

Quarterly Newsletter of the Population Association of America, Inc.
Kiersten Johnson, Editor

PAA BUSINESS

2008 NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The PAA Nominating Committee – William G. Axinn (chair), Daniel Lichter, and Judith Treas – proposes the following slate of candidates for the 2008 election. Additional candidates may be nominated according to the procedures outlined in Article IV of the PAA bylaws, available on the website, www.popassoc.org. Submit petitions signed by at least ten PAA members, along with the required biographical data information by April 28, 2008, to John D. Iceland, Secretary-Treasurer, PAA, 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The biographical information form may be obtained from the PAA office.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PAA Member:

On behalf of the PAA 2008 Program Committee, we are pleased to present the Preliminary Program for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. The meeting will be held in New Orleans from Thursday April 17 to Saturday April 19, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel.

The creation of the program for the annual meetings of the PAA is the product of the research interests of our membership. Following last year's meeting, PAA members submitted over 125 suggested sessions for the 2008 meetings. Based on these suggestions, investigation of the most popular sessions (as measured by the volume of submissions) at recent meetings, and informal canvassing of PAA members, the PAA Program Committee assembled a list of 92 regular sessions that were listed in the Call for Papers posted on the website in July. The program committee endeavored to create broad topics for sessions and, to the extent possible, recruited members to serve as session organizers who had not been in this role in the last two years.

More than 1856 submissions came into the PAA Meetings website. The real heroes of program planning are the session organizers who read and evaluated the submissions under quite a tight deadline. With 92 regular session organizers, the mean number of papers per organizer is about 20, but a number of the organizers had more than 50 submissions: Victor Agadjanian, Alaka Malwade Basu, Pamela R. Bennett, Timothy J. Biblarz, Michael E. Foster, Kristen Harknett, Rachel T. Kimbro,

Elizabeth M. King, S. Philip Morgan, Liana C. Sayer, Gillian Stevens, Susan Watkins and John R. Warren. Susan Watkins deserves special mention for handling 103 submissions! The PAA Program Committee is grateful for the extra effort that was required.

For session organizers who received many more good papers than could be accommodated in a single session, additional “overflow” sessions were added to the program. Eight additional sessions were created from abstracts and papers submitted directly to the President or that were routed to him by the organizers. There are approximately 70 posters in each of the seven poster sessions. In all, we are able to accommodate over 1000 of the submissions in the 2008 PAA program. The preliminary program includes over 2000 participants (including co-authors of multiple authored papers). It is hard to imagine a more productive and participatory scholarly association.

All of this is possible because hundreds of PAA members spend countless volunteer hours working as members of the program committee and as session organizers. THANK YOU! We also appreciate the willingness of PAA members to serve as discussants and session chairs. We owe debts of gratitude to Germán Rodríguez who is the creator of the machinery behind the PAA Meetings website and database, and Lili Largent, who assisted Duncan on many of the myriad details involved in organizing the program. Special thanks go to Philippe Migrenne, who devoted enormous energy to the many issues that arose with the submissions and organizer judging. Philippe, Germán, Chang Chung, and Lili—thank you for your dedication and service!

There are 13 invited sessions on a variety of special topics. Several are on post-Katrina New Orleans and what we have learned from demographic research on similar natural disasters. Mark Vanlandingham was instrumental in organizing a number of them. Tim Smeeding has organized a panel on what we have learned from 40 years of poverty research. John Weeks has organized a big-think panel on the past and future of the PAA.

As in the past, we also take time at the PAA Annual Meeting to remember members of our field who have passed away since our last meeting. Our colleagues will be remembered at a special session on Thursday evening, 8:30-10:00 pm. If you know of other PAA members who have passed away during the past year, please let Bill Frey (billf@umich.edu) know so that

their names may be included in the memorial service program. Members are encouraged to participate in this session and to contribute remembrances of recently deceased members. (*Ed. note—please see the announcement section of this newsletter for further information on the Memorial Session*).

More information can be found on the PAA website, <http://www.popassoc.org>. The PAA Board continues to search for creative ways to enhance access at the annual meetings for all members within the constraints of our very limited association resources. The presidential session will also be captioned for those with special hearing needs. Suggestions to improve access to the meetings are most welcome.

As in recent years, there will be LCD projectors and overhead projectors in all sessions. Presenters (or session organizers) are responsible for bringing a laptop computer with their PowerPoint presentations to connect to the LCD projector. The PAA program will continue until 2:20 pm on Saturday afternoon.

Sessions will be 110 minutes and many sessions will include two discussants in order to maximize feedback to paper authors. Unless otherwise directed by the session chair, authors should plan on no more than 12-15 minutes for their presentation. This will leave time for introductions, transitions, discussants, audience questions and comments. As with last year, poster sessions will group posters by broad topic area – fertility, marriage, children, health etc. We hope that this will help specialists who visit poster sessions to find the posters in their specialty areas, as well as group together poster authors with similar interests.

New Orleans is a unique city with numerous attractions. Located between the French Quarter and the Arts District, the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, home to the PAA 2008 Meeting, resides in the Central Business District. From countless guided tours and museums, to galleries, jazz clubs and shopping, visitors are surrounded by history, fascinating architecture, and diverse culture. Countless restaurants and pubs offering the tastes of Louisiana cuisine make New Orleans one of the top 3 food destinations in the world!

A canoeing adventure along the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain is just one of many exciting things recommended to PAA attendees organized by Mark

Vanlandingham and his local arrangements team. This is a guided tour through the wetlands that requires reservations. Members who are interested in seeing first hand the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina will be interested in the Katrina Tour-Gray Line Tours. Attendees will be seated on a 25-passenger bus while listening to a narration of events, looking at the destruction and improvement of afflicted areas. This year, PAA is encouraging members to volunteer some of their time to help clean up the damaged City Park of New Orleans. This will be a chance to contribute to the rebuilding of this great city, as endless others from all over the world have and continue to do so. Registration details about the tours and volunteerism are located on the PAA Website.

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

Best wishes for a happy new year,
Greg J. Duncan
President

Elizabeth Thomson
Vice-President

REPORT FROM PAA'S INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The International Outreach Committee (IOC) was established almost two decades ago with the objective of increasing the access of demographers from developing countries to information about the most recent scientific findings and methodological developments in demography. Over the years, the primary mechanism for achieving this objective has been the Travel Awards program that supports the attendance at the PAA meeting of scholars from developing countries. For the 2007 meeting in New York City, the IOC received 119 applications and made 27 awards: nine each to scholars from South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, four each to scholars from Latin America and East/Southeast Asia, and one to a scholar from the Middle East.

Recently the IOC has enlarged its program of activities to include the forging of partnerships with other population associations in developing countries, especially regional associations. Many of these associations – both national and regional – have been formed during the past decade, and the IOC believes working partnerships between the

PAA and these associations will be to the benefit of all parties. The IOC is presently discussing opportunities for collaboration with regional associations in Latin America, Asia, and Africa. This is likely to include sessions at the annual PAA meeting co-organized with other population associations; for example, the 2008 program includes a session co-organized with the Mexican population association (SOMEDE).

In the case of the African association (Union for African Population Studies [UAPS]), the partnership with the PAA came to the fore in connection with the Fifth African Population Conference, held December 10-14, 2007 in Arusha, Tanzania. There were two components to PAA's contribution to the conference. First, at the request of UAPS the IOC facilitated use of the software *Pampa* for organizing the conference submission process (in English and French) and finalizing the program. Technical assistance was provided by German Rodriguez (Princeton University), *Pampa's* creator, and Philippe Migrenne (IUSSP). The *Pampa* system made conference organizing efficient, saved numerous hours for organizers and those submitting papers, and had the unintended benefit of making language-limited organizers feel bilingual as grammatically perfect French or English e-mails could be automatically generated from the software.

Second, the IOC provided travel awards that permitted nine PAA members to attend the conference. The award opportunity was publicized in PAA Affairs and on the UAPS conference website, and 37 applications from PAA members were received (PAA membership was one of the eligibility criteria). The awardees were: Jimi Adams (United States), Winfred Avogo (Ghana), Mairama Awumbila (Ghana), Ayoub Ayoub (Tanzania), Robert Mswia (Tanzania), David Ojaka (Kenya) and Sara Yeatman (United States). Unfortunately two further travel awardees cancelled for health-related reasons.

The Arusha conference itself was very successful: approximately 1,200 people representing 60 nationalities attended, participating in 97 regular sessions and five poster sessions. All papers and participants are listed on-line at the bottom of the UAPS website: <http://www.uaps.org>. Attesting to the value of strengthening partnerships, incoming UAPS President Eliya Zulu—a colleague who is a frequent attendee at the annual PAA meetings—proposed a slate of future activities for UAPS that includes strengthened relationships with sister organizations such as PAA.

The IOC gratefully acknowledges the financial support for its activities – the annual Travel Awards program, and the partnerships with other population associations – provided by the Hewlett Foundation. The IOC welcomes suggestions from PAA members for successful international outreach. Current members of the IOC are listed below. (Note: Giovanna Merli’s service on the IOC will be ending soon, and Enid Shatz (University of Missouri) will be joining the IOC.)

John B. Casterline, Chair
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Affairs Update January 2008

Congress and Bush End Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations Stalemate

Just in time for the holidays, Congress and the President reached an agreement on H.R. 2764, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008”—an agreement that had eluded them since October 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. Democrats fought to retain billions of dollars in added spending for domestic programs, but ultimately they relented and reduced their fiscal 2008 discretionary spending by nearly \$23 billion to match the president’s top line budget of \$933 billion. Extensive compromise became necessary when Congress realized it did not have the votes to override a promised presidential veto of any omnibus bill that exceeded the president’s top line request. Previous versions of the bill that would have split the difference between the President’s request and the additional \$23 billion in spending Congress wanted for domestic programs, including medical research, met fierce opposition from the White House.

In the end, the White House received Iraq war funding, while Democrats were able to reshuffle some domestic spending priorities. The omnibus bill encompasses 11 of the 12 regular spending measures for fiscal 2008, plus \$70 billion in funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

National Institutes of Health and National Center for Health Statistics

Most of the programs in the Labor-Health and Human Services (HHS) portion of the omnibus were subject to a 1.747 percent across-the-board cut to meet the President’s spending limit. For the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the omnibus provides an appropriation of \$29.229 billion, an increase of \$329 million (1.1 percent) over FY 2007. NIH had been slated to receive \$30 billion in an initial version of Labor-HHS conference report Congress passed, but the President vetoed. In the renegotiated omnibus bill, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) received \$113.6 million—approximately \$3 million less than the conference agreement amount, but still \$3.6 million more than the President’s request, and \$4.6 million more than appropriated in FY 2007. The additional funding is intended to support the agency’s vital statistics data collection efforts.

The omnibus also included language implementing an important policy change at the NIH. The agency is now required to make the results of all the studies it supports available to the public. Under the provision, researchers who receive grants from NIH would have to submit a final copy of studies accepted for publication in a scientific journal. NIH would post the results of the studies in a database available to the public at no cost within 12 months after publication. NIH officials believe it will take the agency six months to fully implement the change.

Census Bureau and National Science Foundation

The omnibus agreement provided the Census Bureau with funding largely reflecting the President’s request, \$1.23 billion. However, funds for the economic statistics programs and the American Community Survey Methods Panel were cut to fund other congressional priorities. One of these priorities, the Survey of Income and Program and Participation (SIPP), received \$24 million. This funding is sufficient to continue SIPP; however, it is not enough to convene a new panel in January. Instead, a new panel will be started in September, resulting in a future data gap. Congress also redirected \$9 million to launch the 2010 Census Partnership Program.

The President had not requested any money for the Partnership Program. However, members of the House Commerce, Science, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee called the partnership program a “vital component of the effort to obtain the most accurate decennial census count possible,” and directed that the money be spent to hire partnership specialists for activities at both the regional and national levels.

Before adjourning for the holidays, Congress and the Administration agreed to a bill temporarily extending the State Children’s Health Insurance Program through March 2009. The bill contained a provision granting the Census Bureau an additional \$10 million to fund data collection on the uninsured as part of the Current Population Survey.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) received only half of the increase it was slated to receive based on what the President had proposed and the Appropriations Committees had recommended. In the FY 2008 Commerce, Science, Justice Appropriations bills passed by the House and Senate, NSF received a 9.8 percent and 10.8 percent increase respectively. However, in the final omnibus bill, the agency received \$6.065 billion, an increase of \$147.8 million—only 2.4 percent over FY 2007. The Research and Related Activities account was only increased by 3.4 percent over its FY 2007 level for a total of \$4.754 billion. While NSF enjoys broad bipartisan support, Congress and the Administration were unable to agree on a substantial funding boost for the agency as a result of the strict spending caps Congress had to adhere to in order to get a final omnibus bill that the President would sign.

United States Agency for International Development

The omnibus spending bill includes \$461 million for U.S. international Family Planning/Reproductive Health (FP/RH) programs. This is the higher level that was contained in the Senate bill and represents an increase of \$21 million above current levels and a more than 25 percent increase above the amount requested by the President. The FY 2008 State/Foreign Operations Appropriations bill approved by both the House and Senate to provide an exemption from the Global Gag Rule—enabling foreign family planning organizations otherwise ineligible for U.S. FP/RH assistance to continue to receive U.S.-donated contraceptives—was dropped by congressional negotiators in the face of an unwavering

veto threat from the President. The Senate-passed amendment to fully overturn the Gag Rule also suffered the same fate.

Other News

Murdock confirmed—On December 19, the United States Senate confirmed Dr. Steve Murdock, the state demographer of Texas and a PAA member, to be the next director of the Census Bureau. Dr. Murdock replaces statistician Louis Kincannon, who resigned 13 months ago, but agreed to stay until his successor was confirmed. President Bush nominated Dr. Murdock in June.

NICHD changes name—In the final days of the session, the House passed under suspension of the rules, and the Senate, by unanimous consent, a bill (S. 2484) to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as the “Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.” The President signed the bill into law on December 21, 2007.

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. For this column we departed slightly from the normal practice of selecting members at random. We narrowed the frame to members who are female, with 40+ years of employment with the Census Bureau, and recently retired. The random selection produced the following interview of Signe Wetrogan, who retired from the Census Bureau in early January. Signe is interviewed by Warren Brown, Cornell University.

Warren - How did your interest in demography begin?

Signe - Although I would like to say my interest in demography dates back to 9th grade when I did a science/math project that involved gathering some statistics from the Census Bureau, I can’t say that it turned me onto the Census Bureau for life. Being interested in statistics and social issues in general, a job offer from the Census Bureau in my senior year of college seemed like a good way to begin my career. Landing a job in the Population Division, I quickly found that I was combin-

ing my interest in statistics with social issues in general. Being curious about some of the basic theory that was behind the applied tools I was applying on the job led me to pursue a master's degree in demography from Georgetown University.

Warren - When did you begin your career with the Census Bureau?

Signe - I began in 1967, right out of college with a basic B.A. Degree.

Warren - What was your first job with the Census Bureau?

Signe - I was hired into the Population Division, working with Richard Irwin developing state and substate population projections. My first assignment was to prepare a basic cohort component estimate and projection. The values of all the components were provided to me and I did the calculations. We used 15 and 18 column worksheets and did all our calculations using manual calculators. Working through a basic cohort component technique by hand, moving the cohorts down the diagonal taught me the basic underlying concepts.

Warren - A major portion of your career with the Census Bureau has involved projections. Switch from a "forward looking" perspective to reflect on the most important demographic events you have witnessed while at the Census Bureau.

Signe - My two most personal experiences have been to help lead development of the Census Bureau's estimates program and to witness the U.S. population surpassing the 200 million mark in November, 1967 and the 300 million mark in October of 2006.

Working on population estimates and projections, it has been interesting following the downward spiral of fertility rates in the late 1960's and early 1970's and most recently the rise in international migration, which has led to the interest and need for increased disaggregations of the population estimates and projections. When I first arrived at the Census Bureau, we were preparing population estimates and projections by race for the White/Nonwhite population. We then extended the estimates to the White/Black/ and Other races population. Currently, the norm is to prepare the estimates and projections for all races and for Hispanic origin.

Warren - What projects—professional and personal—are you looking forward to focusing on?

Signe - I intend to stay involved in the development of population estimates, working on evaluating our current estimate techniques. I am especially eager for the 2010 Census so we can evaluate some alternate estimate approaches being considered. However, I plan to spend more time with my family, especially my 3 grandchildren and be able to give additional time to some community service projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Workshop: Integrating Biomarkers in Population-Based Research

June 2-6, 2008, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Do you want to include biomarkers in your research but don't know how to get started? This week-long introduction to biospecimens provides a basic understanding of and practical examples for collecting specimens such as blood, saliva, hair, and more. Activities will be anchored to social science and public health hypotheses and frameworks. Learn about options for what to collect, how to develop protocols, how to work with a lab, ethical considerations, costs, gene-environment interactions, and overall logistics. The course structure focuses on understand the linkage of biomarkers with social and behavioral data with a hands-on approach. This year only, for a limited number of applicants, no tuition will be charged and some funds are available to defray travel costs. The course is taught by Dr. Andrew Olshan and Dr. Nancy Dole of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more information, please visit <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog/2008/index.html>.

2008 Luxembourg Income Study Introductory Workshop

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) Summer Workshop is a one week workshop designed to introduce researchers in the social sciences to comparative research in income distribution, employment and social policy using the LIS database. We welcome applications from researchers with varying levels of knowledge and experience. The language of instruction is English.

The Luxembourg Income Study has made comparable over 160 large microdata sets that contain comprehensive measures of income, employment and household characteristics for 30 industrialized countries. By the end of the workshop, attendees will be fully trained to use the database independently. Workshop faculty includes the LIS directors, Janet Gornick and Markus Jäntti, the LIS staff and guest lecturers. In addition, the winner of the annual Aldi Hagensaars Memorial Award will present his/her paper (see Aldi Hagensaars Memorial Award page: <http://www.lisproject.org/publications/aldiaward.htm>). The workshop format includes a mixture of lectures on comparative research, laboratory sessions and individual one-on-one advisory sessions. Attendees will also be introduced to the new Luxembourg Wealth Study (<http://www.lisproject.org/lwstechdoc.htm>).

Tuition of €1,400 covers instructional materials, single-occupancy accommodations, and full board. Transportation to and from Luxembourg is the responsibility of the student. The 2008 workshop will be held from July 7 to July 12, 2008 (with departure on July 13). Download application (<http://www.lisproject.org/workshop/2008application.pdf>) and return it to Caroline de Tombeur by April 4, 2008. Send your completed application by email (caroline@lisproject.org) or fax: +352-26 00 30 30. For information about LIS, see <http://www.lisproject.org>.

A summer short course in **Environmental Demography** is being offered by the University of Colorado Population Center (CUPC), July 16-18, in Boulder, Colorado. The course will provide an overview of the sub-discipline and several in-depth examples of central areas of research. Top scholars in the field will review both conceptual and methodological aspects of their research. In addition, students will receive an introduction to spatial data and analyses with a focus on the link between demographic and environmental processes. Topics include: **Population and Environment Scholarship: A Review and Considerations for the Future** (Lori Hunter, *University of Colorado – Boulder*); **Agent Based (Simulation) Approaches to Modeling Population and Environment** (Barbara Entwisle, *University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill*); **Population and Deforestation: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches** (David Carr, *University of California - Santa Barbara*); **Measuring Environmental Racial Inequality: Using GIS to Link Theories, Questions, Definitions, and Indicators** (Liam Downey, *University of Colorado – Boulder*). **Format:** The course is

open to all graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty from any institution. CUPC will provide a limited number of stipends to pay for travel to and from the short course. **Course credit:** If desired, students may enroll in the course for 1.5 credits, and the CUPC will cover tuition expenses. Credit-seeking students will be expected to complete a final exam. **For further information**, including application information, please see: http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/cupc/short_courses/env_demography/ or contact: Lori.Hunter@colorado.edu. Application deadline: April 6. Supported, in part, by NICHD.

Journal *Population and Environment* under new editorship

Lori M. Hunter (University of Colorado-Boulder) has recently taken on the role of Editor-in-Chief of the academic journal *Population and Environment*, published by Springer. She encourages submissions from social demographers engaged in research that includes environmental context.

The journal's mission is to publish articles, commentary and reviews related to the bi-directional links between population, natural resources, and the natural environment, with the purpose of deepening scientific and policy dialogue in this often complex area. The coverage is multidisciplinary, spanning a range of social, policy, life, and natural sciences. Work at all scales, local to global, is presented as are both theoretical and empirical contributions.

Population and Environment reaches a wide readership of researchers working in academic and policy institutions in the fields of demography, economics, sociology, geography, environmental studies, public health, ecology and associated sub-disciplines. For further information, please visit the journal's website (<http://www.springer.com>) or Lori Hunter directly: Lori.Hunter@colorado.edu.

Memorial Session at PAA Meetings in New Orleans

Bill Frey (University of Michigan), Wendy Baldwin (The Population Council), and Omer Galle (University of Texas) comprise the PAA committee tasked to organize the Memorial Session to be held at the PAA meetings this April in New Orleans. At this session, all demographers who have died in the past year are remembered by name.

Bill is now assembling a list of demographers who have died since the last PAA meeting in New York, or who

died right before that meeting but were not remembered in the Memorial Session at the New York meetings. To be included in the Memorial session, the decedent need not necessarily be a member of PAA at the time of his/her death, but should have been identified as a “demographer” while alive.

Sadly, they report they now have four names on their list of decedents, namely, Ronald Freedman (University of Michigan), David Heer (University of Southern California), Karol Krotki (University of Alberta), and Jeanne Clare Ridley (Georgetown University).

If PAA members know of any other demographers who have passed away in the last year or so, please send names of the decedents to Bill Frey at billf@umich.edu. Also, if PAA members learn of any demographers dying between now and a week or so right before the PAA meetings start in New Orleans (on the 17th of April), please send the names right away to Bill.

Errata: In our last issue of PAA Affairs, the last name of one of our colleagues, Karol Krotki, was misspelled in the title of his obituary.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2008 Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award. The award is given each year by the American Sociological Association’s Medical Sociology section. Self-nominations are accepted. Eligible candidates must have defended their doctoral dissertations within the two academic years prior to the annual meeting at which the award is made. To be considered for the 2008 award, the candidate should submit an article-length paper (sole-authored), not to exceed 35 double-spaced pages (11- or 12-pitch font), inclusive of references. This paper may have been previously published, in press, or under review. Submissions may be sent by e-mail as Word or PDF documents. Hard copies (please send 5 copies) will also be accepted. Deadline for receipt of submissions is June 13, 2008.

Send nominations to: Jason Schnittker, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 3718 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6299, jschnitt@ssc.upenn.edu

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

NIH/DHHS Epidemiology and Biostatistics: Protocol Manager

Rehabilitation Medicine Department, Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center
National Institutes of Health – Department of Health and Human Services

This opportunity resides within the Rehabilitation Medicine Department (RMD) of the Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center. The Epidemiology and Biostatistics Section of the RMD seeks to recruit a full time Protocol Manager to assist with administrative and analytical aspects of our health services and public health research. This position will be located in the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Section and will report to the Section Chief. The major work responsibilities include:

- 1) Assisting in research related administrative responsibilities;
- 2) Assisting in the execution of RMD health services and public health research;
- 3) Interacting with other section and departmental members via meetings and committees as assigned; works as a team member to implement section and departmental objectives;
- 4) Performing additional duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

The incumbent will possess the qualifications required to perform this work including:

- 1) An educational background in public health, epidemiology, health sciences, health policy, medicine, demography, sociology, or psychology reflected by an advanced degree (Masters or higher);
- 2) Coursework, experience, or additional education using statistical software such as SAS, SUDAAN, SPSS, or STATA.
- 3) Knowledge of statistical methods for analysis of complex surveys and other large data sets;
- 4) Good organizational skills; ability to participate in several projects simultaneously and follow-up on important project-related tasks in a timely manner.

For more information regarding the position, please contact:

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University of Michigan – Ann Arbor: Early Career Fellowship, Program in Partnerships for International Research and Education

The Program in Partnerships for International Research and Education: Collaborative Research and Training in Social Context, Population Processes, and Environmental Change invites applications for one 2008 Early-Career Summer Fellowship sponsored by the National Science Foundation. This new research program is an interdisciplinary and collaborative comparison of two long-standing projects in population and environment, one in rural Nepal and the other in rural China. The position is for three calendar months and can start as early as May 1, 2008 and end no later than August 31, 2008. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in demography, sociology, anthropology, economics, ecology, geography or a related discipline by the starting date. Junior faculty are also encouraged to apply. A background in population and environment research is desirable but not required.

The 2008 Early-Career Summer Fellowship will feature training in either natural science research methods for social scientists, or social science research methods for natural scientists. The Fellow will be engaged in independent research and will develop a specific research plan in their subject of interest for either Chitwan, Nepal or Wolong, China, by working with faculty from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Arizona State University, San Diego State University, and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This position offers exceptional opportunities for collaboration with faculty and staff from five major U.S. universities, as well as researchers and trainees from Nepal and China.

Stipend is commensurate with experience, based on levels mandated by NSF. The traineeship will also include opportunities for travel to field sites in Nepal or China. Preference will be given to candidates who are citizens (or Permanent Residents) of the United States at the time of application. Screening of applications will begin March 1,

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PAA would like to welcome 42 new members since November 2007. Current membership now stands at 3,096.

2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, 1-2 page statement of research interests and examples of written work in PDF format via e-mail to Jana Bruce (jlbruce@umich.edu). Also, please include the names and contact information for three references. For information on project field sites in Nepal and China, see <http://www.csis.msu.edu/home.htm> and <http://perl.psc.isr.umich.edu>. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Friend	\$ 100 - \$ 249
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