

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

PAA BUSINESS

PAA Election Results for 2011

The results of the PAA election, terms beginning January 1, 2011 (or immediately for the Nominations Committee), are:

- President-elect:* Daniel T. Lichter, Cornell University
- Vice President-elect:* Linda G. Martin, RAND Corporation
- Board of Directors:* Emily M. Agree, Johns Hopkins University
Patrick Heuveline, University of California-Los Angeles
Kenneth C. Land, Duke University
Rebeca Wong, University of Texas-Medical Branch
- Nominations Committee:* Andrew J. Cherlin, Johns Hopkins University
Anne R. Pebley, University of California-Los Angeles
Linda J. Waite, University of Chicago
- Publications Committee:* Elizabeth Frankenberg, Duke University

The new online election format (and the follow-up emails) encouraged higher voter turnout in absolute and relative terms compared to past years: 1,116 members voted (or 37 percent of all PAA members). Many thanks to Stephanie Dudley, Executive Director, Lois Brown, Member Services Coordinator, and Denetra Gary, Administrative Assistant, of the PAA Office for successful management of the election details.

Congratulations to the new PAA officers, board and committee members, and a tremendous thank you to all candidates who were willing to participate in this election.

Ann Biddlecom
PAA Secretary-Treasurer

The PAA Fund Campaign

The PAA Fund Campaign continues. We have received contributions from another 50 donors over the summer. The campaign total now stands at \$335,000. This is a remarkable achievement. Members of the Development Commit-

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tee have been deeply touched by the breadth of generosity of PAA members. The contribution of \$100 from a struggling graduate student as well the \$1,000 gift from more established members spring from the same motivation – to give back to the organization that sustains their careers. Our deepest thanks to everyone who has given. We still have a long way to go to reach the million dollar goal, but with some extra effort, we are hopeful that the PAA Fund Campaign will reach a successful conclusion this coming year.

The PAA Fund Campaign received its largest contribution on July 30, 2010 with a bequest of almost \$50,000 from the will of Calvin Beale. Calvin Beale worked for more than 50 years as a senior demographer with the Economic Research Service of the US Department of Agriculture. His remarkable career and personality were chronicled in obituaries in the [New York Times](#) and the [Washington Post](#). In conveying the gift to the PAA, Ms. Carol Rudolph, the Executrix and Trustee of the Estate of Calvin Beale, observed that the goals and objectives of the PAA were dear to his heart.

One of the new ways to give to the PAA Fund is to designate a contribution in honor of an esteemed colleague or mentor. When \$5,000 has been raised in honor of a PAA member, a brief biographical sketch and picture of the honored member, and the list of donors, is added to the PAA website (see <http://www.populationassociation.org/sidebar/paa-fund-campaign/honored-members/>). So far, the PAA honorees include Ronald Freedman, Al Hermalin, Robert Mare, and Paul Schultz. The \$5,000 goal has just been reached in honor of Richard Easterlin and Richard Udry and several more are in progress. If you would like advice on how to organize an effort to honor a PAA member, Eleanor Weis would be pleased to help. You can contact her at ec_weis@yahoo.com.

Another new initiative of the Development Committee is to host a local gathering at the home of a PAA member to talk about the PAA Fund and the good works of the PAA. In May, Phil Morgan invited all PAA members in North Carolina to his home in Chapel Hill. Past President Kathie Harris, co-host of the event, spoke about the many new and exciting projects that were being supported by the PAA Fund with about 50 members in attendance. Local gatherings are also being planned for Washington, DC and Los Angeles. If you would like to organize a local gathering in your area, Eleanor Weis can send out invitations and help with the arrangements.

The PAA Fund campaign depends on each of us. Please join us in securing a bright future for our organization.

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Appropriations Update

At press time, Congress had recessed until September 13, 2010. Prior to its departure in August, the House of Representatives had passed 2 of its 12 appropriations bills. The full Senate had not considered any of its appropriations bills. With Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 ending on September 30, and the looming mid-term elections, Congress is expected to pass a continuing resolution to keep the federal government funded until it reconvenes for a lame duck session in November. This scenario increases the likelihood that Congress will pass an omnibus spending bill, or several smaller “mini bus” bills, to fund most federal agencies in FY 2011.

Despite increasing pressure to cut federal spending, a trend expected to continue into FY 2012, agencies important to the Population Association of America (PAA) are faring well during the ongoing deliberations. Below is a table comparing the President’s request with funding levels recommended, thus far, by Congress. Bear in mind that the House and Senate numbers will change as action occurs in the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and on the floor of each chamber. The PAA Government and Public Affairs Office will send alerts to members when key votes occur in the House and Senate, threatening proposed FY 2011 funding levels.

Table 1. FY 2011 Proposed Budgets for Federal Agencies Important to PAA

Agency	FY 11 President's Budget	Senate	House
NIH	\$32.0 billion	\$32.0 billion	\$32.0 billion
Census Bureau	\$1.3 billion	\$1.23 billion	\$1.23 billion
NCHS	\$162.0 million	N/A	\$162.0 million
NSF	\$7.42 billion	\$7.35 billion	\$7.42 billion
USAID FP/RH	\$715.7 million	\$700.0 million	\$735.0 million

Appropriations Highlights

National Institutes of Health— As members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, PAA endorsed the coalition's call to provide the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with \$35 billion in FY 2011. Although falling short of the mark recommended by the Administration, Senate, and House, PAA is pleased NIH is poised to receive \$32 billion in FY 2011—a \$1 billion increase over FY 2010 and equal to the rate of biomedical inflation (3.5 percent).

On July 27, the Senate Appropriations Committee considered the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill and released an accompanying bill. The Senate report included language praising demographic research programs at the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This language helps inform people outside and inside the NIH about the important role population research programs play in furthering the NIH mission to improve public health and well being. The language as it appears in Senate Report #111-243 is below. The House Appropriations Committee has not considered the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee's bill; therefore, at press time, no House report was available. At press time, it wasn't clear when the House Appropriations Committee might consider the Labor-HHS-Education bill.

National Institute on Aging – Demographic and Economic Research – The Committee urges the NIA to continue to invest in its demographic research portfolio, particularly large-scale longitudinal studies such as the Health and Retirement Study. The Committee also urges the NIA to continue working with other Federal agencies, including the Fogarty International Center, to support and expand its investment in national and international demographic research projects.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development – Demographic Research – The NICHD's historic support for demographic research on the non-aged population has yielded landmark scientific findings, confirming how health and well-being in the early years affects long-term health and socioeconomic outcomes. Many of these advances have derived from the Institute's investment in large-scale, longitudinal studies such as the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health and Child Development Supplement to the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, and inter-agency studies, including the National Survey of Family Growth and National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. The Committee expects the Institute to sustain its support for these important resources and reaffirm its commitment to supporting research on how maternal factors before and during pregnancy and early life events affect health and well-being in later life.

Census Bureau—The Senate mark is approximately \$22 million below the Administration's request, while the House mark is slightly more than \$29 million below the request. The Senate report does not specify how the agency should apply the reduction. However, it does express concern about the costs associated with Census 2010 and re-

quires the agency to submit a 10-year strategic and budgetary plan for Census 2020 to the Senate Appropriations Committee within 90 days after the bill's enactment. At press time, the House report had not been released.

Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)—The BEA is funded by the same funding bill that supports the Census Bureau. For FY 2011, the Senate recommends BEA receive \$113.2 million, an increase of almost \$16 million over FY10. The House Appropriations Committee approved a proposed BEA budget of \$112 million.

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)—The Senate Appropriations Committee's report encourages NCHS to consider ways to expand the applicability of National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) reports to the State and local level. It also expressed support for efforts to transition vital statistic collection to electronic systems, particularly phasing in electronic death records, and encourages NCHS to work with other agencies to pilot test the integration of birth and death records and electronic medical records. The Senate Appropriations Committee also recommended NCHS receive an additional \$34 million from the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which was created by the recent health reform act.

The House bill includes \$6.782 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—the parent agency of NCHS. Details on how that spending will be allocated—including how much might be provided to the NCHS—are not available until after the full House Appropriations Committee has a chance to vote on the spending package.

National Science Foundation (NSF)—The Research and Related Activities account, which includes funding for the research directorates, including the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, received \$5.967 billion from the Senate, slightly more than the House Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee's mark of \$5.961 billion. The overall Senate number for NSF is \$403.3 million above the FY 2010 appropriation, but \$71 million below the President's request.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)—The FY 2011 Senate State Department-Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, which includes the USAID budget and new statutory guidance to USAID to make international family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) funds available to programs in areas where "population growth threatens biodiversity or adversely affects the capacity of inhabitants to adapt to the impacts of climate change, including declines in agricultural productivity and availability of water."

Agency News

National Institutes of Health

Dr. James Anderson Appointed Director of the NIH Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives

On August 9, 2010, NIH Director Francis S. Collins announced the appointment of James M. Anderson, M.D., Ph.D., as the new Director of the NIH Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI) to begin in September 2010. The NIH DPCPSI mission includes identifying emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, and scientific knowledge gaps that merit further research. The Division plans and implements trans-NIH initiatives supported by the Common Fund and coordinates research related to AIDS, behavioral and social sciences, women's health, and disease prevention. Dr. Anderson is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Cell and Molecular Physiology in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a position he has held since 2002.

Dr. Alan Guttmacher Appointed Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

On July 22 NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D. announced that Dr. Guttmacher will be the new director of NICHD. He has been the Acting Director since December 1, 2009. During his time with NICHD, Dr. Guttmacher ini-

tiated the NICHD's *Scientific Vision: The Next Decade* initiative, which will define a scientific vision for the Institute and its research. Dr. Guttmacher began his NIH career at the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) as a special assistant to the director. He became deputy director in 2002 and acting director in 2008. While at NHGRI, Dr. Guttmacher also oversaw the NIH's involvement in the Surgeon General's Family History Initiative, an effort to encourage Americans to learn about and use their families' health histories to promote personal health and prevent disease. A high-level delegation of PAA officials, including three former presidents, met with Dr. Guttmacher on February 4, 2010, to discuss the important role NICHD plays in supporting the population research field.

Dr. Robert Kaplan Appointed Director of the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research

On July 29, NIH Director Francis Collins announced that Dr. Robert Kaplan will become the new Director of the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) in early 2011. OBSSR is responsible for stimulating and coordinating behavioral and social sciences research across NIH's institutes and centers to improve the understanding, treatment, and prevention of disease.

Dr. Kaplan comes to the NIH from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he is distinguished professor in the Department of Health Services at the School of Public Health and the Department of Medicine. He has also served as the principal investigator of the UCLA/RAND CDC Prevention Research Center and director of the UCLA/RAND Health Services Research training program. He was also professor and chair of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. Dr. Kaplan has an M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology.

Dr. Sally Rockey Appointed Director of NIH Office of Extramural Research

On August 10, NIH Director Francis Collins announced that Dr. Sally J. Rockey had been selected as the new NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research (DDER). Dr. Rockey had been serving as Acting DDER since the fall of 2008. She joined the NIH as Deputy Director of the Office of Extramural Research in 2005. An insect physiologist by training, Dr. Rockey has worked in research administration for almost 25 years. Before joining the NIH, she led the US Department of Agriculture Extramural Competitive Research Program at the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

Dr. Lawrence Tabak Appointed NIH Deputy Director

On August 19, NIH Director Francis Collins announced his selection of Dr. Lawrence Tabak as the new Principal Deputy Director. Since September 2000, Dr. Tabak has served as the director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. He served as acting NIH deputy director in 2009 and most recently as the acting director of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives. He came to NIH from the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester, where he had most recently been the senior associate dean for research, director of the Center for Oral Biology, professor of dentistry, and professor of biochemistry and biophysics.

National Science Foundation

Dr. Cora Marrett Nominated NSF Deputy Director

On August 6, President Obama nominated Cora Marrett to become the NSF Deputy Director. The U.S. Senate must confirm her appointment. At press time, the Senate had not considered her appointment. She has been serving as the Acting Director of NSF since May. In the early 1990s, she was the first Assistant Director for the NSF Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences directorate. In between her NSF stints, Dr. Marrett served as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin and as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Dr. Subra Suresh Nominated NSF Director

On June 3, President Obama nominated Dr. Subra Suresh as the new NSF director. Dr. Suresh currently serves as Dean of the School of Engineering and the Vannevar Bush Professor of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute

of Technology. The U.S. Senate must confirm his appointment and, at press time, had not done so. Dr. Suresh would replace Arden Bement, who left NSF at the end of May after serving as director since 2004. The NSF director-designate has a bachelor's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras, an M.S. from Iowa State University, and a Sc.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

PAA in Washington, DC

Reception Honoring 40th Anniversary of the Coalition for Health Funding— On June 8, PAA cosponsored a reception on Capitol Hill, honoring the 40th anniversary of the Coalition for Health Funding (CHF). PAA has been a member of the CHF since 2004. Former HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan spoke at the event and awards were given to congressional staffs who have supported U.S. public health agencies, including the NIH and NCHS.

Reception Honoring Raynard Kington— On June 25, PAA cosponsored a reception, honoring Dr. Raynard Kington, the outgoing NIH Deputy Director. Since 2003, Dr. Kington served as NIH Deputy Director, as well as Acting NIH Director from October 2008 to August 2009. Dr. Kington is leaving the NIH to become the president of Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa.

Congressional Research Service Workshop— On July 12, 2010, PAA sponsored a seminar, “The Long-Term Implications of Recession and Recovery,” in conjunction with the Domestic Social Policy (DSP) Division at the Congressional Research Service (CRS). This was the second in a series of seminars PAA is sponsoring for the CRS. CRS is a department of the Library of Congress that provides authoritative, non-partisan, and objective information to members of Congress and their staffs. The seminar featured two former PAA presidents, Dr. Greg Duncan and Dr. Kathleen Mullan Harris. Dr. Duncan, of the University of California at Irvine, discussed findings from his research, using the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, showing how economic hardships in childhood influence earnings over the life course. Dr. Harris, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, presented data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, illustrating how the recession affects young adults transitioning to higher education or the workforce. Mr. Gene Falk, Specialist in Social Legislation, DSP, CRS, provided commentary, highlighting how the research findings relate to current debates about policies affecting needy families, children, and youth.

Recession and Recovery: How Are Americans Affected?—On July 12, 2010, PAA, with support from eight other organizations and several members of Congress (U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman and Charles Schumer and Congressmen Vern Ehlers and Rush Holt and Congresswomen Carolyn Maloney and Lucille Roybal-Allard), sponsored a session on Capitol Hill entitled *Recession and Recovery: How Are Americans Affected?* Speaking at the event were: Michael Hurd, Director of the Center for the Study of Aging at the RAND Corporation; Kathleen Mullan Harris, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and Greg Duncan, Distinguished Professor in the Education Department at the University of California, Irvine. Matt Stagner of the University of Chicago moderated. The session was attended by over 90 congressional staff and officials from federal agencies and outside organizations. A complete summary of the event is posted on the [PAA home page](#).

Surveying for Dollars—On July 26, 2010, PAA cosponsored a congressional briefing sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The purpose of the briefing was to unveil a new report by the Brookings Institution on how the American Community Survey is used to allocate funding to almost 200 federal programs. The report is posted on the [Brookings website](#).

NCHS celebrates 50 years of monitoring the Nation's health— On August 17, 2010, the PAA, along with 14 other organizations, co-sponsored a reception honoring the 50th anniversary of the National Center for Health Statistics. The reception was held in conjunction with the 2010 National Conference on Health Statistics. PAA Director of Government and Public Affairs, Mary Jo Hoeksema, spoke at the reception on behalf of the Friends of NCHS coalition.

Reception Honoring Congressman Ehlers— On July 28, 2010, PAA cosponsored a reception on Capitol Hill, honoring Congressman Vernon Ehlers (R-MI). Congressman Ehlers is retiring after serving eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his tenure, Congressman Ehlers has been an ardent supporter of the National Science Foundation.

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Cornell University: Assistant Professor or Untenured Associate Professor, Quantitative Methods

The Department of Policy Analysis and Management in the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University is seeking an Assistant Professor or untenured Associate Professor in Quantitative Methods. This is a tenure track position with responsibilities of 50% research and 50% teaching and advising. The new hire will teach courses in quantitative methods (e.g. econometrics), advise students at the undergraduate, masters, and/or Ph.D. level, and conduct empirical research in health policy, social policy, regulatory policy, education policy, or other area of public policy.

This position is in an applied multidisciplinary department with research interests in the areas of health policy, regulatory policy, and social policy, and with faculty members drawn from economics, sociology, public policy, health services research, and other disciplines. The research environment offers ample opportunity for faculty cooperation and interactions, both within the department and across the university.

Qualifications: Candidates should have a strong background and interest in research and teaching involving the use of quantitative methods in public policy research. A Ph.D. in economics, sociology, public policy, demography, or other appropriate field is required.

Salary: Negotiable depending on experience and qualifications. Competitive benefits package.

We will begin reviewing applications immediately and will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. Send resume, samples of research, and three letters of recommendation to: Rosemary Avery, Department Chair, Mailbox 32, Department of Policy Analysis & Management, 119 MVR Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-4401. Fax: 607-255-4071.

Cornell University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action educator and employer. We are interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of our academic community through their research, teaching and/or service.

Princeton University: Post Doctoral Research Associate, Ethnic and Social Disparities in Health among Latinos

The Office of Population Research at Princeton University is seeking a postdoctoral researcher to work on a project pertaining to ethnic and social disparities in health among Latinos. The candidate should have strong methodological skills and experience in working with large survey data sets. Training in demography and/or epidemiology is desirable. Appointment is for one year, with possible renewal, to begin as early as February, 2011 and as late as September 1, 2011. Ph.D. in related discipline required.

To apply, link to <http://jobs.princeton.edu> to complete an application. Please, include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, writing samples, and three references. Princeton University is an equal opportunity employer and complies with applicable EEO and affirmative action regulations. For information about how to voluntarily self-identify, please link to <http://www.princeton.edu/dof/ApplicantsInfo.htm>.

Princeton University: NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship, Office of Population Research

The Office of Population Research at Princeton University invites applications for an NIH postdoctoral fellowship. Candidates must have completed an MD or a PhD in demography, sociology, statistics, or other relevant field before appointment. Holders of NIH fellowships must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Appointment is for one year, with possibility of renewal, and a start date of September 2011.

To apply, link to <http://jobs.princeton.edu> to complete an application. Please, include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, 1-3 page projected research plan, writing samples, and appropriate supporting material. Screening of applicants will start on February 1, 2011 and continue until position is filled. Princeton University is an equal opportunity employer and complies with applicable EEO and affirmative action regulations.

The RAND Corporation: Postdoctoral fellowships in the study of aging

The RAND Corporation is accepting applications for one or more postdoctoral fellowships in the Study of Aging. This competitive program enables outstanding scholars to sharpen their analytic skills and advance their research agenda in the field of aging. Scholars come from various disciplines including economics, demography, sociology, and psychology. Housed within RAND's Labor and Population Program, the program blends formal and informal training and extensive collaboration with distinguished researchers without teaching obligations. One-year fellowships are renewable for a second year and provide a competitive stipend and health insurance. Fellows must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and must have completed a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline before they begin the program. The program is open to new scholars, as well as individuals who have some research experience or are on leave from an academic position. Application review begins February 7th, 2011.

Additional information and application materials are available at <http://www.rand.org/labor/fellows> or by contacting Diana Malouf, The RAND Corporation, 1776 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2138, 310-393-0411 x6462, email: Diana_Malouf@rand.org, or by emailing the Program Director, Julie_Zissimopoulos@rand.org.

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CALLS FOR PAPERS

2nd Annual Integrating Genetics & Social Science (IGSS) Conference

With support from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development and the Population Association of America, the Institute of Behavioral Science and CU Population Center are hosting the 2nd annual conference entitled Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences. The conference will be held on May 31st and June 1st in Boulder, Colorado. The goal of this conference is to showcase behavioral and molecular genetic studies that enhance demographic and social scientific inquiry or in some way integrate genetics and the social sciences. Researchers from any of the biological or social sciences are encouraged to participate.

To be considered for this conference, please submit a complete paper, a working draft, or an extended abstract (including data description, methods, and preliminary results) as a .pdf file to boardman@colorado.edu by January 15th, 2011. Please use the subject line IGSS 2011 and indicate that this submission is for the 2011 Conference in the text of your email. Decisions will be made by February 1st and participants will have until May 15th to update final drafts of their papers. Travel funds are available to a limited number of participants. Please indicate in your submission if you are interested in being considered for these funds.

For more information about the conference, submission guidelines, and deadlines, please visit http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/CUPC/conferences/IGSS_2011.

CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

Call for Nominations: 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 2011 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 no later than December 15, 2010 to: Douglas Massey, Chair, dmassey@princeton.edu. Committee members: Andrew J. Cherlin, cherlin@jhu.edu; Eileen Crimmins, crimmin@usc.edu; Jan Hoem, hoem@demogr.mpg.de; Michael Hout, mikehout@berkeley.edu; Robert A. Pollak, pollak@wustl.edu; T. Paul Schultz, paul.schultz@yale.edu.

Call for Nominations: Robert J. Lapham Award

Nominations are invited for the Robert J. Lapham Award to be presented on April 1, 2011, at the PAA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. 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, 2010 to:

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Call for Nominations: Dorothy S. Thomas Award

Pre- or postdoctoral students are invited to submit papers for the 2011 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, to be presented at the PAA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, April 1, 2011.

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 faculty is not eligible. An individual is eligible for one year following completion of the study. Published papers are acceptable. Recipients of the Ph.D. prior to December 1, 2009 and previous winners of the award are not eligible.

Length: The paper should be journal length; 12,000 words (including main text, references, end/footnotes, and appendix text) and 10 tables and graphs (combined, including appendices). Papers that exceed this limit will not be considered.

Submission Procedures: The deadline for receipt of submission is January 5, 2011. Students should email the paper and a letter from their research advisor confirming eligibility to the Chair: Jennifer Barber (University of Michigan), jebarber@umich.edu. Other members of the committee are Philip Cohen (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), Ann Meier (University of Minnesota), Zhenchao Qian (Ohio State University), and Rob Stephenson (Emory University).

The Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if it decides that no suitable paper was submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcing the Center for Design and Research in Sustainability

www.cedarscenter.com

ICF's new Center for Design and Research in Sustainability (CEDARS) pursues excellence in planning and measuring sustainability in health and social development initiatives.

CEDARS is staffed by experts in public health, measurement, and analysis. Its primary area of expertise is health and social services-related issues, but it has made forays in the fields of food security and human adaptation to cli-

mate change. Sustainability thinking emphasizes process, and CEDARS has found that technical assistance, strategic planning, and evaluation designs can be adapted in these and other areas, such as education, social protection, and gender-based violence.

At <http://cedarscenter.com> you will find a clearinghouse on resources related to sustainability, as well as descriptions of projects that have explicitly addressed sustainability through planning and measurement.

You can join the SHOUT Group (Sustainable Health OUTcomes), an international community of practice with more than 100 members, and participate in forum discussions. The current forum thread is a discussion about food security and climate change. Your participation in forums could result in an invitation to authorship, as CEDARS pursues opportunities to create and contribute to academic and professional discourse. You can also drop a comment or question in the CEDARS Café, a place for more casual exchange. Contact CEDARS at info@cedarscenter.com.

To pique your interest, here is an excerpt from the paper currently under discussion in the CEDARS Forum:

“There is general agreement that the negative effects of global climate change (GCC) are likely to be experienced most by already-vulnerable populations in economically poor nations around the world. While mitigation of the GCC risks remains a fundamental global priority, we focus on the adaptation needs of vulnerable communities of developing countries. A great deal of uncertainty exists, however, about the localized effects of climate change. We lay out a summary of a broad array of findings from the available literature about the potential or probable effects of climate change in developing countries. We then examine the respective merits of complementary types of adaptation strategies and seek to open a debate about the urgency of social infrastructure development and the challenges it will bring to development and adaptation efforts.”

—Davis, R. and E. Sarriot. “Hurry Up Slowly: Building Social Infrastructure as Adaptation to Climate Change in Developing Countries.”

Introducing the Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association

Dear members of the PAA,

The new Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association welcomes members from all disciplines and all parts of the world. Initiated in 2007 and officially underway for about a year, the section already has more than 500 members. It is developing a range of activities and will begin sponsoring research paper sessions at the annual meeting of the ASA in 2011.

You can learn more about the section on the web site, <http://www2.asanet.org/sectionglobal>. The site describes the section’s activities and future plans. You can also find the original proposal for the section that was submitted to ASA, as well as a bibliography (large but far from comprehensive) of global and transnational research.

The current officers of the section are

- Chair: George Thomas (Arizona State University)
- Chair-Elect: Sarah Babb (Boston College)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Gili Drori (Stanford University) and Maria Charles (University of California, Santa Barbara)

If you are not already an ASA member, you can join as an Associate Member for \$45/year. Section dues are an additional \$5/year, likely to increase to \$10/year next year. Unfortunately, you must be an ASA member to join the section officially.

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Many thanks from the Global and Transnational Sociology section!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PAA would like to welcome 21 new members from May 1 through July 30, 2010. Current membership now stands at 2,720.

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PAA is a nonprofit, scientific, professional organization established “to promote the improvement, advancement, and progress of the human race by means of research into problems connected with human population, in both its quantitative and qualitative aspects, and the dissemination and publication of the results of such research.” Members receive the journal *Demography*, and PAA Affairs online. An annual meeting is held in the spring. Dues in 2010 are: Regular member, \$112; Emeritus member, \$73; Organizational member \$305; Joint spouse members, \$52; Student member, \$45; Low-income country resident and citizen, \$37. To join, contact: Population Association of America, 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3812, 301.565.6710.

PAA Affairs is the official newsletter of the Population Association of America. Its purpose is to report to PAA members news of the Association in particular and of the profession in general. Brief news items of interest to people working in the population field may be sent to the Editor (see address at right), who reserve the right to select for inclusion among the items received, and to edit items for publication. Deadlines for submission of items for the quarterly issues are as follows:

Spring:	January 15
Summer:	May 1
Fall:	August 1
Winter:	November 1

2010 President of PAA: Robert D. Mare

Future PAA Meetings

- 2011 March 31-April 2 Washington, DC; Marriott Wardman Park
- 2012 May 3-5 San Francisco, California; Hilton San Francisco
- 2013 April 11-13 New Orleans, Louisiana; Sheraton New Orleans
- 2014 May 1-3 Boston, Massachusetts; Boston Marriott Copley Place
- 2015 April 30-May 2 San Diego, California; Hilton San Diego Bayfront
- 2016 March 29-April 3 Washington, DC; Marriott Wardman Park

As stated in the Bylaws of the PAA Constitution, “Meetings of the Association shall be held only at places where there is written assurance that no member will be denied full access to facilities of the meeting place.”

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