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## PAA 2007 Election Results

The results of the election for PAA officers, terms beginning January 1, 2007 are:

President-Elect:	Greg J. Duncan
Vice President-Elect	Elizabeth Thomson
Board of Directors:	Ann K. Blanc Paula S. England Hans-Peter Kohler Susan Short
Nominating Committee:	Eileen M. Crimmins Dennis P. Hogan Lawrence L. Wu
Publications Committee:	Reynolds Farley

Many thanks to University of Maryland graduate students Paul Dean and Melissa Scopilliti for assisting in the ballot counting, and to Lois Brown, PAA Member Services Coordinator, and Jamiliah Woodley, PAA Administrative Assistant, for proficient management of the ballots.

Congratulations to the new PAA officers, and thanks to all the candidates who were willing to participate in the elective process.

*John Iceland, PAA Secretary-Treasurer*

## Suggestions for the 2007 Nominating Committee

The PAA Nominating Committee invites suggestions for nominees for the 2007 election. Terms of service begin January 2008. Please complete the form available at <http://www.popassoc.org/NominatingCommSuggestionsForm.doc> and forward to the PAA office.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 appropriations process is proceeding, but it's becoming increasingly unlikely Congress will pass all of the funding bills before adjourning for the November mid-year elections. A post-election, or "lame duck," session after the elections is almost assured.

### Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriations

*National Institutes of Health and National Center for Health Statistics*

Before adjourning in July for a brief recess, the U.S. House of Representatives passed 10 of its 11 annual appropriations bills—falling one bill short of the goal House Appropriations Chairman Jerry Lewis (R-CA) set earlier this year of completing all bills by July 4. The House was unable to bring H.R. 5647, the FY 2007 Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education appropriations bill to the floor due to a provision inserted by a vote of the House Appropriations Committee to raise the minimum hourly wage by \$2.10. At press time, it was not clear when the House would consider the Labor, HHS bill. The Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider its version of the Fiscal Year 2007 Labor, HHS bill on July 20. The Labor, HHS bill is very important to the Population Association of America (PAA) since it funds the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Unfortunately, the House did not recommend increasing funding for either the NIH or NCHS in Fiscal Year 2007 above the Administration's request.

The PAA and its affiliate organization, the Association of Population Centers (APC), are pleased the House Appropriations Committee, in a report accompanying the FY 2007 Labor, HHS appropriations bill, included language praising demographic research programs at the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Specifically, the Committee commended NIA for supporting "exceptional" demographic and economic research on the implications of population aging and

praised its efforts to proactively review its data collection activities. The Committee also congratulated NICHD for supporting an “impressive” demographic research portfolio and encouraged the Institute to support demographic research training programs and large-scale databases, such as the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health.

In another NIH-related issue, the Committee included bill language instructing NICHD to dedicate \$69 million from within funds provided to continue the National Children’s Study (NCS). Concerned about the effect this directive could have on the Institute’s ability to fund other initiatives and research activities in FY 2007, PAA and APC, along with approximately 30 other organizations, sent a letter to the members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, thanking them for recognizing the importance of the NCS. However, the letter also asks the House and Senate to provide new funding to NICHD, and other federal agencies involved in the study, in support of NCS in FY 2007.

With respect to NCHS, the House Appropriations Committee praises the agency for fulfilling its mission as the nation’s premiere health statistics agency and for ensuring the credibility and integrity of the data it produces. The Committee also asks the agency to continue making information accessible to the public as soon as possible.

#### *National Science Foundation*

Two other federal agencies important to the PAA and APC, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Census Bureau, are funded by H.R 5672, the Fiscal Year 2007 Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill.

On June 29, the full House of Representatives completed action on its version of the bill. The House included \$6.02 billion for NSF, the same as the Administration requested, which would fully fund the proposed American Competitiveness Initiative. On July 13, the Senate Appropriations Committee endorsed the subcommittee’s recommendation to fund NSF \$410 million over the FY 2006 budget, which is \$29 million short of the House FY 2007 NSF budget. At press time, it was not clear when the full Senate would consider its version of the Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill.

#### *Census Bureau*

PAA and APC are most concerned about funding levels the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have proposed for the Census Bureau. Although the House Appropriations Committee initially provided \$874 million for the Bureau, only \$4 million short of the

Administration’s request, the amount was reduced to \$815.7 million when the House passed several amendments during floor debate. These amendments reduced funding for the Bureau in order to support a variety of law enforcement programs covered by the bill.

Following House action, the Census Bureau issued an “impact statement,” saying the proposed funding reduction would force it to abandon plans to use GPS-equipped hand-held computers to collect information from unresponsive households in the census. Funding at the House-passed level also would result in cancellation of group quarters coverage in the American Community Survey (ACS) and “compromise” new initiatives to reduce undercounts and overcounts in the 2010 census.

To communicate concern about the House mark, PAA and APC, as members of a diverse group of census stakeholders under the umbrella of The Census Project, sent a letter to members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, urging support for full funding for the Census Bureau. The letter was signed by 25 organizations representing local governments, scientific professions and researchers, the business community, housing and social justice advocates, and organized labor. The letter is posted at [www.thecensusproject.org](http://www.thecensusproject.org).

On July 13, the Senate Appropriations Committee, however, approved roughly \$828 million for the Census Bureau, about \$50 million less than the President’s request of \$878 million. The funding reduction will affect programs in the Bureau’s Periodic Censuses and Programs account, not the Salaries and Expenses account. PAA and APC will work with other organizations to try to improve the funding outlook for the Bureau as the FY 2007 appropriations process continues.

In a census-related issue, the House Appropriations Committee passed, and the full House approved, a proposal by Congressman Jose Serrano (D-NY) to allocate \$29.2 million for the Census Bureau to continue fielding the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) while the agency designs an alternative program to produce data on the dynamics of economic well-being. The Bush Administration has proposed eliminating SIPP next year, saying the current design is burdensome for respondents and that data processing is time-consuming and difficult. The President requested \$9.2 million to close out data collection in 2006 and begin developing a replacement program.

Until this issue is resolved in the final Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill, the Bureau will proceed with its initial plans to develop an alternative to SIPP. On

June 8, PAA and other stakeholder organizations participated in a meeting sponsored by the Brookings Institution, to discuss which data elements from SIPP should be retained in the replacement survey. Dr. Jeffrey Passel, Chairman, Committee on Population Statistics, represented PAA at this meeting and will keep the PAA/APC leadership apprised of future developments.

#### *USAID Child and Maternal Health Programs*

On June 9, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5522, its version of the FY 2007 Foreign Operations appropriations bill. The bill included \$350 million for Family Planning/Reproductive Health (FP/RH) programs funded by USAID. On June 29, the Senate considered its version of the bill, providing \$465 million. The amount is more than the House because the Senate proposes consolidating funding for FP/RH programs from all bilateral accounts. It is not clear when the full Senate will consider its version of this appropriations bill.

## **PAA PEOPLE**

“PAA People,” a regular feature of this newsletter, profiles members of our association in order to foster an appreciation of the diverse membership and different types of work we all do. Members are selected at random and then interviewed by Warren Brown, Cornell University. In this issue Warren interviews Gregory Acs, who is a senior research associate in the Urban Institute’s Income and Benefits Policy Center.

**Warren:** *How did you become interested in population issues?*

**Greg:** My interest in population issues stems from my interest in poverty, and my interest in poverty comes from my mother and my experiences as a camp counselor. My mother worked as a neonatologist at a public hospital in Queens, NY. The vast majority of the babies she treated were poor, many were born to unmarried teen mothers, some were born addicted to heroin or cocaine, and all had severe health problems that compromised their future life prospects. She was devoted to her patients, returning to the hospital after dinner or in the middle of the night if a child’s health seriously deteriorated. And it all seemed worth it when her former patients and their parents sent notes, pictures, and holiday cards as the children grew up. Basically, by word and deed, I was raised with the belief that you take care of people in need simply because they need it.

During the summer of 1984, this basic belief of mine ran headlong into the attitudes of a fellow counselor at a day

camp. Talking about the upcoming presidential election, he let on that he was going to vote for Reagan because Reagan was good for the economy. I retorted that he wasn’t so good for the poor, to which my colleague replied, “What do you care about poor people? They hit you over the head and take your wallet.” (I should mention that the day camp was in an affluent Long Island suburb). But this crass comment made me realize that I knew very little about the causes and consequences of poverty and what can and should be done to alleviate it. And so I ended up studying poverty as a graduate student in social work and economics at the University of Michigan.

**Warren:** *Tell us about your work at the Urban Institute.*

**Greg:** Since finishing my dissertation, I have worked at the Urban Institute doing public policy research on issues confronting low-income families. Currently, I am involved in a project assessing the factors that help families that have left welfare stay off welfare. I also am working on a national survey of employers in the low-wage labor market to see how these employers identify potential workers, the types of training and benefits they offer their less-skilled workers, and how their workers fare on the job. In addition to these projects, I also am involved in research on children’s living arrangements and child well-being as well as research on low-income working families.

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

**Greg:** I have been a member of PAA on and off for over a decade, allowing my membership to lapse in years when I don’t plan on attending PAA’s annual conference. I always enjoy PAA’s annual conference when I attend it because of the large number of sessions focusing on poverty, inequality, and family policy and the cross disciplinary nature of the research. At PAA, sociologists, developmental psychologists, and even economists talk to one another! It’s really great. In addition, many of the articles published in *Demography* are topical and timely for public policy researchers.

**Warren:** *What do you do when you’re not studying population? Do you have any hobbies or interests that you’d like to share with the readers?*

**Greg:** Like many middle-aged suburban parents, I spend my non-work time driving between and attending children’s soccer and lacrosse games. But it’s not all youth sports—there’s gently reminding the kids to do their homework too!

Among my non-child related activities, I enjoy reading fiction (some journal reviewers have commented that I seem to enjoy writing fiction too!) with a preference for post-World War II American authors. And, there are few things better in the Fall than spending a Saturday afternoon watching Michigan football and a Sunday afternoon watching the NY Giants.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### **ROBERT J. LAPHAM AWARD**

Nominations are invited for the Robert J. Lapham Award to be presented on March 30, 2007, at the PAA Annual Meeting in New York. The Robert J. Lapham Award recognizes members of PAA who contributed to the population profession through the application of demographic knowledge to policy issues. The recipient does not have to be a member of the Association. The award consists of a certificate and a cash prize.

Robert J. Lapham contributed to the population profession in numerous ways. His original research and his direction of the Demographic and Health Surveys Project advanced our knowledge of population processes. He helped formulate population policy through his work at the Population Council and with the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Population. He strengthened the profession through his service as Secretary-Treasurer of the PAA. In recognition of these contributions and as a way of promoting his professional interests, the Lapham family established the Robert J. Lapham Award to recognize others who have made similar contributions.

The award is given biennially to individuals who have distinguished themselves by their achievements in the following areas:

- 1) contributions to population research
- 2) applications of demographic knowledge to improve the human condition, and
- 3) service to the population profession.

Such contributions may be original research or efforts that increase our knowledge of population processes by enabling others to conduct research. Examples of the latter would be directing population surveys, creating a statistical system, or administering a program to facilitate demographic research. Applications of population knowledge to improve the human condition may be

contributions to public policy, education, or program development. Service to the population profession may be building institutions within the profession, or service that advances the interests of the profession.

The name of the nominee, a brief description of his or her contributions, and a copy of the nominee's vitae should be sent, no later than December 31, 2006 to: Frank Mott, Co-Chair, Center for Human Resource Research, The Ohio State University, 921 Chatham Lane, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43221-2418; 614.442.7378; fax: 614.442.7329; email: mott.1@osu.edu, or Steven Ruggles, Co-Chair, University of Minnesota, Department of History, 50 Willey Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55455; 612.624.4081; fax: 612.624.7096; ruggles@umn.edu. Committee members: William Butz, [bbutz@prb.org](mailto:bbutz@prb.org); John Hobcraft, [jh511@york.ac.uk](mailto:jh511@york.ac.uk); Robert Mare, [mare@ucla.edu](mailto:mare@ucla.edu); Robert Michael, [rmichael@uchicago.edu](mailto:rmichael@uchicago.edu); Joseph Potter, [joe@prc.utexas.edu](mailto:joe@prc.utexas.edu); Mary Beth Weinberger, [wenberger@un.org](mailto:wenberger@un.org).

### **IRENE B. TAEUBER AWARD**

Irene Taeuber was President of the Population Association in 1953-54 and Vice-President of the IUSSP in 1961-62. She was the first woman elected to these positions. Her scholarly production included sixteen books and monographs and some 250 articles. Her magnum opus was *The Population of Japan* published in 1958. For more than 20 years, she also prepared the annotated bibliographies published in *Population Index*. She did much to bring an international and comparative perspective to the emerging discipline of demography. Her scholarly work covered more than a dozen countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America and Oceania.

The Irene B. Taeuber award is presented in recognition of an unusually original or important contribution to the scientific study of population or for an accumulated record of exceptionally sound and innovative research. It is presented every other year at the annual meeting of the Association and consists of a cash award and a certificate.

Nominations for the 2007 award should include a concise summary of the nominee's contributions and accomplishments (one page); a selected list of the important demographic positions the nominee has held, and his or her most significant publications or presentations (one page). Nominations should be submitted by e-mail (with "Taeuber Nomination" in the

subject line) no later than December 15, 2006 to: Guillermina Jasso, Chair, gj1@nyu.edu.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***DOROTHY S. THOMAS AWARD***

Pre or postdoctoral students are invited to submit papers for the 2007 Dorothy S. Thomas Award competition. The Award has been established by the Population Association of America (PAA) in honor of Dorothy S. Thomas and is presented annually for the best graduate student paper on the interrelationships among social, economic and demographic variables. The Award consists of a cash prize and a certificate, presented at the PAA Annual Meeting in New York on March 30, 2007.

**Eligibility:** The research must be undertaken while the author is a pre-doctoral student in an accredited graduate program. The paper must have both theoretical and empirical aspects. Two or more students may share the award for a collaborative study, but a paper jointly authored by a student and a member of the graduate faculty is not eligible. An individual is eligible for one year following completion of study. Published papers are acceptable. Recipients of the Ph.D. prior to December 1, 2005 and previous winners of the Award are not eligible.

**Length:** The paper cannot exceed 35 pages, including double-spaced text, tables, figures, footnotes, references and appendices. Papers that exceed this page limit will not be considered.

**Submission Procedures:** The deadline for receipt of submission is January 5, 2007. The student should mail six copies of the paper and a letter from their research advisor confirming eligibility to: Pamela Smock, Chair, University of Michigan, Population Studies Center, 426 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248, Phone: 734.763.2264; Fax: 734.763.1428; Email: pjsmock@umich.edu. Do not email paper submissions. Other members of the committee are Sara Curran (University of Washington), Patrick Heuveline (University of Chicago), Grace Kao (University of Pennsylvania), Robert D. Plotnick (University of Washington), Insan Tunali (Koc University). The Committee reserves the right to withhold the Award if it decides that no suitable paper was submitted.

### **The 2007 NICHD-NCES Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort (ECLS-B) First Release Conference**

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is sponsoring a 3-day ECLS-B First Release Conference, organized jointly by National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the United States Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The conference will be held on May 8 - 10, 2007 at the Natcher Conference Center, Bethesda, MD. The purpose of this conference will be to provide an opportunity for investigators to share research findings using data from the 9-month and 2-year ECLS-B data collections. Papers that focus on child health outcomes of ethnic minorities, low-birth weight and very-low-birth weight births, cognitive development, and twins are particularly encouraged. NIH and NCES staff will jointly serve as moderators to the speakers and paper discussants for the conference. If you are working with Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Birth Cohort (ECLS-B) data on these topics, or are interested in doing so, we invite you to submit an abstract by September 1, 2006. We invite you to share this Call for Papers with your colleagues. NICHD will cover travel and per diem expenses for 8-12 different authors. Information about the ECLS-B study (e.g., electronic versions of the questionnaires, project summary, and recent publications) is available on the NCES website at <http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/Birth.asp>.

### **2007 Applied Demography Conference**

The first of the 21<sup>st</sup> century's biennial Applied Demography conferences will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in downtown San Antonio, TX, January 7 - 9, 2007 (a reception will be held the evening of Sunday, January 7), with a full day of sessions on Monday, January 8 and half a day of sessions on Tuesday, January 9.

The Conference is sponsored by the Department of Demography and Organization Studies and the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio, which is chaired by Dr. Steve Murdock. (For details on the Department, see <http://utsa.edu/copp/Demography/index.html>)

David Swanson is serving as the Program Organizer for the Conference. A call for papers will be issued soon, followed by the conference program, which will include a list of sessions and participants.

## **Population Council Bixby Fellowship Program**

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

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE 2007 POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING – NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

PAA 2007 Annual Meeting  
March 29-31, 2007  
New York, New York

The Call for Papers can be found at [www.popassoc.org](http://www.popassoc.org).

Submissions are made online at the 2007 Annual Meeting Program Website <http://paa2007.princeton.edu>.  
Deadline for submissions - September 22, 2006

PDF versions of the Call for Papers, Member-Initiated Meetings and Travel Award Application forms are also available at the PAA website [www.popassoc.org](http://www.popassoc.org).

## **Third Conference on Emerging Adulthood Call for Papers**

February 15-16, 2007, Tucson, Arizona, Marriott Tucson University Park

The 3rd Conference on Emerging Adulthood will bring together a diverse international group of scholars to present symposia, papers, and posters on development from the late teens through the twenties, with a focus on ages 18-25. Both theoretical and empirical presentations are welcome. We invite your contribution.

Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2006

Information on submissions, registration, and travel stipend awards can be found at: [www.s-r-a.org/easig.html](http://www.s-r-a.org/easig.html). You can also register on that web site to receive updates on conference information.

## **American Journal of Sociology Call for Papers: Genetics and Social Structure**

The AJS seeks papers for a special issue on genetics and social structure. Papers are invited for consideration that use genetics or information about heritability to illuminate the structure and operation of social organization and/or social processes. We seek submissions that take advantage of the opportunities afforded by genetic information to better explicate complex social processes or institutions and, thereby, advance sociological theory and research design.

Submissions must incorporate genetics or information about heritability into a clearly sociological research agenda; we do not seek manuscripts incorporating sociological information into a genetic or biomedical research agenda. All areas of sociological specialization and methodological approaches are welcome and encouraged.

The issue has three coeditors:  
Peter Bearman, Columbia University  
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All manuscripts will undergo the double-blind peer-review process. All submitted papers also will be seen by the three editors, who therefore will know the identities of contributing authors. The coeditors are happy to receive inquiries about this special issue via e-mail.

The deadline for submitting papers is November 15, 2006. Papers should be submitted to the AJS office (see below for details). The issue is tentatively scheduled to appear in November, 2008 (vol. 113, no. 4, or as a supplement), but the publication date may occur later to accommodate the review and revision process.

Submission requirements: You may submit three hard copies and one electronic copy on diskette to the AJS editorial office at 5835 South Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Handling will be facilitated, however, if you submit via the journal's Web Peer Review system. It is essential that you note in your cover letter that the

submission is for the special issue. Please include a \$30 submission fee (instructions for payment via electronic submission are found on the submission web site). Inquiries about the review process or progress on a particular manuscript should be directed to [ajs@press.uchicago.edu](mailto:ajs@press.uchicago.edu). Authors of papers not sent for peer review (because they do not meet the criteria for inclusion posted above) will be notified within 45 days of submission. <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/AJS/call.html>

## **JOBS, JOBS, JOBS**

### **The University of Iowa: Assistant Professor of Sociology.**

The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning Fall 2007. Area of research specialization is social psychology broadly conceived as research that investigates some aspect of the interface between individuals and larger social units. In addition to an emphasis on social psychology, the ideal candidate's research interests will combine social psychology with another core area of department strength: group processes, inequality/stratification, family, or criminology/law. We seek strong candidates that show evidence of ability to pursue an ambitious research program including publications and external funding, and that have excellent teaching skills.

The department has a tradition of supporting the career development of its assistant professors. Increasing gender and ethnic diversity of faculty and students at the University of Iowa is a major goal of the department; women and underrepresented minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Candidates interested in job sharing or other flexible load arrangements are welcome to apply. The University of Iowa is a large public university in a friendly, culturally diverse community. The Department of Sociology provides competitive salaries and benefits along with strong infrastructure support for research. Applications should have Ph.D. in hand by August 2007. Submit a curriculum vita, statement of research agenda, and three letters of recommendation to: Chair of Recruitment, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1401. Formal screening will begin September 15, 2006 and continue until the position is filled. The University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

### **Northwestern University: Professor in Social Disparities and Health.**

Northwestern University invites applications from scholars specializing in innovative, interdisciplinary research on health for a tenured associate or full professorship jointly held between Cells to Society (C2S): The Center on Social Disparities and Health at the Institute for Policy Research and one of the following departments: Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology. Social and cultural contexts are critical determinants of physical and psychological health, and we seek scholars with research programs that integrate the social, behavioral, and biomedical perspectives to illuminate pathways contributing to social and race/ethnic health inequalities. Applicants should have outstanding records of scholarly publication and externally-funded research, and be interested in applying their work to social policy issues. To promote policy-relevant research activities, the appointments carry a one-half reduction in teaching responsibilities. Candidates could specialize in one or more of the following fields: biodemography, population health, gene-environment interplay, biocultural or biopsychosocial perspectives on human development and health, psychobiology, and other related arenas.

For more information on the Cells to Society Center, see <http://www.northwestern.edu/ipr/c2s> and for the Departments of Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology, see <http://www.wcas.northwestern.edu>. Northwestern is located in an attractive lakefront community adjacent to Chicago. Please mail a statement of research, teaching/training, vita, representative reprints, and 3 letters of recommendation to P. Lindsay Chase-Lansdale, Search Committee Chair, Cells to Society (C2S): The Center on Social Disparities and Health, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, 2040 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60208. We will begin reviewing application materials on October 15 until the position is filled. Minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply. Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States.

### **University of Wisconsin-Madison: NICHD Postdoctoral Fellowship.**

The Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, announces an NICHD/NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Demography beginning in September 2006. We welcome applicants with training in demography and ecology whose specialized needs

would be served by residence at the Center; or scholars trained in social sciences, such as history, economics, sociology, anthropology, etc., who seek advanced training and research experience in demography and ecology. Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and must have completed all requirements for the doctorate by the time of the initial appointment. The position carries a stipend varying by years of relevant postdoctoral experience, some travel expenses, and full health and insurance benefits.

Postdoctoral researchers at the Center for Demography and Ecology have access to the Center's excellent collective resources in computing, geographic information analysis, print/data libraries, and administrative services. Established almost 45 years ago, the Center for Demography and Ecology is dedicated to the study of population issues, both domestic and international. Faculty affiliated with the Center come from departments across campus, including Sociology, Economics, Rural Sociology, Social Work, History, Population Health Sciences, Statistics, and Human Development and Family Studies. A Population Research Core Grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development supports general Center operations. For more information about the Center and its research faculty, please visit our website at [www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/](http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/).

To apply, send curriculum vitae, a short description of a research project to be conducted at the Center, three letters of recommendation, and copies of publications or papers to: Alberto Palloni, Director, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin, 1180 Observatory Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53706-1393. Applications should be submitted by August 1, 2006, but the review committee will continue to consider applications beyond that date until an award is made.

## **OBITUARY**

***Thomas R. Ford***  
(1923-2006)

We report in sorrow the death of Thomas R. Ford in Lexington, KY on April 27, 2006. In a quiet, modest, occasionally forceful, and always effective way, Tom Ford was more than a "triple threat." His major contributions spanned the fields of rural sociology, sociology, sociology of the South, demography, international development, and Appalachian culture. He served as President of the Rural Sociological Society in 1972-73 and of the Southern Sociological Society in 1976-77. Most of Tom's professional career was spent at the University of

Kentucky, where he served from 1956 until his retirement as Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Developmental Change in 1990.

Tom's graduate students would claim that his major contribution was in guiding and supporting them through their graduate education and into their careers. When the department launched a Distinguished Alumni Award, it soon became apparent that almost everyone who was being honored was a student of Tom Ford's. As a result, the department formally renamed the award the Thomas R. Ford Distinguished Alumni Award.

One student who had never taken a course with Tom wrote, on hearing of his death, "I had reason to seek his advice about a sometimes strange admixture of academic and personal concerns. There was not a single time when he failed to be concerned, supportive, and willing to offer useful advice... He was a good person who never expected a drop more from others than he demanded of himself. The personal and professional model that he so consistently provided shaped my career..." Not surprisingly, Tom was a recipient of the University's Sturgill Award, given annually to recognize excellence in graduate education.

Faculty colleagues as well as students valued Tom's guidance because he was willing to accept people and career paths on their own terms, to deal with disagreements without losing perspective, to recognize the sometimes hidden strengths in people, and to be frank but kind when pointing out aspects of performance that needed to be improved. Beyond his skills as a mentor, Tom was fun to be around. Regardless of the situation, he could find humor in it and entertain his companions with stories and wry observations.

Thomas R. Ford was born in 1923 in Lake Charles, LA. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at L.S.U and Ph.D. from Vanderbilt. During World War II, Tom was a pilot in the 413<sup>th</sup> AAF Squadron, flying many missions over Germany. He retained his love of flying and continued to fly for recreation and professional trips until his final illness interfered. Tom also had a passion for tennis and almost always found an hour in the middle of his long working days to join other tennis devotees for a set or two. This, too, he continued as long as his health permitted.

When Tom came to the University of Kentucky in 1956, sociologists had faculty appointments in two Colleges—Arts and Sciences and Agriculture. Although a majority of the faculty supported a unified department, their budgets and ultimate responsibilities continued to be tied

to the College of their primary appointment. Both as a faculty member and a department Chair, Tom provided the leadership, patience, diplomacy, and persuasion needed to make this awkward arrangement work. In fact, Tom's efforts to unify previously hired sociologists and to include newly appointed medical sociologists in departmental affairs were instrumental in leading the University to consider Sociology one of its significant strengths.

*Robert Straus*  
*James Houglan*  
University of Kentucky

## Welcome New Members!

PAA would like to welcome 18 new members since May 1, 2006. Current membership now stands at 2,744.

Check us out on the Internet at  
[www.popassoc.org](http://www.popassoc.org)  
for on-line newsletter and  
general information.

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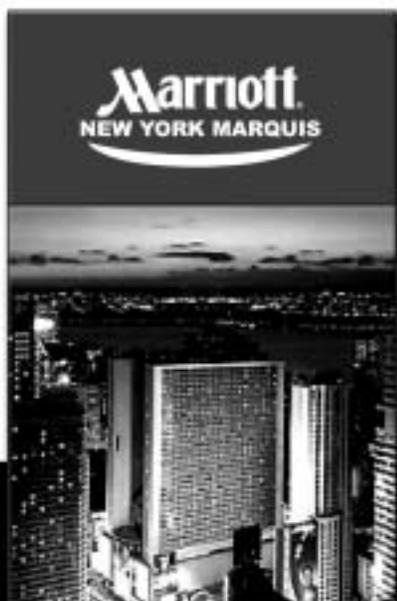
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