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#PAA2016: CHERRY BLOSSOMS AND DEMOGRAPHERS ARE COMING TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL

By Judith A. Seltzer, PAA President and Co-Chair Program Committee

Washington, DC, where the famous cherry blossom trees encircle the tidal basin, home of the Washington Nationals baseball team, the Washington Capitals hockey team, and the location of more monuments and museums than one could see in a year. And we only have a few days – March 31-April 2, when the annual meetings of the PAA return to the city. The District of Columbia has many visitors but demographers do it better!

Please join us! Come enjoy the meetings. There are fascinating sessions, opportunities to meet with colleagues, greet old friends, and enjoy the many attractions of this Capital city. The [PAA Meeting Website](#) features the preliminary program along with tools for planning your time at the meetings. You can also find [guidelines](#) for posters, paper presenters, chairs, and discussants – especially important because, as in recent years, sessions will be only 90 minutes long. You will want to take a look at the long list of [member-initiated events](#). These include information sessions, data workshops, and other workshops and meetings that greatly expand on the offerings of the official program. Some of these require advance registration, which you can do when you [register online](#) for the meetings.

The program also provides a day-by-day listing where you can find special events: [Welcome Mixer](#), [Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony](#), [Career Mentoring Lunch](#), [Early Career Reception](#), and much more. [Information on travel, hotel, and registration](#) is available on the PAA Website, along with local area information. While attending the meetings, please join the Officers and Board of the PAA for the [annual membership meeting](#) on Saturday morning (bright and early). This meeting provides an opportunity for members to learn about issues that affect the organization and its members, hear about decisions made by the Board, get an update on the status of *Demography*, government and public affairs activities, and other PAA enterprises, and learn about the PAA's financial status. Please contact [Danielle Staudt](#) if you have items to suggest for the agenda or come to the meeting and raise your issue from the floor. A preliminary agenda will be available at the PAA Registration Desk.

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PAA BUSINESS

2016 Nominations

The PAA Nominations Committee – David Lam, Jennifer Van Hook, and Patrick Heuveline – proposes the following slate of candidates for the 2016 election. Terms begin in 2017, except for the Nominations Committee, which begins shortly before the election. Additional candidates may be nominated according to the procedures outlined in Article IV, Section 1 of the PAA Bylaws. Submit petitions signed by at least ten PAA members, along with the required biographical data information by May 13, 2016. Petitions should be mailed to Liana Sayer, Secretary-Treasurer, c/o Danielle Staudt, PAA, 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Slate of Nominees

President (2 for 1 Position)

Irma Elo, University of Pennsylvania
Wendy Manning, Bowling Green State University

Vice President (2 for 1 Position)

John Haaga, National Institutes of Aging
John Iceland, Penn State University

Board of Directors (8 for 4 Positions)

Trevon Logan, Ohio State University
Jeff Morenoff, University of Michigan
Jenna Nobles, University of Wisconsin
Andrew Noymer, University of California, Irvine
Krista Perreira, University of North Carolina
Quincy Stewart, Northwestern University
Zhenchao Qian, Brown University
Kathleen McGarry, University of California, Los Angeles

Publications (2 for 1 Position)

Andrew Foster, Brown University
Kelly Raley, University of Texas, Austin

Nominations (6 for 3 Positions)

Emily Agree, Johns Hopkins University
Marianne Bitler, University of California, Davis
Hans-Peter Kohler, University of Pennsylvania
John Strauss, University of Southern California
Elizabeth Armstrong, Princeton University
Sonalde Desai, University of Maryland

FEATURE STORY: RESEARCH TO POLICY

By Vivianna M. De Jesús Monge, PhD

In 2014, the Commission on Social Wellbeing and Poverty Eradication of the Puerto Rico House of Representatives presented the final report of the Resolution Num. 250,¹ concerning an investigation about the situation of the older population living below the poverty level in Puerto Rico. This report stated that the older population is increasing and Puerto Rico does not have a plan to confront this demographic situation.

The Commission did a public hearing and received various statements about this situation. Based on those, the report included statistics that described the demographic, social, and economic characteristics of the elderly, particularly employment status, total income, types of income, such as Social Security and retirement pensions, personal expenses, and poverty level.

¹Puerto Rico House of Representatives. (2014). *Resolution 250*. Retrieved from <http://soph.md.rcm.upr.edu/demo/images/Leyes/2014-RC-250-Camara%20Puerto%20Rico-Informe%20final.pdf>.

The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly cited my article about the characteristics of the 65 years and over population below and above poverty level in Puerto Rico in its statement. Based on the 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey, I indicated that 37.5% of the families with a householder of 65 years and over were classified as poor. Also, regarding some of the characteristics of the elderly that was classified as poor, 53.4% had between 65 to 74 years and 61.4% had an educational attainment between elementary to middle school.

The Commission recommended to improve the financial situation of the elderly. Its final report stated that “the budgetary allocation to programs and services directed to the elderly should be considered as a high priority for the purpose of allocating the necessary resources to serve this population according to their representation in the population in general. That is to say that the offer of services should be strengthened in response to the population growth of the elderly in our country.” For me, to have my work included in a House of Representatives resolution, which is concerned for this vulnerable population, is of great satisfaction.

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

On December 16, 2015, appropriators in Congress introduced a comprehensive omnibus spending bill to fund the federal government through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016. The earlier Bipartisan Budget Act agreement set the stage by freeing up spending authority to avoid deep sequestration cuts; the omnibus enacts the actual funding allocations for every federal agency and program. On Friday, December 18, 2015, President Obama signed the massive bill into law.

The overall picture that has emerged from the FY 2016 Omnibus appropriations bill is very positive: first, nearly every agency of interest to the PAA received an increase over FY 2015 funding levels; and second, the final bill did not include problematic report language, such as provisions that would have adversely affected the American Community Survey and the National Science Foundation Social, Behavioral and Economic Directorate.

The chart below summarizes the final funding levels in FY 2016 in comparison to FY 2015 levels and recommendations from the House and Senate.

On February 9, 2016, President Obama submitted his proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget, which initiates congressional consideration of next year’s funding bill. The PAA Office of Government and Public Affairs will keep PAA members apprised of developments regarding FY 2017 appropriations deliberations. Other current government affairs news is available at: <http://www.populationassociation.org/category/government-affairs>.

Agency	FY 2015 Level	FY 2016 Administration Request	FY 2016 House Recommendation	FY 2016 Senate Recommendation	Final Omnibus Funding Level
BEA	\$100M	\$114M	\$100M	\$100M	\$105M
BLS	\$592M	\$633M	\$609M	\$579M	\$609M
Census Bureau	\$1.09B	\$1.5B	\$992M	\$1.1B	\$1.37B
NCES	\$232M	\$275M	\$232M	\$231M	\$261M
NCHS	\$155M	\$172M	\$160M	\$145M	\$160.4M
NIH	\$30.1B	\$31.3B	\$31.2B	\$32B	\$32.1B
NIA	\$1.2B	\$1.3B	\$1.5B	\$1.6B	\$1.6B
NICHD	\$1.29B	\$1.3B	\$1.3B	\$1.4B	\$1.34B
NSF	\$7.34B	\$7.7B	\$7.4B	\$7.3B	\$7.46B*
USAID FP/RH	\$575M	\$578M	\$461M	\$613M	\$575M

CALL FOR PAPERS

2016 Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences (IGSS) Conference. With support from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, and the Population Association of America, the Institute of Behavioral Science and University of Colorado Population Center are hosting the 7th annual conference entitled Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences. The goal of this conference is to showcase behavioral and molecular genetic studies that enhance demographic and social scientific inquiry. The two-day conference will include a 4-hour advanced statistical genetics workshop. Researchers from any of the biological or social sciences are encouraged to participate. Information about the conference can be found at http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/CUPC/conferences/IGSS_2016/. To be considered for this conference, please submit a complete paper, a working draft, or an extended abstract (including data description, methods, and preliminary results) as a .pdf file to the following link: https://cuboulder.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eJ10EtBZjcZ8Z8N by April 20th, 2016.

RSF: The Russell Sage Journal of the Social Sciences. The Russell Sage Foundation invites papers for two upcoming issues:

1. *Anti-Poverty Policy Innovations: New Proposals for Addressing Poverty in the United States*, edited by Lawrence M. Berger, Maria Cancian, and Katherine Magnuson, University of Wisconsin-Madison. **Call closes 4/15/16.** For more information, see <http://www.rsjournal.org/pb-assets/pdfs/Open-Berger-Magnusson-Cancian-Call.pdf>.
2. *Immigration and Identities: Race and Ethnicity in a Changing United States*, edited by Kay Deaux, CUNY Graduate Center and New York University, Katharine Donato, Vanderbilt University, and Nancy Foner, Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center. **Call opens 3/1/16.** For more information, see (available beginning 3/1/16) <http://www.rsjournal.org/about/currentcalls>.

All submissions must be original work that has not been previously published in part or in full. Only abstracts submitted to <https://rsjournal.onlineapplicationportal.com> will be considered. Each paper will receive a \$1,000 honorarium when the issue is published. The selected contributors will gather for a one-day workshop to present draft papers and receive feedback from the other contributors and editors. After the conference, the revised papers will be sent out to two additional scholars for peer review. Papers will be published open access on the RSF website as well as in several digital repositories, including JSTOR and UPCC/Muse.

The British Society for Population Studies has issued a call for papers in regard to its 2016 Conference (Sep 12-14, University of Winchester). The call, information on the different strands, and the online submission system can be accessed via the BSPS's home page: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy/Researchcentresandgroups/BSPS/annualConference/Home.aspx>. The deadline for submissions is April 12th.

MEETINGS

Persistent & Emerging Issues in Population Health Science. The Nittany Lion Inn, Penn State University-University Park, Sept 19-21, 2016. IAPHS and the 2016 Program Committee are pleased to announce the Call for Submissions for the second annual interdisciplinary population health research conference, *Persistent & Emerging Issues in Population Health Science*. Next September, this conference will bring together a wide range of scholars and practitioners to share and discuss the science, practice, and policy of population health. The conference is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is organized by the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science, the Population Research Institute of Penn State University, and the Institute for Policy and Social Research at the University of Kansas. The Program Committee encourages submissions that highlight the promise of interdisciplinary population health science in addressing persistent and emerging population health challenges. Three submission formats are invited: interdisciplinary panels, individual papers, and "you tell us" sessions that use a

format of your choosing. Submissions from students and other trainees are especially encouraged. Click [here](#) for the Call for Submissions and Submission Guidelines. The deadline for submissions is **March 15, 2016**. Information on this conference is also available at <http://ipsr.ku.edu>.



Strategic Citizenship Conference: Negotiating membership in the age of dual nationality. Princeton University, Whig Hall, March 7-8, 2016. We are pleased to announce a forthcoming conference on “Strategic Citizenship” at Princeton University on March 7-8 2016, organized by Yossi Harpaz and Pablo Mateos, through CIESAS Research Center in Mexico and Princeton University Sociology Dept. This conference is focused on investigating new citizenship practices

by individuals and families that aim to strategize national membership/s, decoupling citizenship and residence, legal status and identity. Growing multiple citizenship acquisition tends to be aimed at securing additional rights, especially mobility, security, and access to economic opportunities. These developments are reopening questions about the meaning of national identity within citizenship and the future of national membership within a stratified global system. The conference aims to contribute to the development of a comparative, theoretically-informed approach to external and multiple citizenship practices. Keynote speakers are Christian Joppke and Peter Spiro, with 15 excellent papers by international scholars distributed in a single stream of 5 panels. The conference is open to the public. For the conference program and full details about the conference please see: <http://www.multizens.org/>.

Applied Demography Conference, January 11-13, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. The conference is for demographers, sociologists, economists, planners, marketers, and others working with demographic information in applied settings. Plan to join us for this stimulating and fun meeting in the relaxed setting of a historic city. Student participation is encouraged. Contact Lloyd Potter (Lloyd.Potter@utsa.edu) for more information or if you wish to be notified when the call for papers is issued. Details will be available soon at: IDSER.utsa.edu.

MEMBER-INITIATED PAA EVENTS

As is the case for all PAA meetings, this year’s features many member-initiated events: trainings, introductions to data sets, and much more. Please [check the program](#) for a full list. These meetings are great opportunities to meet and network with colleagues.

Open Reception for Population Health Science at Annual Meeting. All PAA attendees with an interest in population health science are invited to attend an Open Reception for Population Health Science at this year’s meetings. The reception will be held Wednesday, March 30, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, in Marriott Balcony B (Mezzanine Level), at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. While focused primarily on networking, the reception will also include brief remarks beginning at 5:15 pm to provide information on new opportunities in population health. These will cover activities at the NIH (representatives of OBSSR, NIA, NCI, NIMHD, NIDA, and possibly other NIH institutes and offices, will be on hand) and an update on the development of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science and an upcoming conference, September 19-21. The reception is sponsored by the RWJF Health & Society Scholars. For information contact chrisbachrach@gmail.com.

The Human Mortality Database: Expanding research opportunities. The Human Mortality Database (HMD) is sponsoring a member-initiated meeting at the 2016 PAA conference, Wednesday March 30, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The meeting will briefly introduce the motivation for the database, its goals and its organizing principles, highlighting its specificities compared with other existing mortality data sources. Some of the less-conventional techniques implemented to produce, standardize, and organize the data will be presented as well as forthcoming changes in the Methods Protocol. Most of the session will be dedicated to presenting examples of research using the HMD data,

emphasizing new research opportunities, as well as discussing potential pitfalls and drawbacks in analyses based on HMD data. The hope is to generate a lively exchange of ideas and information between HMD users and developers. Future expansion plans and specific user's needs will also be debated. For more information about HMD, visit www.mortality.org. To see the full program, visit <http://popcenter.berkeley.edu/events/conferences.shtml>.

DATA/COURSES/TRAINING/SYMPOSIA

Online Graduate Certificate and Masters of Professional Studies in Applied Demography. The Department of Sociology at Pennsylvania State University will launch online courses leading to a Graduate Certificate and a Masters of Professional Studies (MPS) in Applied Demography in the Fall of 2016. These courses are offered through Penn State's World Campus. These programs are designed for working professionals who are seeking to increase their knowledge of applied demographic topics and methods, to enhance their careers, support organizational goals and objectives, and better understand and anticipate population change. The opportunities for applied demographers are numerous and include: data and market research analysis, local, state and regional planning, and consulting for public and private organizations. The Certificate is a 12-credit (four courses) program that provides an introduction to the concepts, measures, data, software, and methods used in applied demography with an emphasis on applications in both the public and private sectors. The four courses in the Certificate form the core requirements for the online MPS in Applied Demography. The online MPS in Applied Demography is a 30-credit degree (10 courses) and will draw on applied demographic research from both the U.S. and international contexts. Students will complete their MPS with a capstone project where they will apply the applied demography perspective to a subject relevant to their professional



Do you have a PAA colleague you would like to honor?

The "Honor a Colleague" campaign is a wonderful way for you, or a group of people, to recognize your mentor or peer for their contribution to the population research community. When donations reach \$5,000, the honoree is then recognized with a page on the PAA website including a picture, a brief essay on his or her accomplishments, and the list of those who donated. The honoree is also recognized at the PAA Annual Meeting.

You can start a new campaign or contribute to an ongoing campaign. There are 33 campaigns currently in progress you can contribute to or can add to the contributions honoring someone who is already an honoree.

To learn more, please contact Lois Brown, Development Director at lois@popassoc.org.

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goals. To obtain information about the MPS in Applied Demography, please contact Dr. Alexis R. Santos, ars39@psu.edu. We will launch the Certificate Program in the Fall of 2016 and an MPS in Applied Demography in the Spring/Fall of 2017.

The Second Annual Berkeley Formal Demography Workshop: Mortality and Fertility Patterns over Time. Monday-Friday, August 15-19, 2016 at the University of California campus. Join us for an educational program designed to train the next generation of population researchers in the methods of formal demography. This week-long program, with funding from NICHD R25HD083136 at Berkeley consists of three days of hands-on training followed by two days of research presentations by invited faculty. Following the meeting, students may choose to take part in a mentored research project and a capstone presentation of projects at the 2017 Population Association of America annual meeting. The workshop is targeted to advanced graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, assistant professors and other early career researchers. We are particularly interested in supporting underrepresented minorities. Those studying aspects of fertility, mortality and public health will particularly benefit, but those with other interests should also apply. Financial Support: Trainees' expenses for materials, lodging and meals will be covered. Need-based support for travel is available. We regret that we cannot cover travel from outside the United States. DEADLINE: May 1, 2016. Application materials and more information about the program and formal demography can be found on the Workshop website: www.popcenter.berkeley.edu/events/formaldemog.shtml. For more information, contact Dr. Leora Lawton, Executive Director, Berkeley Population Center, Popcenter@demog.berkeley.edu, or 510-643-1270. We will also be hosting a reception and poster session at the PAA as a member-initiated event on Thursday, March 31, from 6 to 8 PM.

European Doctoral School of Demography 2016/2017. Since 2005, the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) has been Europe's leading postgraduate program in advanced studies on migration, fertility, and mortality. The EDSD is a unique joint effort between demographic institutes and universities across Europe. Its mission is to educate the next generation of demographers, free of charge, with full scholarships, and great career perspectives.

To be eligible for admission to the eleven-month program (from September to July), a student should:

- Hold an above average Master's degree in demography, mathematics, statistics, sociology, geography, biology, computer science, economics, history or another relevant field;
- Possess a curious mind and a deep interest in demography and population development of either humans or animal species.

Application deadline is April 15, 2016 for a start date in September 2016. For more information, see www.edsd-demography.org.

Postdoctoral Fellowship – Personal Network Change Over Time: A two-year postdoctoral position in the Berkeley Population Center will be available beginning July 1, 2016 in the group headed by Professor Claude Fischer. The postdoctoral scholar will be responsible for conducting research on the composition and dynamics of ego-centric social networks using a new panel survey, [UCNets](#). The responsibilities include: (1) Conduct research on the UCNets data set, with some interest but no obligation in collaborative efforts. (2) Receive grant-writing training and support in order to develop a proposal for supplemental NIH funding; (3) Get training in responsible conduct of research (required by NIH); and (4) Attend UCNets meetings, demography or other departmental colloquia and other related events. Training and supervising of beginning graduate students may also be periodically required. Basic qualifications by the appointment start date: PhD or equivalent within the five years preceding the appointment in sociology, demography or a closely related field. Demonstrable knowledge about ego-centered networks and their impact on health and well-being. Knowledge of at least one statistical analysis program is required (R, SAS, SPSS and/or Stata). The initial appointment is for one year, with possibility of renewal. The salary range for this position is \$47,224-\$55,000, commensurate with experience. The University of California offers a [comprehensive benefits package for postdoctoral scholars](#). Complete applications will include a cover letter, CV, a statement of research interests that you might pursue relating to the UCNets project, a writing sample, and the names and contact information for three references. Open till filled. Questions? Contact Dr. Leora Lawton, llawton@berkeley.edu. Apply at <http://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/apply/jpf00987>.

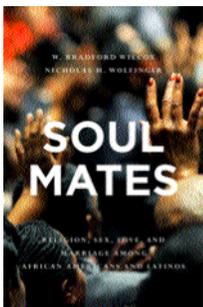
Summer School on “The Demography of Health and Education” in conjunction with the REVES 2016 Meeting in Vienna 6th June – 15th June 2016. Deadline for applications is 15 March 2016. Organized by the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU) at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU). Funded by WWTF, City of Vienna, Wien Kultur. The purpose of the summer school is to acquaint 20 international students at the pre-doctoral level with the newest research on health and disability in the context of population aging and familiarize them with the multi-dimensional methods for modeling population and human capital dynamics in a global perspective. The REVES Meeting 2016 (<http://www.reves2016.at/>) aims at developing a comprehensive picture of the factors decisive for human health and longevity. The Summer School will be held around the REVES Meeting with all selected participants also taking part in the meeting. Prominent international participants of the meeting (Eileen Crimmins, Carol Jagger, Mark D. Hayward, Jean-Marie Robine, Yasuhiko Saito) will stay in Vienna for 1-2 more days and serve as lecturers for the Summer School in the two days preceding the conference and the three days following it. In addition, senior scientists (Wolfgang Lutz, Jesus Crespo Cuaresma, Alexia Fürnkranz-Prskawetz, Marc Luy, Warren Sanderson, Sergei Scherbov and others from the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital (The World Population Program of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis – IIASA, the Vienna Institute of Demography of the Austrian Academy of Sciences – VID/ÖAW, and the Demography Group of the Vienna University of Economics and Business – WU) will give lectures on topics ranging from “redefining age and aging” to “demographic methods of modelling educational attainment and human capital formation”. How to apply:

- Students at the pre-doc level are invited to apply with a motivation letter (max. 1 page) and their CV.
- Two persons should be named who can potentially serve as referees.
- There are 20 places in the course. The main selection criterion is the quality of the application.
- The list of participants will be announced by 15 April 2016.
- Please send your application to Heike Barakat (heike.barakat@wu.ac.at).

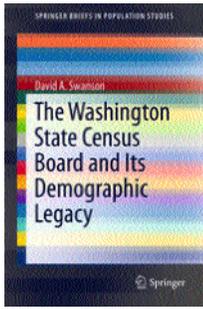
Funding can be provided for selected participants. Please, indicate whether funding is needed and, if this is the case, please send an estimate of travel costs and accommodation.

Dr. Yuri Frantsuz has developed a new undergraduate and graduate course “Demographic Phenomena and Policies in the USSR/Russia (An Exploration from Antiquity to Modernity). The emphasis in the course is the history of Soviet/Russian demographic development, the ideological and socioeconomic contexts of introducing and implementing population policies and the relationship between demographic issues and policies with social policy and social work. The course is currently available to students at the University of Houston (USA) via Skype from St. Petersburg, Russia. Email fran0004@mail.ru for more information.

MEMBER BOOKS, STUDIES IN THE PRESS, AND RESEARCH BRIEFS



W. Bradford Wilcox and Nicholas Wolfinger have published a new book, [Soul Mates: Religion, Sex, Love and Marriage among African Americans and Latinos](#), published by Oxford University Press. The book draws on both broad national surveys and in-depth interviews to paint a detailed portrait of the largely-positive influence exercised by churches on relationships and marriage among African Americans and Latinos. They find that both married and unmarried minority couples who attend church together are significantly more likely to enjoy happy relationships than black and Latino couples who do not regularly attend. Churches serving these communities, the authors argue, promote a code of decency, encompassing hard work, temperance, and personal responsibility, that benefits black and Latino families.



David Swanson, *The Washington State Census Board and Its Demographic Legacy*, published by Springer, is available both in hardcopy and e-copy. The photos, graphs, and other exhibits are in color in the e-copy. It details the history of the Washington State Census Board, which began in 1943 as part of an emergency measure during massive wartime in-migration and then moved into a state government agency in 1967, where it remains today as an integral part of the Governor's budget office. The narrative also traces the demographic legacy of the Board and, ultimately, provides a look into the creation and evolution of applied demography. More details and a free preview are available at the Springer website: <http://www.springer.com/in/book/9783319259475>. Potential reviewers may receive a review copy at no charge via the URL:

<http://www.springer.com/in/reviewers>. Students and faculty in the University of California system can obtain an e-copy of this book online at no cost, per an arrangement between the publisher, Springer, and the UC system.

BLOG – Sexuality and Inequality: Paula England, along with doctoral students Eliza Brown, Mónica L. Caudillo, Jessie Ford, and Emma Mischel, all of New York University, have a research blog on Sexuality and Inequality. You can follow their posts on topics such as hooking up, attitudes toward sex with same-sex partners, the relationship between sexual orientation and sexual behavior, and more at <https://contexts.org/category/sexuality-and-inequality-research/>.

OPPORTUNITIES: FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND FUNDING

NIH Issues Notice on Health Economics Priorities

By Chris Bachrach and Wendy Baldwin

Last November, NIH released a [Guide Notice](#) on its Priorities in Health Economics. The notice provides guidelines for what, within this general topical area, is relevant to the NIH mission “to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.” The notice was a proactive attempt on the NIH's part to clarify priorities in the face of Congressional concerns over research on health care costs. Because of concerns that the notice could affect new applications by PAA members, the Government and Public Affairs Committee has held conversations with staff at NIH. The staff we talked to feel that the policy will *not* have major implications for applications from population researchers, but that applicants have to be aware of it and take steps to be sure their applications are acceptable. They told us that proposals that appear to be outside of the NIH mission on the basis of the policy will be flagged when they are received and assigned to an Institute. They will be referred to the appropriate Institute Director, who will decide whether the application can be accepted. Although specific details on implementation have not been fully worked out, the following information and guidance may be useful.

- *Talk to your program officials before submitting an application.* This is important anytime, but particularly crucial if your application could be considered health economics research.
- *Include explicit language tying your application to health* in the abstract and specific aims, if not the title. Your program official can help you with this – they know what works.
- *Don't self-censor!* Even if you think the policy may put your research out of scope for the NIH, talk to someone. What matters is how it is being interpreted within the NIH, and only a program official can tell you that.
- *Stay tuned* for more information on how this is being implemented.
- If your application is determined to be out of scope, *please notify* chrisbachrach@gmail.com and provide your abstract. This will help GPAC monitor whether the policy is impacting demographic research.

Other resources on the new policy include a [blog post](#) from Carrie Wolinetz, Associate Director for Science Policy at NIH, and [another](#) from Bill Riley, Director of the NIH Office for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

Russell Sage Foundation Funding & Residency Opportunities – Upcoming Deadlines. The Russell Sage Foundation is the principal American foundation devoted exclusively to research in the social sciences for “the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.” Located in NYC, it is a research center, a funding source for research projects, a publisher, and an active member of the nation’s social science community.

- *RSF Research Awards: The deadline for letters of inquiry (LOIs) is **June 15, 2016, at 2pm ET.*** The Foundation accepts LOIs in all of its core research programs – [Social Inequality](#), the [Future of Work](#), [Behavioral Economics](#), and [Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration](#). [Click here](#) for guidelines on how to apply.
- *RSF Visiting Scholars: Applications for the 2017-18 academic year will be accepted between **April 15 and June 30, 2016.*** The Visiting Scholars Program provides a unique opportunity for social, economic, and behavioral scientists to pursue their research and writing while in residence at the Foundation. The program is an important part of the Foundation’s ongoing effort to analyze and understand the complex and shifting nature of social and economic life in the United States. [Click here](#) for additional information and application guidelines.
- *RSF Visiting Researchers: Applications for fall 2016 are due **May 2, 2016.*** Visiting Researcher residencies are available to scholars who are conducting research relevant to the Foundation’s priority areas. These positions do not come with any Foundation financial support and are available for visits of 1-3 months as space permits. [Click here](#) to read more and apply.

NIH Grant Opportunities. Through collaboration with several Institutes at the NIH and other scientific partners, the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR) is proud to announce the publication of three funding opportunity announcements. The announcements cover the different research award mechanisms (R21, R03, R01) but share in the interest toward advancing a better understanding that may explain the relationship between education/educational attainment and health. Click on the links to view descriptions, deadlines and requirements. [Education and Health: New Frontiers \(R21\)](#); [Education and Health: New Frontiers \(R03\)](#); and [Education and Health: New Frontiers \(R01\)](#).

PAA PEOPLE AND HONORS

Ronald D. Lee, University of California Berkeley, is the 2016 Laureate of the International Union of the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)! There will be a special symposium at the PAA to honor Ron and highlight some of his many, many contributions to the field of demography on March 30 (Wednesday) at 6 PM. The program is:

- Chair: Jacques Vallin, Institut national d’études démographiques
- “Economic-Demographic Dynamics in Historical Populations” David Lam, University of Michigan
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JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

U. S. Census Bureau Recruiting at the 2016 Population Association of America Annual Meetings (Washington, DC). The U.S. Census Bureau has full-time and summer internship opportunities for qualified U.S. citizens in the areas of geography, demography, sociology, economics, and related social sciences. We are looking for candidates at all levels of education. Training in demographic analysis, survey research, geographic information systems, and/or quantitative data analysis of large datasets is preferred. These openings offer the opportunity to work on one or more of the following topics: population distribution; population estimates and projections; housing; social and economic characteristics; employment; disability; health insurance coverage; and migration. Representatives will be recruiting during the Population Association of America (PAA) annual meeting in Washington, DC. We will conduct 30-minute informational recruiting sessions during the conference (March 31 and April 1) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please

email David Zaslow (David.C.Zaslow@census.gov) to sign up prior to the conference or visit the Census Bureau's exhibition booth during the conference. In addition, there will be an open-to-all session, in the Cleveland 1 room (mezzanine level) on Thursday, March 31, from 12:00-1:00 pm. Applicants are encouraged to apply for employment opportunities at <http://www.usajobs.gov/>.

New York University, College of Global Public Health, Assistant/Associate Professor, Tenure-track. The College of Global Public Health (CGPH) at New York University is seeking applications for tenure-track faculty positions at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Candidates are expected to have an active research program and record of scholarship in one or more of the following domains: social behavioral science, epidemiology, biostatistics, health policy and management, or environmental health. See full announcement at: <http://publichealth.nyu.edu/careers--assistant-associate-professor--tenure-track.html>.

International Migration Employment Opportunities at the US Census Bureau. The Net International Migration Branch (NIMB) and the Foreign-Born Population Branch (FBPB), part of the US Census Bureau's Population Division, have several employment opportunities available. NIMB produces annual estimates of international migration flows to and from the United States, as inputs to population estimates produced by the Population Division. This position works with large data sets to develop estimates of the magnitude and characteristics of migration flows to and from the United States at the national and subnational levels. This position also conducts research on different methodologies for estimating the components of international migration, evaluates U.S. Census Bureau and alternative data sources for use as inputs/benchmarks, and prepares/presents analytical reports and papers for public release and professional meetings. FBPB provides an accurate and timely profile of the foreign-born population living in the United States. This position analyzes the impact of migration by assessing the effects of international migration and secondary migration on receiving areas in the United States. This position also reviews and clears data on the foreign-born population from both the ACS and the CPS, coordinates statistics on characteristics of the foreign born with both federal and international agencies, disseminates information about the foreign-born population through published reports, table packages, and presentations, and provides analytical and interpretive reports and papers for professional societies and technical publications. Job announcements for these positions are located here: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/420776500> and <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/401626300>. For the NIMB positions, contact Jason Schachter at jason.p.schachter@census.gov or 301-763-8869, and for the FBPB positions, contact Stephanie Ewert at stephanie.ewert@census.gov or 301-761-1581. They will be at PAA for recruiting, so contact them to make an appointment or for more information.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) seeks a population or social scientist to be Health Scientist Administrator in the Division of Behavioral and Social Research. This position is located in the Population and Social Processes Branch (<http://www.nia.nih.gov/research/dbsr/population-and-social-processes-ppsp>). The HSA will manage and develop a portfolio of innovative grant-supported research and research training and identify scientific opportunities to generate new knowledge supporting the NIA mission (<http://www.nia.nih.gov/about>). Responsibilities include: providing administration and scientific evaluation of funded research; advising NIA leadership on significant research findings and proposing future program emphases; representing the division at review meetings and scientific conferences; presenting and justifying funding plans to NIA leaders and the National Advisory Council on Aging; responding to inquiries from Congress, NIH leaders, and others and explaining research results and priorities to multiple audiences. The ideal candidate will possess a Ph.D. The work site is Bethesda, Maryland. Salaries will be competitive and commensurate with experience; excellent benefits will be provided. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to ethnicity, gender, national origin, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. The position will likely be posted at the GS-12, 13, and 14 federal government salary grades, producing an annual salary range of about \$76,378 to \$139,523.

This is a pre-announcement of the vacancy, to be posted on www.usajobs.gov and applications must be submitted through that website to be considered. Please check that website regularly for updated postings, as positions are only open for 10 days. Interested parties should also contact John Haaga at John.Haaga@nih.gov.

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