

PAA BUSINESS

PAA 2013: A LONG PLANNING PROCESS WITH AN INVITING OUTCOME

- A Letter from the President and Program Co-Chair Chris Bachrach

Having hosted the Ravens' Super Bowl win over the 49ers in February, New Orleans is now ready for the PAA. Come April 10, thousands of demographers will descend on the city to ... discuss research. And to meet with colleagues, attend fascinating sessions, greet old friends, and enjoy the many attractions of the Big Easy.

Please join us! The [PAA Meeting Website](#) features the [preliminary program](#) along with tools for planning your time at the meetings. It also posts guidelines for [posters](#), paper [presenters](#), [chairs](#), and [discussants](#) – especially important this year because sessions will be only 90 minutes long. You'll want to take a look at the long list of [member-initiated meetings](#): these include information sessions, data workshops, and other workshops and meetings that greatly expand on the offerings of the official program. You can see lists of [invited sessions](#) and [special events](#) on the [PAA Website](#) – a convenient way to find information on the Welcome Mixer, Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony, [Mentoring Lunch](#), and more. Information on travel, [hotel](#), and [registration](#) is available on the PAA Website, along with [information on New Orleans restaurants, bars and attractions, and fun activities](#) planned by the [Local Arrangements Committee](#).

While attending the meetings, please join the Officers and Board of the PAA for the annual membership meeting, now moved to Saturday morning. 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. This year's meeting is likely to feature some issues of core importance to the Association. Possible topics

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include the future of development activities, the structure of our meetings, and planning for future needs in the PAA Office. Please contact Stephanie Dudley if you have items to suggest for the agenda or come to the meeting and raise your issue from the floor. We will post a preliminary agenda at the PAA Registration Desk.

Please contact [Noreen Goldman](#) if you know of individuals who should be remembered at the PAA's annual Memorial Service Thursday evening. This event provides an opportunity to honor colleagues who have passed away since the time of the last annual meeting.

As noted in the Fall Issue of PAA Affairs, the Friday night Alumni Party will not be held this year. Groups that want to schedule gatherings for Friday evening should contact [Stephanie Dudley](#) if they are interested in holding their event at the meeting hotel or the hotel concierge for suggestions about nearby restaurants or bars. Holding parties in the hotel's guest rooms disturbs other guests and is strongly discouraged.

A Long Planning Process: Our April events will be the culmination of a long 14-month planning process. The effort began in February 2012 with the formation of a [Program Committee](#) and, soon after, a call to members to submit suggestions for the program. We received 122 suggestions for regular sessions, invited sessions, and general ideas about how to improve the program. The program committee developed a Call for Papers listing 108 initial paper sessions that reflected contemporary work in demography across 11 topical areas and 127 [session organizers](#) charged with reviewing submissions and creating sessions. The Call for Papers was issued on July 24, 2012 with a deadline of September 21, 2012.

The Call generated 2780 submissions for papers and posters sessions. This was slightly lower than the record of 2881 set for the 2012 meetings, but still at a level substantially above the number of submissions received in 2010 and earlier. The average number of submissions organizers received was nearly 50, and one session received 191! The submissions reflected some trends we have been seeing for several years. The numbers of papers received on health topics has increased dramatically. This year 23% of submissions went to health and mortality sessions as a first choice, making health the number one topic for the first time ever, and submissions to the topic area of race, ethnicity, and gender declined.

Submissions by topic and year: PAA 2011-2013

Topic	2011	2012	2013
Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behavior, and Reproductive Health	18.2%	19.7%	19.7%
Marriage, Family, Households, and Unions	10.2%	13.3%	12.9%
Children and Youth	10.8%	9.9%	9.0%
Health and Mortality	16.8%	19.0%	22.2%
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender	4.9%	3.0%	2.9%
Migration and Urbanization	10.2%	10.0%	9.3%
Economy, Labor Force, Education, and Inequality	5.7%	7.7%	7.6%
Population, Development, and Environment	3.1%	4.1%	4.7%
Population and Aging	5.6%	3.4%	4.3%
Data and Methods	3.4%	4.2%	2.7%
Applied Demography	1.8%	1.7%	1.4%
Other or Poster Only	9.2%	4.1%	3.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Number of submissions	2638	2881	2780

Notes: counts refer to topic area of first-choice session; 2011 and 2012 counts include invited sessions, 2013 do not; %s for "other/poster only are not comparable between 2011 and 2012-13

During the month of October, session organizers formed 105 initial sessions for the program and proposed a great many “overflow” sessions based on the high quality papers they had received. The program chairs used their suggestions to create an additional 96 overflow sessions. Together with 15 invited sessions, PAA 2013 will feature a total of 216 paper sessions, with 18 concurrent sessions occurring in each of 12 time slots. The distribution of sessions by primary topic area is shown below.

Number of Sessions by Topic, 2013

Topic	Invited Sessions	Regular Sessions	All Sessions
Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behavior, and Reproductive Health	0	41	41
Marriage, Family, Households, and Unions	2	28	30
Children and Youth	0	17	17
Health and Mortality	4	43	47
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender	2	6	8
Migration and Urbanization	1	18	19
Economy, Labor Force, Education, and Inequality	0	16	16
Population, Development, and Environment	0	11	11
Population and Aging	1	10	11
Data and Methods	4	7	11
Applied Demography	1	4	5
Total	15	201	216

The total number of sessions by topic area listed above represents the sessions created from each of the call for paper topics. These numbers do not represent the extent to which the conference addresses each subject area. In many cases there is significant overlap in topics across areas. For example, while there were only 8 sessions under the Race, Ethnicity and Gender topic area, there are actually 16 sessions that explicitly indicate a focus on race, ethnicity and/or gender based on the session title.

One of the recurring challenges in organizing the PAA meetings is balancing the desire to include as many participants on the program as possible while maintaining high standards for quality. Last year President Dan Lichter added an additional paper session on Saturday, extending the meetings until late in the afternoon. This year, thanks to advice from a subcommittee of the Program Committee chaired by Ren Farley, we heard that members would prefer that the meetings end earlier. After discussion with the PAA Board of Directors, we decided to keep the number of sessions at 216, but to *shorten the sessions to 90 minutes*. This permitted us to add a session on Thursday and a lunch break on Friday, and still adjourn the meetings at 2:00 PM Saturday.

Once the paper sessions were organized, over 1,500 papers that had not been included in a paper session were considered for the poster sessions. A total of 750 were selected for the final program. In the spirit of including as many quality submissions as possible, the number of poster sessions was expanded to nine this year. Participants and visitors will find the poster sessions organized thematically.

As of February 1, there were 2,835 unique participants appearing on the 2013 PAA program. This is a tribute to both the community of researchers and the quality of the submissions.

The final task of meeting organization is creating a schedule that provides a balance of subject matter within each time slot on the schedule, distributes similar topics across the schedule for the program, and does not

require any individual to be in two places at the same time. As part of this effort, the program created an informal “Applied Demography” track, identifying a session in each time period of interest to our members with applied interests.

With 18 concurrent sessions, no schedule can meet everyone’s needs. There are bound to be concurrent sessions that force tough choices for meeting attendees. Program chairs are advised to stick to the order of presentations in the printed program for the benefit of those who attempt to hear papers in different sessions. However, in the end, even attendees with focused interests will find it hard to hear all the papers they would like to hear and see all the posters they would like to see. Papers and poster abstracts are posted on the PAA meeting website for exactly this reason: to provide access to material that has to be missed. As is clear from the account above, the job of organizing the 2013 meetings could not have been accomplished without the contributions of a great many people and institutions in addition to the virtual army of PAA member volunteers noted above. In 2013, Princeton University continued to provide a platform for meeting planning that has served the PAA beautifully for over a decade. The meeting software, PAMPA, was developed by Germán Rodríguez; the painstaking work of managing meeting organization on PAMPA was expertly carried out by Irene Rodríguez. Throughout the planning process, Irene was always there, answering questions, advising on precedents, solving problems, and attending to the many details that have to be addressed to produce a successful program. We owe both Irene and Germán, as well as the Office of Population Research and Princeton University, a large debt of gratitude.

The University of Maryland also contributed substantially to the meeting organization in 2013. The Department of Sociology supported the work of Alice Nixon, who played a major role in communicating with program committee members and session organizers, designing sessions, keeping the process on track, and keeping the PAA President sane. The Maryland Population Research Center provided support for communications and many other requirements for meeting preparation.

Stephanie Dudley and the staff of the PAA Office also play a major role in meeting planning. Lois Brown processes payments, responds to member questions, assists people with the registration process, and runs the onsite registration. Cynthia Miller handles many administrative details related to member-initiated meetings, exhibits, travel awards, onsite registration, and poster session award photos. Both Lois and Cynthia help to keep the wealth of information about the meetings up to date on the PAA website. Phil Devin developed the onsite registration and badge generation software and attends the meeting every year to set up this process. And, of course, Stephanie herself oversees all activities leading up to the meeting as well as handling negotiations with our sites, overseeing production of the printed program, and much else.

PAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ann Biddlecom (Chair of the Nominating Committee), Robert Mare and Paul Voss – proposes the following slate of candidates for the 2013 election (terms begin in 2014, except for the Nominating Committee which begins shortly following the election). Additional candidates may be nominated according to the procedures outlined in Article IV, Section 1, of the PAA Bylaws, available on the [PAA website](#). Submit petitions signed by at least ten PAA members, along with the required biographical data information by 15 May 2013, to Rosalind B. King, Secretary-Treasurer, PAA, 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The biographical information form may be obtained from the PAA office.

2013 PAA Nominees

President-elect

William Axinn, University of Michigan

Steven Ruggles, University of Minnesota

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Nominating Committee

Ann Blanc, Population Council
Robert Hummer, University of Texas, Austin
Leif Jensen, Pennsylvania State University
Giovanna Merli, Duke University
James Raymo, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Susan Short, Brown University

Committee on Publications

Sara Curran, University of Washington
Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, University of California, Berkeley

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS AT PAA 2013

Mentoring Lunch and Early Career Demographers Reception

The PAA Membership Committee is sponsoring two key events at this years PAA:

- (1) Mentoring lunch – which is described online [here](#). Online registration [here](#)
- (2) Early Career Demographers Reception Thursday April 11th from 6:00-7:30 p.m

These informal opportunities are for Demographers in the early stages of their careers (up to 6 or 7 years post degree) to meet each other and senior PAA colleagues in a relaxed environment to share the experiences, opportunities, and challenges of a career as a Demographer in academia, government, and the private sector. The location will be announced in the final PAA annual meeting program.

Population Center Administrators: Wednesday, April 10, 9:00am.

Topics and speakers include:

Juliane Baron, Deputy Director of Government Affairs PAA/APC will talk about “How to attend PAA as an Administrator”.

Ted Williams, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist (Team Leader) Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Grants Management Branch will “Skype-in” to answer questions about best practices when working with NIH.

Administrators will also discuss Information and Communications issues such as the PubMed Central IDs and how different Centers are using Social Media to connect with their constituencies.

The Minnesota Population Center (MPC) will host three informational workshops on MPC data products at the 2013 PAA annual meeting, to be held at the Sheraton New Orleans.

- (1) 'IPUMS-Current Population Survey: Expansion Plans and Opportunities for New Research' will be held Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Bayside B, 4th floor.
- (2) 'American Time Use Data: New Research Opportunities and Access' will be held Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Borgne, 3rd floor.
- (3) 'Using the American Community Survey Data for Social and Demographic Research' will be held Thursday, April 13, 2013 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in Grand Chenier, 5th floor.

These events are free, but registration is encouraged. To register, go [here](#).

**A National Network of Social Observatories: Meeting Data Challenges for the 21st Century
Friday, April 12th, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, Napoleon A1, 3rd Floor, Sheraton New Orleans.**

Response rates in standard survey research have declined and costs have skyrocketed. The need for information has not declined whereas the sustainability of the current research infrastructure is very much in question. At the same time, more data than ever before are available from a variety of different sources and methods, including ethnography, experiments, administrative data, social media, biomarkers, and financial and public health records. The Social Observatories Coordinating Network (SOCN), funded by the National Science Foundation, envisions a new national framework or platform for social, behavioral and economic research that is both scalable and flexible, that permits new questions to be addressed, that allows for rapid response and adaptation to local shocks (such as extreme weather events or natural resource windfalls, and that facilitates understanding local manifestations of national phenomena such as economic volatility. This open session on Friday, April 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the PAA Annual Meeting is designed to obtain input from the broader scientific community about this vision. For more information, go [here](#) or contact [Sandy Hofferth](#).

Political Demography Breakfast Award Ceremony

PAA member Michael Teitelbaum (Alfred P. Sloan Foundation) has been chosen as the 2013 "Distinguished Scholar Honoree" of the Political Demography and Geography Section of the International studies Association (ISA) for his career contributions to political demography. Michael's distinguished scholar panel session will be hosted at the upcoming ISA Annual Conference at the Hilton/San Francisco-Union Square on April 5, 2013. At PAA 2013, his accomplishments will again be toasted at the Political Demography Breakfast (all interested PAA members are welcome) to be held on Thursday, April 11th from 7:00-8:20 AM in the Edgewood AB Room on the 4th floor of the Sheraton/New Orleans (the breakfast is sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars).

PAA 2012 FALL BOARD MEETING

By Rosalind King, Secretary-Treasurer

Summary: Response to PAA Call for Papers Stays High and Meeting Structure Changes to Accommodate

The PAA Board of Directors met on November 5, 2012 in Washington, D.C., with President Daniel Lichter presiding. Among the issues discussed were a set of member-initiated initiatives to support under the PAA Fund Campaign, membership numbers, review and approval of the 2013 budget, planning for the 2013 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, and changes to the editorships of Demography and PAA Affairs.

The PAA Fund Campaign is nearly three-quarters of the way to its goal of raising matching donations from members for the \$1 million from foundations. As of October 2012, over 880 PAA members have made 1,550 contributions to date. Earlier this year, members of the PAA Initiatives Committee (Frank Bean, Virginia Cain, Marcia Carlson (Chair), Kathleen Mullan Harris, David Lam, Judith Seltzer, and Barbara Torrey) reviewed 16 proposals from five standing

committees – the Committee on Population Statistics (COPS), the newly-formed Fellowship Committee (FC), the Government and Public Affairs Committee (GPAC), the International Outreach Committee (IOC), and the Membership Committee (MC). The Board approved 6 of the ten recommended proposals (with 4 deferred for later action):

- \$42,000 for IOC travel awards for international scholars;
- \$900 for the Membership Committee's Reception for early career demographers at PAA;
- \$4,000 to support the COPS Pre-PAA training workshop on the 2010 Race and Hispanic Origin Census Alternative Questionnaire Experiment;
- \$14,500 to support the COPS invited conference/workshop on the Census AQE (\$14,500);
- \$5,000 for the GPAC government accountability seminar series; and
- \$20,000 to support the Fellowship Committee's PAA Executive branch fellow position.

The Board also reserved \$50,000 for member-initiated proposals, with the RFP scheduled to go out shortly.

John Iceland, the outgoing Chair of the Finance Committee, summarized the current status of PAA Award accounts and changes made to ensure separate monitoring of PAA Fund Campaign revenue and expenses from regular PAA operating budget line items. As of September 30, 2012, the reserve fund stood at about \$2,184,673, up from about \$1.9 million at the end of 2010. The increase reflects both the success of the effort to raise money from PAA members via the Challenge Grant Campaign plus a strong year of earnings from investments.

Secretary-Treasurer Rosalind King reviewed the current state of 2012 revenue and expenses and presented the 2013 proposed operating budget. The PAA is doing well with regard to 2012 budgeted revenue and expenses. The operating budget for 2013 projects a deficit of \$100,106. This budget is based on conservative revenue projections for Demography which will be revisited in the coming months. Revenue from Demography continued to outpace expectations in 2012, and the implementation of increased issues and pages per issue should propel that growth even further. PAA revenue also now reflects a 4% draw of the average balance in the reserve fund for the most recent three years, and the investment climate appears to be on the upswing. Regular operating expenses are expected to be about \$967,066. The Board approved the 2013 operating budget.

President-Elect Christine Bachrach reported on preparations for the 2013 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, CA. Submissions were down only about 100 from last year's record of over 2800. The Board approved several changes to the structure of the meeting in order to accommodate more papers: adjust the session times to 90 minutes; add a fifth session on Thursday without eliminating lunch; and move the Membership Meeting from Thursday evening to Saturday morning. To increase the visibility of Member Initiated Meetings, the Board will request that links be added in the Preliminary Program. The Board also expressed its enthusiasm for the newly developed document "Guidelines for Discussants and Chairs" that is available through the meeting website.

Several other presentations and committee reports were discussed, including an update on the PAA Fund Campaign by development specialist Eleanor Weis. The "Honor a Colleague" program is going extremely well. Twenty-five members of PAA have now been honored and there are campaigns underway to recognize 19 others. In addition to gifts made in honor of potential honorees, gifts continue to come in recognizing those who are already honored. The average tribute fund is more than \$6,500. For 2012, the Campaign emphasized encouraging PAA members to each commit "One Big Act," such as making a donation, hosting a local gathering, adding a codicil to their will, writing a testimonial, or starting an "Honor a Colleague" campaign. There will again be a President's Circle reception for those who have made a gift of \$1,000 or greater at the PAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

The Government and Public Affairs Committee report from Mary Jo Hoeksema highlighted FY2013 appropriations, staff changes at NIH and other government agencies important for population research and data, and PAA activities in Washington, D.C. They noted a range of legislative proposals considered by Congress in recent months. For example, during debate on the Fiscal Year 2013 Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill, the House passed

amendments to de-fund the American Community Survey (ACS) and make participation in the survey voluntary or “optional.” The House also adopted an amendment precluding the National Science Foundation from funding political science research applications. Finally, the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee included language in its proposed FY 2013 bill prohibiting the National Institutes of Health from funding economics research.

Chair of the Membership Committee, Judith Seltzer, reported that there were 2,971 members of PAA as of October 1, 2012. Of these, 14.5% were members who had renewed for multiple years. There were 727 student members, 24.5% of the membership. Membership rates seem to have stabilized since the low point in 2009 and there is no evidence that membership has declined since the adoption of the policy of allowing non-members to participate in the PAA program. Over the past year, the committee focused on three new activities to expand outreach to a broader group of those in their early careers. They (1) hosted an informal breakfast discussion at the 2012 PAA meetings to which they invited by open and targeted, specific invitations those in the early career stages; (2) planned a reception for early career demographers and potential mentors for Thursday, April 11, at the 2013 PAA meeting; and (3) developed plans for improved use of information technology to enhance communication between PAA and early career demographers and among more junior and senior members of PAA. The Early Career Breakfast held at the 2012 PAA Annual Meeting was very successful. The Board approved additional funds to host a reception at the 2013 Annual Meeting for Early Career members.

The Publications Committee (Elizabeth Frankenberg, Ken Hill, Robert Hummer (Chair)) submitted two items. First, they recommended that Pamela Smock of the University of Michigan be appointed as the new Editor of *Demography*. Second, they recommended that Mike Spittel from NIH be appointed as the next Editor of PAA Affairs, with Leora Lawton from the University of California at Berkeley as Associate Editor. Both recommendations were approved, with all to serve three-year terms.

In closing, we wish a fond farewell to outgoing Past President David Lam, Vice President Linda Martin, and Board members V. Jeffrey Evans, John Iceland, Judy Seltzer, and Jennifer Van Hook, whose terms ended December 31, 2012. PAA is dependent on volunteers from its membership, and the organization has benefited tremendously from the time, talent and insights they have so freely given.

PAA DEVELOPMENT NEWS

by Eleanor Weis

Thank you to all who have contributed to the PAA Fund Campaign. Because of your generosity, we have raised more than \$750,000. Our goal is to match the \$1 million challenge grants from major foundations with member contributions. Through January 2013 more than 1,000 PAA members have participated by sending in 1,700 donations. Thus far, the PAA Fund has supported Congressional policy briefings, expansions of *Demography*, and our international outreach programs. They have also supported activities that promote and enhance demographic data and research, educate the public, and improve the PAA's outreach and member services.

When we gather in New Orleans, we will celebrate your generosity and what it means for the future of PAA. We will close the formal work of the campaign, but because PAA relies on financial support we are all encouraged to continue our support.

The Honor a Colleague program will carry on so we that we can continue to recognize those who have meant so much to our careers. If you would like to make your donation in honor of a mentor, colleague or collaborator, please indicate that when you make your donation [here](#). When gifts in honor of a colleague reach \$5,000, the honoree will have his/her name, a short biography and the list of contributors placed on the PAA website. If you are thinking about starting a campaign to honor your mentor or your favorite PAA member, contact Development@popassoc.org.

2013 Honorees thus far: Eileen Crimmins, Glenn Fuguitt, Nathan Keyfitz, Robert Lapham, Sara McLanahan, Joseph Stycos, Conrad Taeuber.

Thank you, also, to those who have/are remembering PAA in their estate plans. These members of the Lotka Society are ensuring the PAA's future with their generosity. The Lotka Society: Anonymous, Calvin L. Beale, Ann E. Biddlecom, William P. Butz, Jeralynn S. and Ronald E. Cossman, Charles Hirschman, Mary M. Kritz and Douglas T. Gurak, Charles B. Nam, Martha Farnsworth Riche, Barbara and Fuller Torrey, Charles F. Westoff and Jane De Lung.

A NEW EDITOR FOR DEMOGRAPHY

Beginning May 2013, PAA Affairs is pleased to announce a new editor for Demography, Dr. Pamela Smock. Dr. Smock will oversee the peer review and publication of articles in PAA's flagship journal for the volumes between 2014-2016. Currently Demography has been under the leadership of Dr. Stewart Tolnay, who is stepping down after generously providing the journal his leadership since 2010.

Dr. Smock brings years of scientific experience and professional leadership to the journal. Currently, Dr. Smock is the director of the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, President of the Association of Population Centers, and on the Board of Directors of PAA. Dr. Smock is currently the PI of a project funded by NICHD/NIH that is harmonizing 10 U.S. family and fertility surveys spanning the 1955-2002 period.

We welcome Dr. Smock as the new Editor for Demography and, at the same time, would like to sincerely thank Dr. Tolnay, the team of Deputy Editors, and the Demography Editorial Board for their generous service.

PAA'S FIRST NIH/AAAS FELLOW

Since the Fall of 2012, PAA Affairs is pleased to announce Dr. Tia Zeno as the first PAA/AAAS Executive Branch fellow! Dr. Zeno is a social scientist by training, with more than ten years of experience in the field of public health and having earned her Ph.D. in social and behavioral sciences from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her desire to learn more about the intersection of science and policy plus her research interests in population health motivated her to apply to the PAA/AAAS fellowship. Dr. Zeno is completing her year-long fellowship placement at the National Institutes of Health in the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research. One of her major projects this year is leading and coordinating efforts to reissue a trans-NIH funding announcement focused on understanding and reducing health disparities. We look forward to hearing her progress in the coming months!

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE, FEBRUARY 2013

by Mary Jo Hoeksema and Julianne Baron

One Congress Ends and Another Begins...

2013 began with one Congress ending and another gearing up. The "lame duck" session of the 112th Congress lingered into the early hours of January 2013 when leaders in the Obama Administration and the U.S. Senate reached an agreement on a bill that averted, temporarily, the "fiscal cliff." The bill, known as the American Taxpayer Relief Act, extends expiring tax cuts, extends the 2001 and 2003 tax rates for ordinary income, capital gains and dividends for individuals with annual incomes below \$400,000 and couples with incomes below \$450,000, and delays automatic spending cuts (referred to as budget sequestration) that were set to take effect on January 2.

While the bill was touted as an important agreement, many in D.C. lamented that it did not do more to address the threat of sequestration. As a result, the PAA Office of Government Affairs, in conjunction with its partners in

Washington, D.C., particularly the Non-Defense Discretionary United network, continues to work hard to raise awareness in Congress about the implications of sequestration and to urge a “balanced” approach (revenues, spending cuts, and entitlement reform) to achieving long-term deficit reduction without relying exclusively and disproportionately on cuts to discretionary federal spending.

Key Committee Chairs and Ranking Members Announced

In January and February, leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate announced chairs, ranking members, and members of committees important to the Population Association of America (PAA). Below is a list of chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee and their subcommittees that fund the federal agencies most important to the PAA.

U.S. House of Representatives

Appropriations, Full Committee

Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY), Chairman

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member

Appropriations, Labor and Health Human Services Subcommittee

Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA), Chairman

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Ranking Member

Appropriations, Commerce, Science, Justice

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA), Chairman

Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-PA), Ranking Member

Appropriations, State and Foreign Operations

Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), Chairwoman

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member

U.S. Senate

Appropriations, Full Committee

Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Chairwoman

Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Al), Vice Chairman

Appropriations, Labor and Health Human Services Subcommittee

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA), Chairman

Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS), Ranking Member

Appropriations, Commerce, Science, Justice

Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Chair

Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL), Ranking Member

Appropriations, State and Foreign Operations

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Chair

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Ranking Member

If an agreement is not reached before March 1, across-the-board spending cuts will be implemented. In light of technical changes made to the budget caps in the American Taxpayer Relief Act, non-defense discretionary funding will be cut by 5.1 percent in the remaining months of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. These funding cuts will affect agencies important to the PAA, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), Census Bureau, Agency for International Development, and National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). In a series of letters released to the Senate Appropriations Committee on February 14, a number of federal agencies stated how sequestration would affect them. Below are some examples from key agencies important to PAA:

\$1.6 billion will be cut from the NIH, resulting in fewer and smaller research projects and the elimination of “several thousand research positions.”

\$375 million will be cut from the NSF, resulting in 1,000 fewer research grants and termination of \$35 million in facilities contracts and agreements.

\$46 million will be cut from the Census Bureau, forcing the agency “to significantly cut contract dollars and not fill hundreds of vacancies, pushing back research and testing for the 2020 Decennial Census as well as seriously delaying the release of critical economic and demographic data needed for this calendar year.”

The ongoing deliberations over the next budget package and efforts to avoid budget sequestration have also interfered with efforts to not only enact a final Fiscal Year 2013 omnibus appropriations bill, but also a proposed FY 2014 budget. Typically, the President would have submitted his proposed budget for the next fiscal year in the first week of February. However, the Obama Administration is now not expected to submit its proposed FY 2014 budget until mid-to-late March. Currently, all federal agencies are operating under a continuing resolution that is funding most agencies at their FY 2012 spending levels.

PAA is involved in all aspects of the ongoing budget deliberations. Most recently, PAA, and its affiliated organization, the Association of Population Centers, signed several letters to Congress about the implications of sequestration and to urge a balanced solution. These letters are posted on the PAA home page under the Government Affairs section.

NICHD Publishes Scientific Vision and Formally Reorganizes

On December 4, the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) posted the final version of its Scientific Vision: The Next Decade. The document, which took two years to develop and involved input from many scientists, stakeholders, federal officials, and patients and their families, reflects scientific opportunities that the Institute will pursue over the next ten years. The paper includes a section on population research entitled, “Population Dynamics.” In this section, the Institute states its interest in supporting future research that will help “identify the environmental and genetic factors that mediate the health of individuals, families and communities.” The document is posted [here](#).

In conjunction with the scientific visioning initiative, NICHD also implemented an extramural research reorganization plan. Under the reorganization, a single Division of Extramural Research was established, two new branches were established, and most of the existing branches were renamed. The Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch was renamed the Population Dynamics Branch.

National Children’s Study Plan Reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences

On January 11, 2013, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) sponsored a one-day workshop to review the current design of the National Children’s Study. Former PAA President, Dr. Sara McLanahan, chaired the workshop, and presentations were made by another former PAA President, Greg Duncan, and Dr. Irv Garfinkel. A paper summarizing the workshop’s proceedings will be posted on the NAS home page. The workshop was convened in response to language in the FY 2013 Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations report, urging an expedited NAS review of the NCS study design.

PAA Welcomes 113th Congress with Briefing on Immigration

On February 1, PAA sponsored a briefing for congressional staff, “Immigration and the Foreign-Born Workforce in the United States.” The speakers included Dr. Elizabeth Greico, U.S. Census Bureau, Dr. Lindsay Lowell, Georgetown University, and Dr. Pia Orrenius, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Approximately 100 people, including congressional staff, federal officials and representatives of statistical organizations, attended. The event was sponsored by Congressman Jose Serrano (D-NY) and cosponsored by a number of organizations, including the Consortium of Social Science Associations, National Association of Latino Elected Officials Educational Fund, and the Census Project. The speakers slides and a webcast are posted on the PAA home page [here](#).

PAA's Mary Jo Hoeksema Completes Two-Year Term as Chair, Friends of the NIA.

On January 30, 2013, at a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Aging, Dr. Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, formally recognized PAA Director of Government and Public Affairs, Mary Jo Hoeksema, for completing her recent service as the Chair of the Friends of the National Institute on Aging. In 2011 and 2012, Ms. Hoeksema chaired this coalition of over 50 national organizations that support the NIA and aging research.

NIH Launches Blog on Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

On January, 22, 2013, the National Institutes of Health (NIH)'s Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) launched a new blog, The Connector, which will keep readers up-to-date on the office's activities, training, resources, funding opportunities, podcasts, and more. The blog will also feature Direct Connection, a commentary from OBSSR Director, Robert Kaplan, Ph.D. Find more information [here](#) and find the blog [here](#).

CALL FOR PAPERS

Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies. PAA member Elizabeth Cooksey and PI of the NLSY79 Child and Young Adult studies and Professor of Sociology at the Ohio State University, was recently elected to a two-year term as President of the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies. This relatively new international society currently has members in 26 countries who share many interests with PAA members. Please visit the [SLLS website](#) for information on how to join the society. A call for papers will be put out very shortly for the 2013 annual conference to take place in Amsterdam, September 23-25, and the Society also has responsibility for publishing the *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies: International Journal*.

International Studies Association (ISA) The Political Demography & Geography (PDG) section of the ISA has been newly created as a means of linking various practitioners and disciplines to the study of demography under one of the largest internationally oriented academic conferences in the world. Many of PDGs members are already part of PAA Demography is an increasingly popular field of research in academia in general and we've seen a real increase in interest within the ISA. Although the deadline for presentations at the next annual conference in 2013 (April 3-6 in San Francisco) has already passed. We're looking for experts as discussants and chairs. The following is a [link to the section](#).

Eurasia Conference – Warsaw, June 18-19, 2014. This is a joint academic conference between ISA and the Collegium Civitas. to explore whether the artificial division of Eurasia into Europe and Asia is still valid. We focus on the main aspects of human activity including economy, demography, politics, culture, religion and so on. The aim is to identify and describe the diverse barriers that have to be brought down or scaled to bring about the possibility of a Eurasian entity. Paper and/or panel proposals are due by Tuesday, October 15th, 2013. The following is a [link](#).

International Conference on Family Planning: Call for Abstracts for submission to the 2013 International Conference on Family Planning to take place in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, November 12-15th 2013. This conference is co-sponsored by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health with the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia. See more online information [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Population Reference Bureau in Washington, DC, is pleased to announce that Monica Das Gupta and John May have joined as Visiting Scholars. They will be contributing to the PRB web materials, interacting with staff and pursuing their scholarly interests. Monica has a webcast based on her work, "[tackling gender discrimination to reduce sex selection](#)." John's book, *World Population Policies: Their Origin, Evolution and Impact* was awarded Best Book by the Population Institute in 2012. John will be making more PRB material available in French.

The Centre on Population Dynamics (CPD) was founded by Shelley Clark (Director), Céline Le Bourdais and Amélie Quesnel-Vallée and approved by the McGill University's Board of Governors on May 1, 2012. CPD draws together faculty and students from three main departments: Sociology, Economics, and Epidemiology. Reflecting our interdisciplinary focus, our five research axes are 1) Family Dynamics; 2) Social and Economic Determinants of Health; 3) Education, Skill Acquisition, and Labour; 4) Migration; and 5) Aging Over the Life Course. To learn more about this new centre and its up-coming activities, please visit the following website [here](#).

Guttmacher Institute: Call for Nominations: The Darroch Award for Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research. Nomination deadline: Friday, May 17, 2013. The Darroch Award, sponsored by the Guttmacher Institute, recognizes an emerging leader who is a researcher in the field of sexual and reproductive health, where scientific evidence is essential to guiding the policies and programs of the future. The award honors Jacqueline E. Darroch, Ph.D., for her work and commitment to the practical application of research to policy and programs. The award, offered once every two years, includes a \$2,500 prize. For more information please contact darrochaward@guttmacher.org or visit [here](#).

National Historical Geographic Information System (NHGIS): The national historical geographic Information Systems ([NHGIS](#)), now includes over 18,000 aggregate census tables and 400 historical accurate GIS boundary files for 1790-2011, including the recently released 2011 American Community Survey data. NHGIS is an ongoing project to collect, harmonize and freely disseminate historical and modern US census data through an easy to use web extract system. GIS boundary files, available for census blocks up to the nation, are designed to join easily to corresponding census tables. Recently released time series tables, and NHGIS created dataset link together comparable statistics from multiple censuses in one downloadable bundle.

DATA AND COURSES/TRAINING

Network Modeling for Epidemics (NME): 6 day Summer Workshop. University of Washington, Seattle WA, July 8-13, 2013

Mathematical modeling plays a growing role in infectious disease epidemiology, for studying the dynamics of pathogen invasion and persistence, understanding the sources of disease disparities among populations, and predicting the impact of interventions.

This course provides an introduction to the new stochastic network models for epidemiology, with a focus on empirically based modeling of HIV transmission and control. It will be a “hands-on” course, with integrated lectures and computer lab sessions devoted to programming. Labs will be based on the user-friendly computational tools available in the package “statnet” (a free package that uses the R programming language). The statnet package is designed to allow users to estimate generative network models from empirical data, and then use those models to simulate dynamic transmission networks with the observed properties. The new “epinetsim” tools for statnet provide utilities for simulating the transmission of infections across the dynamic network, and visualizing the results. The web page is [here](#) and the course outline for the week is:

Location:	Main campus of the University of Washington in Seattle
Instructors:	Professors Martina Morris and Steven Goodreau
Costs:	Registration is \$250

On-campus housing will be available for about \$70/night. A small number of fellowships will be provided to Pre-doctoral students and/or international (non-US/Canada) scholars

Note: Basic familiarity with R is required. Previous modeling experience (broadly defined) is recommended.

WLS Pilot Grant Program: The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will award two \$5000 pilot grants to investigators using the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) data for scholarly research. The WLS provides an opportunity to study the life course, careers, retirement, intergenerational transfers and relationships, family functioning, physical and mental health and well-being, morbidity and mortality, and gene-environment interactions from late adolescence to the retirement years. Selected recipients will receive \$5,000 to support their research, along with a travel stipend to attend two WLS workshops. The first workshop topic will cover training and offer hands-on experience with the data with assistance from WLS staff. The training workshop will tentatively take place in Madison on August 1st and 2nd, 2013. The 2nd workshop will be held one year later and pilot grant winners will present their research findings. For more information see the webpage [here](#). Please contact Carol Roan by e-mail roan@ssc.wisc.edu or by telephone (608) 265-6196 if you have further questions. To apply send a CV and proposal, limited to five double-spaced pages, to roan@ssc.wisc.edu. Graduate student applicants must also submit a letter of support from a faculty member.

INDEPTHStats – Visualizing Health and Demographic Surveillance System Data: To be launched on July 1, 2013. Three million people participate in INDEPTH, comprised of the 47 populations covered by the health and demographic surveillance systems (HDSSs) that are members of the INDEPTH Network, run by 30 research centers in 21 countries in Africa, Asia and Oceania. Summary statistics from these HDSSs will be widely available through INDEPTHStats, a website developed by the INDEPTH Network for visualizing key longitudinal health and demographic indicators.

Recession Trends: A collaboration between the Russell Sage Foundation and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality has resulted in a [website](#) aimed at monitoring the effects of the recent recession. The purpose of the website is to monitor and report on the economic and social effects of the Great Recession by offering two main resources:

Recession Briefs: Each Recession Brief is written by the top authority in the field documenting the effects of the downturn on wealth, consumption, the labor market, housing, poverty, the safety net, health, education, crime, attitudes, and a variety of other key domains.

Graphing Utility: This tool provides customizable graphs on the key trends in each of our 16 domains. Read more [here](#).

A new Master's Degree program in Applied Quantitative Research (AQR). The Graduate School of Arts and Science, Department of Sociology at New York University is proud to announce a new Master's Degree program in Applied Quantitative Research (AQR). Students in the AQR program will complete a 12-month curriculum, gaining a strong foundation in the statistical tools and theoretical perspectives used in the social sciences while allowing them flexibility to pursue their own interests and develop specialized skills. Graduates of the program will acquire the skills necessary for a variety of professional endeavors, such as research positions in non-profit and government agencies at the federal, state, and local levels or in the growing number of opportunities in numerous economic sectors for research and analysis requiring the use of advanced statistical training. Others will enter doctoral programs in the social sciences at top universities in the United States. For more information, contact The Director, Applied Quantitative Research (AQR) Program by [email](#); [Facebook](#); and [Twitter](#).

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) Introductory Summer Workshop: June 30th-July 7th 2013, at the University of Luxembourg campus. Applications are due 15 March 2013. Decisions will be made by 29 March. This one-week workshop – given in English – is designed to introduce researchers in the social sciences to comparative research in income distribution, employment and social policy, using the Luxembourg Income Study Database (LIS). LIS is the largest available database of harmonized income microdata collected over a period of decades. Attendees will also be introduced to the Luxembourg Wealth Study (LWS). LWS is the first cross-national database of harmonized wealth microdata in existence. The 1,400 tuition covers instructional materials, single-occupancy accommoda-

tions, and full board. LIS regrets that it is not able to offer partial or full scholarships for tuition or travel. Applicants are encouraged to seek third-party funding. LIS staff will be happy to assist in any way needed.

Stanford Biodemography Workshop – May 6-8, 2013: Deadline to apply: March 22, 2013 The Stanford Centers for Population Research, and the Demography and Economics of Health & Aging, announce a workshop on Biodemography. This year's topics are: mortality disparity (patterns, causes, change); genes and aging (expression data, GWAS and SNPS, EWAS); quantitative traits, environments, and variation; and evolutionary data and theory. Faculty in attendance will include among others Shripad Tuljapurkar (Stanford), Hal Caswell (WHOI) and Carol Horvitz (Miami). Applications are invited from advanced students/postdocs/junior faculty for this 3-day workshop in Biodemography. We provide materials and meals at the workshop. Students are expected to arrange for their own travel. A limited number of scholarships is available to help pay for lodging and/or travel. To apply for a scholarship, include in your application a recommendation letter from your faculty advisor and specify whether you are requesting support for travel, lodging or both. Full details will be posted on the Stanford Center for Population Research [website](#).

The University of Colorado Demography Population Center is offering a 2-day short course in Environmental Demography on June 13-14, 2013. The course will provide an overview of the sub-discipline, showcasing central areas of scholarship and describing boundary-pushing methodologies. Topics include: population and climate, migration and environment, environmental inequality, neighborhoods and health and issues of scale. The course is open to current graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and pre-tenure faculty from any institution based on competitive selection. For information, see [here](#) and contact: [Lori Hunter](#).

Columbia Population Research Center Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Workshop, July 8th-10th, 2013: Applications are being accepted for the Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop to be held, at the Columbia University School of Social Work in New York City. The workshop is designed to familiarize participants with the data available in the study. The 2013 workshop will include a specialized panel on how the data can be used to examine the effects of the Great Recession on urban families. The workshop is targeted toward young scholars from various social and biomedical science disciplines, including advanced graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty. Applicants must possess basic quantitative data analysis skills. Ethnic minorities are particularly encouraged to apply. About 25-30 applicants will be selected. Travel costs for out-of-town participants will be reimbursed up to \$750, including hotel which will be booked directly by Columbia. Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 22nd (11:59PM EST). For more information, visit the website [here](#).

RAND Summer Institute: July 8-11, 2013. The RSI consists of two conferences addressing critical issues facing our aging population: a Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists (July 8-9) and a Workshop on the Demography, Economics, Psychology, and Epidemiology of Aging (July 10-11). The primary aim of the RSI is to expose scholars interested in the study of aging to a wide range of research being conducted in fields beyond their own specialties.

We invite all interested researchers to apply to attend the 2013 RSI. Applicants may apply for fellowship support to pay for travel and accommodations. Both the Mini-Med School and the Workshop on Aging are described more fully at our web site [here](#). The deadline to submit application and supplemental materials is March 22, 2013. For additional information, please contact [Diana Malouf](#).

MEMBER STUDIES IN THE PRESS AND RESEARCH BRIEFS

Matthew E. Dupre, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Community Health Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Aging Duke University Medical Center, recently published a study on unemployment and heart attack risks which has gained a lot of national, and international, attention in the media, with coverage from CNN, TIME, New York Times, CBS News, PBS, Men's Health, to name a few.

Shige Song, Assistant Professor of Sociology Queens College & CUNY Institute for Demographic Research The City University of New York Recently published a paper on sex ratios in the . It has been covered by major science media outlets including [ScienceNOW](#); [Nature News](#); [Yahoo! News](#); and [Discover Magazine](#).

Sanjukta Chaudhuri, Ph.D. published an article on gender bias and excess fertility in India in the December 2012 issue of *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* ([Guttmacher Institute](#)).

Recent Books by Members

Donald Bogue Professor Emeritus, of the Dept of Sociology and Population Research Center, University of Chicago, has recently published an e-book, *The Economic Adjustment of Immigrants to Twelve Nations of Latin America and Comparison with United States*, a monograph for download as an electronic document through the Social Science Research Network [here](#). It is a comprehensive and comparative view of immigrant experience and their economic outcomes.

PAA PEOPLE

PAA People* profiles members of the association to foster an appreciation of the association's diverse membership and the different types of work we do. Today's interviewee is Ronald Lee, Professor of Demography and Economics at the University of California at Berkeley. Professor Lee received a B.A. in Philosophy from Reed College, an M.A. in Demography from U.C. Berkeley and a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University.

Professor Lee, how did you become involved with the field of demography in the first place.

After college I joined the Peace Corps. I finished in 1965 and the Vietnam War had started to heat up and I was considering going to graduate school. Someone mailed me a flier for the demography program at Berkeley. I had to look the word up in the dictionary, and still was unclear what it meant. However, I saw that it was an interdisciplinary program and it looked interesting so I decided to apply. Once I started the program I took a course called Mortality. As a philosophy major I expected the course to consist of ruminations about the concept of mortality. When I walked in and saw people with calculators on their desks I thought about walking back out. As it turns out, I was drawn in by the charisma of the teacher, Judith Blake, and I've been a demographer ever since.

What work that you've done have you been most excited about?

That's an impossible question to answer because I'm excited about so much of the work that I've done. I started out in the field of historical economic demography and my work has moved on to working with intergenerational transfer accounts and evolutionary biology.

What work did you do in evolutionary biology?

I tried to bring social relations, intergenerational relations into the theoretical structure of life history theory in a formal, mathematical way. Life history theory is about how and why the demographic age profiles and strategies of species evolved, as driven by reproductive fitness. One of the questions that interests me is how we have gone from social systems in which effectively all adults produced surplus food calories and transferred them to children, to the current systems in rich industrial nations where average adults are often transferring more to the elderly.

What do you think will be some exciting areas of research in the future of the field?

If you are referring to evolutionary biodemography, it is a dynamic field with some great work being done here in the Bay Area, at Berkeley, Stanford and UC Davis. The other major pole is at the Max Planck Institute in Rostock, Germany. I think that analysis of genetic data as well as many other biomarkers now gathered in surveys will be of great value going forward.

What do you do for fun when you aren't being a demographer?

I obviously like to spend time with my family. I like to hike and visit the High Sierra at least once a year. I play tennis three or four times a week and go for runs with my dog. I enjoy travelling. I wish I could read ancient Greek!

Thanks so much, Professor, for your time.

**This issue's interviewer is Apu Chakraborty, who is in the MA Program in Demography at UC Berkeley. Associate Editor Leora Lawton is seeking graduate students to conduct an interview of a current PAA member, who can be of any rank, from senior demographer to graduate student, in academia or not, whether at your institution or elsewhere. All of us have stories of how we got into demography and what we find fascinating. Interested? Send email to the Editors.*

SPECIAL TOPIC - POPULATION AND CLIMATE

Editors' note: Beginning with this issue we will publish a topic feature on an emerging area of population studies.

"Examples of Progress in Research and Policy Domains"

by Lori M. Hunter, University of Colorado Population Center

The integration of demographic research into climate science and policy is becoming increasingly sophisticated. Below is a brief summary of some areas of research advancements with a handful of illustrative examples. Of course, much has been left out of this short overview and much more work also remains to be done.

Research: Emission projections represent a critical domain of research necessary to inform policy pathways. In early projections, population size represented the only core demographic measure, but recent work is adding nuance. As an example, Brian O'Neill (National Center for Atmospheric Research) and colleagues are integrating aging and urbanization into models of economic production and consumption – ultimately the factors driving climate changing emissions. Their regional Population-Environment-Technology (PET) models demonstrate that in industrialized settings, aging may reduce long-term emissions by up to 20 percent through decreased economic productivity and reduced consumption. Urbanization in less developed settings, however, may counteract these reductions by yielding a 25 percent increase in emissions due to the heightened consumption and economic productivity associated with urban living (O'Neill et al. 2010).

Nuance is also being added to understanding of the demographic dimensions of vulnerability to climate change. Deborah Balk (CUNY), Mark Montgomery (Stony Brook, Population Council) and colleagues are developing the Global Rural Urban Mapping Project (GRUMP), the first spatial rendering of global urban areas with population estimates, making use of satellite data. In addition, they are generating new methods for estimating and forecasting urban and city population that combine demographic and econometric techniques and use survey, census and spatial data. Understanding climate vulnerability along China's coast provides an example of these endeavors' importance. While China's population growth between 1990-2000 was 1.04%, urban growth was double at 2.33%, with particularly high concentrations in urban coastal regions (Smith 2011). More spatial precision in demographic estimates and projections allow for identification of climate vulnerability hotspots.

Climate change has also brought increased demographic attention to migration, especially in regions where daily livelihoods are tied to the local natural environment. The past several years have seen at least 3 dedicated special issues of academic journals on the topic – International Migration (Afifi and Warner 2010), Population & Environment (Adamo and Izazola 2010) and Global Environmental Change (Black, Arnell and Dercon, 2011), as well as several

book-length collections of conceptual and empirical advances (McAdam 2010; Piguet, Pecoud and de Guchteneire 2011). Another recent collection, through the EACH-FOR project, has offered important contributions through application of comparable methodologies across a range of highly vulnerable regions (Warner 2011). Central findings include – in some regions, natural capital shortages, or variability, can act as a migration push factor (e.g. Gray and Mueller 2011; Grote and Warner 2010; McAdam 2010). Even so, migration is costly and in some settings, relatively higher levels of capital can fuel migration by providing resources for additional livelihood diversification – the “environmental capital” hypothesis (Gray 2009; Hunter et al. 2013; Nawrotzki, Riosmena and Hunter 2012).

Linking Research to Policy: The IPCC’s acknowledgement of the importance of demographic dynamics is evidenced by Wolfgang Lutz, Founder and Director of the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, being named a Lead Author for IPCC Working Group III focused on the mitigation of climate change. Integration of a strong demographic ‘voice’ within this intergovernmental initiative is a tremendous advancement for population science.

In addition, the development of a new set of climate pathways could be the first step towards integrated analyses of impacts and policies, including their demographic dimensions. Social scientists engaged in climate research are currently developing a small set of socio-economic development pathways, in line with climate science’s projected climate futures. The aim is to use these “shared socioeconomic pathways” (SSPs) as frameworks to structure climate-related social science thereby facilitating integration of results and quickening the development of insight for policy (see O’Neill and Schweizer 2011).

Due to space constraints, please contact the [author](#) for a list of the references mentioned.

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

National Center for Health Statistics: A vacancy announcement has been posted for a vacant position within the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Division of Vital Statistics (DVS), Reproductive Statistics Branch in Hyattsville, MD. This position is for an Interdisciplinary Supervisory Social Scientist/Health Scientist/Statistician (Demography), GS-101/601/1530-15. The vacancy numbers are HHS-CDC-M2-13-833277 and HHS-CDC-D2-13-833634 and the announcements opens 02/08/13 and closes 02/22/13. All interested and qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. The vacancy announcements can be found at: URL: [M2 announcement](#) URL: [D2 announcement](#)

Carolina Demography Unit Manager - Research Associate

This person will provide direction and oversight to the newly formed Carolina Demography unit at the Carolina Population Center (CPC, www.cpc.unc.edu). This will be a leadership position that reports within the Center’s Research Services.

The program, Carolina Demography, will translate demographic knowledge into specific usable information to understand the implications of demographic change and to more fully inform decision making, planning, and program evaluation throughout North Carolina. When fully operational, Carolina Demography will consist of a small number of professionally trained and experienced demographic specialists at CPC who will provide demographic assistance to various governmental and private entities in North Carolina, including local governmental agencies, educational institutions, businesses, tribal units and the media. This person will solicit, manage, and oversee the performance of this work and will contribute to its design and execution.

The unit manager will join a research team with a wide scope of demographic research and application. This person will work closely with CPC Faculty Fellow advisors and will be responsible for the overall functioning and coordination of the Carolina Demography outreach, presentations, and analytical activities. The person will be responsible for developing and recommending specific program goals, objectives, and operations within the broader mission of the unit.

This person will monitor and control project workflow, timelines, and budgets. S/he will work with and coordinate the activities of unit staff and external consultants. S/he will also serve as the primary liaison with contracting organizations and with CPC accounting and human resource managers.

Qualifications:

A master's degree from an accredited institution in demography, sociology, or another related social science or public health area is required. A Ph.D. in one of these fields is desirable.

The applicant must have extensive professional experience in the field of applied demography, including expertise in small area population estimates and projections, as well as facility with the means of presenting demographic data for non-professional audiences, including such devices as effective graphics, population pyramids and web-based applications. The position requires knowledge of demographic and other socioeconomic data, research methods and techniques, interpreting data for non-professionals, project management, budgeting and planning, and a strong customer service orientation. The applicant must have graduate-level training or professional experience in social statistics and data analysis. Experience with social science statistical analysis packages such as Stata, SAS, or R is required. Experience with GIS and spatial data analysis is preferred.

A minimum of two years' experience managing or directing a complex research project is desirable, preferably within a university setting. Candidate must be able to develop implementation plans for research and technical activities, write clearly, and coordinate activities among a variety of projects. S/he must have outstanding communications and interpersonal skills to work with a variety of contract organizations. S/he must have organizational and management skills including experience supervising and training personnel. S/he must be motivated and take initiative. S/he must be able to develop project goals and procedures, timelines and budgets, anticipate and solve problems, prioritize competing demands, and work independently. A demonstrated ability to work and collaborate within and across large organizations is essential.

Salary range: \$65,000-\$80,000

Applications instructions:

Please apply on-line [here](#). Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Inquiries may be directed to connie_padgett@unc.edu. The University of North Carolina is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Postdoctoral Research Associate The Office of Population Research at Princeton University (OPR): OPR is seeking a postdoctoral or more senior research associate to work on several reproductive health projects. Candidates should have a completed PhD (preferably in a social science field) or MD. Candidates near the completion of their PhD who have submitted but not yet defended the Ph.D. thesis will be considered. However, the appointment will be subject to a 10% reduction in salary until the degree is completed. The initial appointment will be for a one-year term with the possibility of renewal subject to satisfactory performance, continued funding, and approval by Princeton's Dean of the Faculty and the Office of Population Research. Interested Candidates may apply [online](#). Princeton University is an equal opportunity employer and complies with applicable EEO and affirmative action regulations.

The Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population at the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso is launching a call for several post doctoral position for the Ouagadougou Health and demographic Surveillance System. The position is for up to two years. If interested, please write clementine.rossier@ined.fr or jfkobiane@issp.bf. The deadline for applications is March 31st, 2013. Information on the program can be read [here](#).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PAA would like to welcome 127 new members from October 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013. Current membership now stands at 2,964.

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