-course. Specializations include, but are not limited to, biodemography, health inequality, cognitive neuroscience, disability and biomechanics, family and caregiving, work and retirement, and neuroeconomics. Those engaged in research that is interdisciplinary and integrates with current research strengths are especially encouraged to apply. Joint affiliations with other departments are possible.

Davis School faculty members hold degrees in Biology, Demography, Gerontology, Policy, Medicine, Urban Planning, Psychology, and Sociology. We are also open to candidates from other disciplines and professions such as engineering, law, and business. We are particularly interested in candidates who will thrive in both research and teaching in this multidisciplinary atmosphere, and who have or will have federal funding.

The USC Davis School offers gerontology degrees at the bachelors, masters, and Ph.D. levels. Teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate level is expected. In addition to our own students, Gerontology faculty frequently mentor doctoral students in other schools and departments (e.g. Sociology, Psychology, Biological Sciences, Policy and Planning).

Candidates should send a C.V. along with a letter indicating experience and areas of interest, and should arrange for letters from three references to be mailed to: Gerontology Search Committee, Davis School of

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PAA would like to welcome 90 new members since August 1, 2007. Current membership now stands at 3,090.

Gerontology, 3715 McClintock Avenue, University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191 by December 10, 2007.

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Population Council: Bixby Fellowship

Through a generous grant from the Fred H. Bixby Foundation, the Population Council has created the Bixby Fellowship Program to expand opportunities for recently trained population specialists and biomedical researchers. These fellowships will allow developing country nationals to work with experienced mentors in the Council's network of offices. Fellows will work on projects in one of the three of the Population Council's Programs: Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS, and Poverty, Gender and Youth. A description of the program and details about application procedures are available on the Council's website at <http://www.popcouncil.org>. The deadline for applications is 15 January, 2008. For more information, please feel free to contact us at bixbyfellowship@popcouncil.org.

Princeton University: Postdoctoral Research Associate

The Center for Research on Child Wellbeing (CRCW), affiliated with the Woodrow Wilson School and the Office of Population Research at Princeton University, invites outstanding researchers to apply for appointments each academic year. CRCW conducts research on children's health, education, income, and family structure. Our two major initiatives are the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study, and the Future of Children project.

CRCW is offering highly competitive Postdoctoral Research Associate positions to individuals with documented interest in the study of children and families, and in interdisciplinary collaborations. Appointments are for one year with the possibility of renewal, with negotiable starting dates for the next academic year. This appointment is for scholars who have obtained their PhD within the past three years, and who will not hold an appointment at another institution during their stay at Princeton.

QUALIFICATIONS: Postdocs are expected to have outstanding potential and be self-motivated, goal oriented and capable of successfully communicating ideas to di-

verse audiences. They must also be able to build on existing strengths, bridge different fields, and be motivated to work with faculty on complex projects. Preference will be given to candidates that have obtained the Ph.D. less than two years ago. Postdocs will participate in all of the Center's activities, including student-faculty seminars, workshops, and public lectures.

Interested applicants should submit:

- a cover letter describing areas of interest, graduate training, relevant background and possible fit within the center;
- recent CV
- letters of recommendation, under separate cover
- names, e-mails and phone numbers of three references

All materials should be submitted by email to: kemerson@princeton.edu or by mail to: Kris Emerson, Wallace Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544.

Princeton University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. For information about applying to Princeton, please link to <http://web.princeton.edu/sites/dof/ApplicantsInfo.htm>.

OBITUARIES

In memory of Karol Krotky

Born 15 May 1922 in Cieszyn in Poland, Karol Krotki died on July 6, 2007, at age 85, in Edmonton, his home town since 1968 when he joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Alberta. He became distinguished university professor in 1982 and retired in 1991, but continued to be professionally active till his death. The passing of Professor Krotki is a great loss to the community of demographers in Canada and beyond. He was a towering figure, both in the proper sense, by his imposing stature, and in the figurative, by his personality which projected warmth and wisdom. In the many roles he took on in his life — teacher, scholar and administrator — he will be affectionately remembered.

Life was not always kind to him. As many of his generation, he was caught in the spiral of events propelled from the Second World War. His native country, Poland, vanished as a state in 1939 following invasions by Nazi Germany and Stalinist Soviet Union, and the young

Karol, 17 at that time, escaped his occupied country by foot. Eventually he ended up in exile. But he did not remain inactive in the face of tragic events: he enrolled in the British Army and took part in the battles of North Africa (1941-1942) before joining the Royal Force in England. He earned many distinctions and decorations for his bravery in the battle field. Upon the cessation of hostilities, he decided not to return to his native Poland, fallen under the Soviet Union domination. He stayed in Great Britain to pursue his university education.

Karol earned a B.A. Honors (1946-1948), and an M.A. in Economics with statistics from Cambridge University (1952), and a Ph. D. in Economics at Princeton University (1960). His Ph.D. dissertation, *Estimating Vital Rates from Peculiar and Inadequate Age Distribution*, using data that he collected earlier in Sudan, was completed under the supervision of Ansley Coale, the director of the Office of Population Research and a leading demographer of the second half of the 20th century.

His first professional assignment was in Sudan (1949-1958), at that time part of the British Dominion, at the Department of Statistics in Khartoum, where he eventually reached the rank of Deputy-Director. His landmark achievement in Sudan was the implementation of its first population census, carried out from 1956-1958. His next assignment was in Pakistan. From 1960 to 1964, he was a Research Adviser at the Institute of Economic Development in Karachi, where he was involved in teaching as well as in research in various fields of economics and demography.

His Canadian career, which was to be a long one, started in 1964 with Statistics Canada, known at that time as the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. As a senior demographer and bureaucrat, Dr. Krotki was in charge of managing demographic research, both substantive and methodological, population estimates and forecasting as well as the preparation towards the 1971 census, its methodology and content determination. Dr. Krotki's legacy in demography in the government statistical environment is widely recognized.

He left Statistics Canada in 1968 to join the faculty of Sociology at the University of Alberta, where he spent the rest of his life. He was instrumental in establishing a strong demography program and the Population Research Laboratory at the University of Alberta. He trained many students, in class and as supervisor to their

M.A. and Ph.D. research. He taught them to be truly objective, unprejudiced researchers and teachers. Many have followed in his foot steps, becoming in their turn prominent teachers and researchers. He was one of those professors who continued taking interest, long after they left the university, and often inspired them in their own career paths. For former students, Karol was forever dedicated, involved and the best of colleagues.

In recognition of his high achievements in academia and research, in 1982 the University of Alberta awarded Dr. Krotki with the much aspired distinction of "University Professor." His research output is vast and lasting. Karol authored, co-authored or edited 12 books and monographs and more than 100 articles. His research interests were primarily in the areas of fertility and family planning and in the estimation of vital events for countries with inadequate vital registration systems. In 1973, along with P. Krishnan, he conducted the Growth of Alberta Families Survey, from which a number of important publications were produced as well as several graduate dissertations. One of Dr. Krotki's leading scholarly contributions is *Population Growth Estimation: a Handbook of Vital Statistics Measurement*, published in 1974 by the Population Council, with Eli S. Marks and William Seltzer. This book is considered essential reading for advanced students of formal demography. In 1993, Dr. Krotki, along with T. R. Balakrishnan and Evelyn Lapierre-Adamcyk, authored *Family and Childbearing in Canada: a Demographic Analysis*, the culmination of almost ten years of research based on the Canada Fertility Survey which Dr. Krotki and his collaborators undertook in 1984. This survey remains the only national fertility survey in Canada.

In recognition of his outstanding scholarly achievements, Karol Krotki was elected as Fellow of the Royal Society, Canada's most prestigious academic body. As president of its Social Science section, he actively promoted the importance of demography in social science research and for public policy in Canada. Throughout his long professional career, he was an active participant in many professional and academic conferences, committees, international agencies as consultant, and as visiting professor in various universities. Closer to home, mention should be made of his presidency of the Federation of Canadian Demographers (1981-1984).

Karol was bigger than life. He took great interest not only in his work but in his friends, family and in the

world around him. He left an indelible mark on anyone he met. Living and working in Asia, Africa, Europe, United States and finally in Canada gave him a world view and experience which he shared with others. One has to be awed by his depth of understanding of other cultures, especially of developing countries. Karol always spoke his mind and was not afraid to question conventional wisdom which sometimes got him into trouble. Through a combination of wisdom, friendliness, and scholarship he impacted various areas of our profession, in Canada and beyond. As his colleague and friend Susan McDaniel stated "He had a lifelong deep respect for intellect, for ambition, and for engagement with the world of ideas."

Karol left behind Joanna Elzbieta, whom he married when they both were students at Cambridge University. They were about to celebrate their diamond anniversary, 60 years of marriage. He left close-knit family in sorrow: three sons, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson, as well as a sister in Poland.

T.R.Balakrishnan and Anatole Romaniuc

In memory of Jeanne Clare Ridley

Jeanne Clare Ridley died July 17, 2007 at her home in Silver Spring, MD of Parkinson's disease at age 81. She earned a B.A. in Economics from the University of Michigan in 1947, an M.A. in Sociology from Columbia University in 1951, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Michigan in 1958. Dr. Ridley was a member of the American Sociological Association, the American Statistical Association, and the Population Association of America. She retired from Georgetown University as Professor Emerita of Demography in 1990.

She came to Georgetown in 1972 as Professor of Sociology and as a Research Associate of the university's Center for Population Research. Her interest in demography developed early, as evidenced by her service between 1949 and 1952 as a Research Assistant at the Milbank Memorial Fund (in New York City) analyzing the data from the Indianapolis Study, an important early survey of fertility behavior in the United States. Aside from a study of political attitudes and behavior (1960-61), her research remained focused on demography, with particular attention to fertility issues.

Before coming to Georgetown, she was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthro-

pology at Vanderbilt University (1957-1963), an Associate Professor of Sociology in the Sociology Department and an Associate Professor of Demography in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh (1963-1967), and an Associate Professor of Socio-Medical Sciences in the School of Public Health and Director of the Division of Demography in the International Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction at Columbia University (1967-1972).

Highlights from her productive career include collaboration with the eminent biostatistician, Mindel C. Sheps, as reported in "An Analytic Simulation Model of Human Reproduction with Demographic and Biological Components," *Population Studies*, 1966. They also co-edited the oft-cited conference report *Public Health and Population Change*, 1965, which contains papers written by more than 20 renowned researchers. At times during this period they were joined by Jane A. Menken and Joan W. Lingner, resulting in several papers, including the influential "The Truncation Effect in Closed and Open Birth Interval Data," *J. of the Amer. Stat. Assoc.*, 1970. In 1971 Dr. Ridley wrote a background research paper, "On the Consequences of Demographic Change for the Roles and Status of Women," for the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future.

Perhaps Dr. Ridley's most significant legacy to the study of American fertility behavior is her survey of the low-fertility cohorts of 1901-10, who mainly gave birth during the 1920s and 1930s. She wanted to ascertain the social, physiological, and psychological factors that enabled these cohorts to achieve a lower level of fertility than succeeding cohorts, especially during the baby boom. It was conducted in 1978, while many of these women were still alive. The data are accessible from the Inter-University Consortium of Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan (study no. 4698). One of Dr. Ridley's research assistants on this project, Dr Deborah Dawson, was struck by her "incredible attention to detail" throughout the project. So it is not a surprise that when the ICPSR received the data file, they found it to be "in near perfect condition." Another Georgetown colleague, Dr. Maxine Weinstein, said that "it is a testament to her foresight and vision that more than 20 years after the data were collected, they were still (and are still) an important resource." The two of them collaborated on a paper published in *Social Biology* in 2001, "Menarcheal Age and Subsequent Patterns of Family Formation." This was one of 20 papers in

which Dr. Ridley and her collaborators reported their findings from the low-fertility-cohorts survey. Thanks to the diligent efforts of her husband, Christy Ridley, who survives her, most of the unpublished papers have been found and sent to the ICPSR so that they may be accessible to interested researchers.

Another notable attribute observed by Dr. Dawson was "her affection for her students." Dr. Dawson adds that "she really tried to help them become good demographers, and I know that she stayed in touch with many of them for years, even after she left Georgetown."

Her family, friends, and colleagues are saddened by her passing, but they are consoled by the memory of her devotion to them and to her work.

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