

Quarterly Newsletter of the Population Association of America, Inc.
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PAA 2014: CRADLE OF LIBERTY, HERE WE COME

Boston, the home of the Beans and Cod, the city of the bearded World Series Champion Boston Red Sox, and the location of the *original* Tea Party, will host a new party on May 1-3 – the annual meetings of the PAA. Whether Boston is ready for a few thousand demographers coming to discuss research in their fair city remains to be seen, but all demographers should be ready to come to Boston to enjoy the meetings and to meet with colleagues, attend fascinating sessions, greet old friends, and enjoy the many attractions of one of American's oldest cities with an unparalleled colonial history.

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, like last year, sessions will be only 90 minutes long. You will 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 Boston restaurants and tourist opportunities](#) collected by the Local Arrangements Coordinator, Marcia Castro, Harvard University. [Information on Boston transportation, weather, and child care](#) are also available.

While attending the meetings, please join the Officers and Board of the PAA for the annual membership meeting on Saturday morning (fresh and early). This meeting provides an opportunity for members to learn about issues that affect the organization and its members, hear about decisions made by the Board, get an update on the status of *Demography*, government and public affairs activities, and other PAA enterprises, and learn about the PAA's financial status. Please contact [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.

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Please contact [Mary Kritz](#) 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.

Once again this year, the Friday night Alumni Party will not be held. 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.

And please be informed that social media has come to the PAA! Before and during the meetings, tweet your thoughts on a good session or paper, or if you find a good restaurant that was not listed, using the hashtag #paa2014. And follow other people's tweets. PAA 2014 also has a Facebook page that we hope you will visit at <https://www.facebook.com/PopulationAssociationOfAmerica2014Meeting>.

Organization of the Meetings

The generation of the program in Boston followed the traditional process, starting with a [Program Committee](#) that considered suggestions from the membership for sessions and then developed a Call for Papers listing all the sessions to which people could submit papers (remember to make your suggestions later this spring for the 2015 Meetings!). The Call was issued in July, 2013 and elicited 3,141 submissions by the September deadline. This represented an all-time record high, 13 percent greater than the number of submissions last year and 9 percent greater than the largest previous number of submissions. As the table below indicates, health topics continue to draw a large number of submissions, with fertility and related topics also drawing a sizable number. However, there is a broad range of topics that PAA members work on and this diversity is reflected in the many different types of research issues covered in the submissions.

Topic	2012	2013	2014
Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behavior, and Reproductive Health	19.7	19.7	19.0
Marriage, Family, Households, and Unions	13.3	12.9	12.0
Children and Youth	9.9	9.0	7.3
Health and Mortality	19.0	22.2	21.3
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender	3.0	2.9	3.1
Migration and Urbanization	10.0	9.3	8.0
Economy, Labor Force, Education, and Inequality	7.7	7.6	11.3
Population, Development, and Environment	4.1	4.7	4.0
Population and Aging	3.4	4.3	6.0
Data and Methods	4.2	2.7	3.8
Applied Demography	1.7	1.4	1.0
Other or Poster Only	4.1	3.2	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of submissions	2881	2780	3141

From these submissions, 166 session organizers, working with the President and Vice-President, formed 201 sessions for the program. However, because of the large number of high quality submissions, an additional 11 sessions were then added, bringing the total number of papers on the program up to 848 and bringing the acceptance rate up to 27 percent. Together with 15 invited sessions, PAA 2014 will feature a total of 227 paper sessions, with 19 concurrent sessions occurring in all but one of 12 time slots and 18 concurrent sessions in the remaining time slot. The distribution of sessions by primary topic area is shown in the table below and is very similar to that from last year.

Topic	Invited Sessions	Regular Sessions	All Sessions
Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behavior, and Reproductive Health	0	35	35
Marriage, Family, Households, and Unions	0	29	29
Children and Youth	1	18	19
Health and Mortality	1	42	43
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender	1	8	9
Migration and Urbanization	1	17	18
Economy, Labor Force, Education, and Inequality	0	24	24
Population, Development, and Environment	2	11	13
Population and Aging	0	14	14
Data and Methods	5	12	17
Applied Demography and Other Topics	4	2	6
Total	15	212	227

Once the paper sessions were organized, over 1,800 papers that had not been included in a paper session were considered for the poster sessions. A total of 792 will appear on the program, almost 45 percent of those considered. Counting the papers and posters at the meetings, almost 3,000 unique individuals appear somewhere on the program.

As noted previously, the PAA meetings this year will continue the 90-minute sessions begun last year. A poll of the membership conducted in the spring of 2013 and whose results were reported in the summer 2013 [PAA Affairs](#) showed that the membership overwhelmingly supported the new program schedule, at least compared to the alternatives. The schedule not only features 90-minute sessions, but also allows many more papers to be on the program while still ending the Meetings at 2:00 pm on Saturday. In addition, the new schedule has lunch breaks on both Thursday and Friday without any regular paper sessions running during those breaks. The PAA 2015 Team will continue to monitor the effectiveness of this new schedule.

Another change this year was a modification of the long-standing two-appearance rule under which the PAA has operated in the past, which prohibits an individual from appearing on the program in more than two places in any capacity or role. A poll of the membership on modifications in the rule was conducted in the summer of 2013. The results, which were reported in the fall 2013 [PAA Affairs](#), indicated that the membership preferred that the two-appearance rule exclude roles as Chairs and Discussants. Therefore, those roles were excluded this year in the implementation of the two-appearance rule. However, a maximum of four appearances in any capacity was maintained. The PAA 2015 Team will continue to evaluate the rule for next year's Meetings.

The job of organizing the 2014 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 2014, 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 Irene and Germán, as well as the Office of Population Research and Princeton University, a large debt of gratitude.

Nadia Diamond-Smith of Johns Hopkins University played a major role in assisting in the organization of the meetings, communicating with program committee members and session organizers, designing sessions, keeping the process on track, designing the membership polls, and taking care of dozens of other details. Johns Hopkins University, Amy Tsui and the Gates Institute, as well as the PAA generously supported Nadia's work.

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.

Robert Moffitt, *President*

Nancy Landale, *Vice President*

WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS AT PAA 2014

Workshop on American Community Survey

Wednesday, April 30, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This workshop is organized by the PAA Committee on Population Statistics. It is ideally suited for novice users and those interested in learning about the latest developments in ACS data, products and resources, including the new ACS Data Users Group. Full details will be posted later in January. There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required and space is limited. Select this event during the registration process.

Census and ACS in the Classroom

Wednesday, April 30, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

\$30 Fee. Select this event during registration process.

Welcome Mixer

Wednesday, April 30, 8:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Admittance and a beverage ticket are included in the registration fee.

Career Mentoring Luncheon

Thursday, May 1, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

\$20 Fee. Select this event during registration process and complete a form available here ([PDF](#)).

Early Career Demographers Reception

Thursday, May 1, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The PAA Membership Committee is sponsoring an informal opportunity for demographers who are in the early stages of their careers (about 4-6 years post degree) to meet each other and senior PAA colleagues. Additional information will be announced.

Memorial Service

Thursday, May 1, 8:30 - 10:00 p.m.

If you know of PAA members who have died since the 2013 Annual Meeting, please notify Mary Kritz at mmk5@cornell.edu.

Applied Demography Breakfast

Friday, May 2, 7:00 – 8:20 a.m

Fees: \$35; \$15 for students. Select this event during registration process.

Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 3, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday again this year to make room for an extra session on Thursday – please join us! Members are encouraged to present matters of general concern to PAA. Items for the agenda should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer c/o the PAA office, attention stephanie@popassoc.org by March 5.

PAA 2014 NOMINEE SLATE

The PAA Nominations Committee – Susan Short, James Raymo, and Robert Hummer (Chair) – proposes the following slate of candidates for the 2014 election (terms begin in 2015, except for the Nominations 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 website, www.populationassociation.org. Submit petitions signed by at least ten PAA members, along with the required biographical data information by 15 May 2014, to Rosalind B. King, Secretary-Treasurer, PAA, 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722, Silver Spring, MD, 20910, c/o [Stephanie Dudley](mailto:Stephanie.Dudley). The biographical information form may be obtained from the PAA office.

SLATE OF NOMINEES

President (2 for 1 position):

Judith Seltzer, University of California-Los Angeles

Mark Hayward, University of Texas-Austin

Vice-President (2 for 1 position):

Elizabeth Frankenberg, Duke University

Michael White, Brown University

Nominations Committee (6 for 3 positions):

Kate Cagney, University of Chicago

John Iceland, Pennsylvania State University

Zhenchao Qian, Ohio State University

Robert Schoeni, University of Michigan

Connie Nathanson, Columbia University

Myron Gutmann, University of Michigan

Board of Directors (9 for 4 positions):

Jason Boardman, University of Colorado

Sarah Burgard, Michigan

Cameron Campbell, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology/University of California-Los Angeles

Rebecca Clark, National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

Alex Ezeh, African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)

Linda Jacobsen, Population Reference Bureau

Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, University of California-Berkeley
Michael Rendall, University of Maryland
Seth Sanders, Duke University

Publications Committee (2 for 1 position):

Carl Schmertmann, Florida State University
Joshua Goldstein, University of California-Berkeley

THE PAA FUND CAMPAIGN

Last year we marked the official end to our campaign to match the \$1 million we were awarded by five distinguished foundations. While the work of the campaign is over, the effort to match those funds continues. Because of your ongoing support, we have now raised more than \$810,000. Through January 2014, more than 1,100 PAA members have participated by sending in 2,188 donations.

Some of these funds have been given in honor of our mentors or colleagues, and some has been pledged as future bequests. Regardless of the type of gift or the amount, we know the funds are being put to good use supporting 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.

A few years ago, the list of PAA donors filled one page of the PAA meetings program; take a look at the list in this year's program when you arrive in Boston.

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](#). 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. The 2014 honorees thus far are Harley Browning, Kathleen Mullan Harris, Ronald Rindfuss, and Marta Tienda.

Thank you, also, to those who have remembered/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 membership includes an anonymous donor, Calvin I. 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.

The PAA is an association of kindred spirits and long-cherished professional colleagues. We have gathered resources through this campaign so that the next generation of population scientists will look to the future with enthusiasm and confidence. While the campaign has enabled us to greatly expand the depth and reach of our work, the PAA continues to rely on financial support. I hope that each of us will continue to do our part.

Sincerely,

Robert Moffitt
PAA President

PAA BOARD PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO THE PAA CONSTITUTION

At its meeting on November 1, 2013, the PAA Board voted to make several minor amendments to the PAA Constitution related to the duties of the PAA leadership and other matters. These amendments will be discussed at the meeting of the membership in Boston, 8:00 am-9:00 am on May 3, 2014, and will shortly thereafter be submitted to the membership for its approval.

There are two primary amendments that the Board approved, both of which are intended to lead to a smoother functioning of the PAA leadership. The first amendment concerns who appoints members to PAA committees. Currently, the President-Elect appoints all members who will serve on committees in the year following, when he or she is President (an individual serves the PAA in three consecutive years, first as President-Elect, then as President, and then as Past President). An ad hoc committee to study the duties of the PAA leadership chaired by Linda Martin and including Ann Blanc, Jason Boardman, Greg Duncan, and Barbara Entwisle studied those duties in the summer of 2013 and recommended to the Board that the President-Elect no longer make committee appointments. Three problems were identified: (i) the President-Elect is extremely busy in his or her year of service, putting together the annual meeting for the following Spring and writing a Presidential address; (ii) the President-Elect is not yet very familiar with the PAA committees and is not in a good position to make informed appointments; and (iii) PAA committee appointments are made by wide consultation and are not in any sense “tied” to a particular President’s preferences. Following the recommendation of the Martin committee, the PAA Board voted to have the President make all committee appointments for the following year, when he or she will be Past President and the President-Elect will become President. The Board felt that this change addressed all three of the problems identified with the current process.

The other amendment was more minor and simply proposes that the Past President be included on what is known as the PAA Executive Committee. That committee is currently composed of what are called the Officers of the Association, which are the President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee is used by the President to give the President quick advice and feedback on issues that come up from time to time, and to discuss what issues need to be brought before the full Board. The Board voted to add the Past President to the list of Officers and therefore to the Executive Committee. The Past President has the most experience of any of the officers of the Association, having served for two years, and his or her voice is needed on the Executive Committee.

When the Board examined the current PAA Constitution to make these two changes, it noticed two even more minor changes that would be worth making at the same time. One was to modify the Constitution’s frequent mandate that communications with the membership be by “mail,” which is outdated since most communications today are by email. Rather than just change “mail” to “email,” the Board voted to use a more general phrase (e.g., “by mail or other means”) to cover all possible future forms of communication that new technologies might lead to be adopted. The other change was to modify a few mandates for when PAA Committees have to report to the Board and when the President has to report to the membership, which are overly rigid in the current Constitution and need loosening up.

The current Constitution can be found at <http://www.populationassociation.org/about/constitution-bylaws/>. The nine amendments proposed by the Board are as follows, with bolded material indicating where changes are proposed:

1. Article IV, Section 3 currently reads:

At meetings of the Board of Directors, a quorum shall consist of one-half of the members. In the absence of a quorum, the members may adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall be present. Between its meetings the Board may be polled by **mail**. Except as otherwise provided by the Constitution or Bylaws, the Board shall act by a majority of those voting.

The proposed new version reads:

At meetings of the Board of Directors, a quorum shall consist of one-half of the members. In the absence of a quorum, the members may adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall be present. Between its meetings the Board may be polled by **mail or other means**. Except as otherwise provided by the Constitution or Bylaws, the Board shall act by a majority of those voting.

2. Article VI, Section 1 currently reads:

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Vice President-Elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

The proposed new version reads:

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, **a Past President**, a Vice President, a Vice President-Elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

3. Article VI, Section 2 currently reads:

The President shall be the chief officer of the Association, subject to the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at meetings of the general membership of the Association, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee. **Except as otherwise provided by a motion duly adopted at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the President shall sign for the Association all formal instruments and agreements; make an annual report of the affairs of the Association to the membership within 3 months of the end of the year; and name all persons, including the chair, who are to start their terms on appointive committees or serve as representatives to other scientific or learned societies during the President's term of office.**

The proposed new version reads:

The President shall be the chief officer of the Association, subject to the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at meetings of the general membership of the Association, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee. **Except as otherwise provided by a motion duly adopted at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the President shall sign for the Association all formal instruments and agreements and make an annual report of the affairs of the Association to the membership no less than once per year. The President shall be responsible for making all appointments of individuals to committee positions (including committee chairs) or as representatives to other scientific or learned societies that are expected to become vacant during the year following the President's term of office or that become vacant unexpectedly during the President's term of office.**

4. Article IX currently reads:

There shall be such other standing or temporary Committees as the Board of Directors or the President shall deem advisable. The President shall appoint the Chair for each Appointed Committee except the Program Committee. The duties of the committees shall be those assigned by the Board of Directors or the President. At all meetings a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee. **Each Committee shall submit a written report of its activities to the Board of the Directors within 2 months of the end of the calendar year, and shall make progress reports as such other times as the President may request.** Brief reports of the activities of each Committee shall be communicated to the membership of the Association through a regular publication or otherwise.

The proposed new version reads:

There shall be such other standing or temporary Committees as the Board of Directors or the President shall deem advisable. The President shall appoint the Chair for each Appointed Committee except the Program Committee. The duties of the committees shall be those assigned by the Board of Directors or the President. At all meetings a

quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee. **Each Committee shall submit a written report of its activities to the Board of Directors no less than once per year, and shall make progress reports at such other times as the President may request.** Brief reports of the activities of each Committee shall be communicated to the membership of the Association through a regular publication or otherwise.

5. Article X, Section 1 currently reads:

Members of the Board of Directors, officers except the Secretary-Treasurer, members of the Committee on Publications, and members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected by a **mail ballot** sent to all members of the Association, in accordance with the Bylaws.

The proposed new version reads:

Members of the Board of Directors, officers except the Secretary-Treasurer, members of the Committee on Publications, and members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected by a **ballot** sent to all members of the Association, in accordance with the Bylaws.

6. Article X, Section 8 currently reads:

If the office of the President-Elect becomes vacant before October 1, it shall be filled by a special **mail ballot** of the membership, upon nomination by the Nominating Committee. If the vacancy occurs on or after October 1, the incoming Vice President shall fill it and serve as President in the following year.

The proposed new version reads:

If the office of the President-Elect becomes vacant before October 1, it shall be filled by a special **ballot** of the membership, upon nomination by the Nominating Committee. If the vacancy occurs on or after October 1, the incoming Vice President shall fill it and serve as President in the following year.

7. Article XIII, Section 2 currently reads:

Any action by the Board of Directors that affects the policy or functioning of the Association shall be promptly communicated to the membership of the Association through a regular publication or otherwise. If within 60 days of such publication the Secretary-Treasurer receives a petition signed by at least 25 members of the Association asking that the matter be referred to the membership, a vote of the membership shall be the responsibility of the initiating group, and the **mailing** shall be accompanied by a statement from the Board of Directors. In such a referendum a majority of those voting shall govern, providing a majority of the eligible voters have voted within 60 days after the ballots are **mailed**.

The proposed new version reads:

Any action by the Board of Directors that affects the policy or functioning of the Association shall be promptly communicated to the membership of the Association through a regular publication or otherwise. If within 60 days of such publication the Secretary-Treasurer receives a petition signed by at least 25 members of the Association asking that the matter be referred to the membership, a vote of the membership shall be the responsibility of the initiating group, and the **ballot** shall be accompanied by a statement from the Board of Directors. In such a referendum a majority of those voting shall govern, providing a majority of the eligible voters have voted within 60 days after the ballots are **sent**.

8. Article XIV, Section 1 currently reads:

Matters of procedure that require administrative flexibility such as membership dues, the fiscal year of the Association, and the method of conducting **mail ballots**, shall be governed by the Bylaws, provided that these are not in conflict with the Constitution.

The proposed new version reads:

Matters of procedure that require administrative flexibility such as membership dues, the fiscal year of the Association, and the method of conducting **ballots**, shall be governed by the Bylaws, provided that these are not in conflict with the Constitution.

9. Article XV, Section 1 currently reads:

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by petition signed by at least 25 members of the Association. A proposed amendment originating by petition shall be referred to the Board of Directors for their recommendation at least 6 months prior to the next general membership meeting. Such proposals, with the recommendation of the Board of Directors, shall be published in an official publication of the Association or otherwise communicated to the members at least 30 days before the next annual general membership meeting. The amendment shall be presented for discussion at the general membership meeting of the Association. Unless withdrawn by a majority of its sponsors, the amendment shall be submitted by **mail** within 60 days thereafter to all members in good standing with a summary of the substance of the discussion at the general membership meeting. If approved by at least two-thirds of those voting within 60 days after **the mailing**, it shall become effective immediately on ratification, subject to necessary action by the President or the Board of Directors.

The proposed new version reads:

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by petition signed by at least 25 members of the Association. A proposed amendment originating by petition shall be referred to the Board of Directors for their recommendation at least 6 months prior to the next general membership meeting. Such proposals, with the recommendation of the Board of Directors, shall be published in an official publication of the Association or otherwise communicated to the members at least 30 days before the next annual general membership meeting. The amendment shall be presented for discussion at the general membership meeting of the Association. Unless withdrawn by a majority of its sponsors, the amendment shall be submitted by **mail or other means** within 60 days thereafter to all members in good standing with a summary of the substance of the discussion at the general membership meeting. If approved by at least two-thirds of those voting within 60 days after **the ballots are sent**, it shall become effective immediately on ratification, subject to necessary action by the President or the Board of Directors.

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

By Juliane Baron and Mary Jo Hoeksema

Omnibus Fiscal Year 2014

On Friday, January 17, President Obama signed into law H.R. 3547, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. The omnibus appropriations bill includes twelve appropriation bills totaling \$1.1 trillion. Overall, the omnibus was good news for agencies important to PAA members. In a difficult budget climate, the bill restored critical funding to our federal agencies of primary interest while adhering to strict overall funding totals. Most importantly, the final package did not contain objectionable language impeding the scientific peer review process at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or National Science Foundation (NSF), restricting funding for behavioral and social science research, including economics research, or altering the nature of major federal surveys, such as the American Community Survey.

As you might recall, the fiscal year 2013 continuing resolution (CR) contained language restricting funding for political science at the NSF by requiring that all of the agency's political science funded projects address U.S. economic or national security interests. This language does not appear in the fiscal year 2014 omnibus bill, effectively lifting the restrictions that were placed on the program and researchers. The absence of this language and other possible policy riders impacting social and behavioral science are a major victory for the community. In recognition

of this fact, PAA President Robert Moffitt cosigned a letter with the President of the Association of Population Centers, Pam Smock, thanking the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for their efforts. (<http://www.populationassociation.org/2014/02/04/paa-and-apc-thank-appropriators-for-enacting-fiscal-year-2014-omnibus-appropriations-bill-h-r-3547/>)

Below is a table summarizing the final spending figures for federal agencies of primary interest to the PAA in the FY 2014 omnibus spending bill.

Agency	FY 2014 Omnibus	FY 2013 after sequestration	FY 2013 pre sequestration
NIH	\$29.9 billion	\$28.9 billion	\$30.1 billion
Census Bureau	\$945 million	\$845 million	\$887.4 million
NCHS	\$140 million	\$138.7 million	\$138.7 million
NSF	\$7.2 billion	\$6.8 billion	\$6.9 billion
USAID FP/RH	\$610.0 million	\$598 million	\$610.4 million

Fiscal year 2015 begins on October 1, 2014. The President is expected to release the FY 2015 budget on March 4, one month after the annual due date of the first Monday in February.

Legislative Update

- National Science Foundation to be reauthorized, PAA joins science community on letter detailing concerns about shared draft – The science community is expecting the House and Senate to reauthorize NSF this year. The legislation has not yet been formally introduced, but the House Science Committee has shared a draft of the legislation. In response to the draft, PAA signed an intersociety letter. <http://www.populationassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/Comments-on-FIRST-CNSF-12-20-13.pdf>
- National Children’s Study issues request for information – Comments due February 24, 2014 – The NCS issued a request for information (RFI) on the proposed framework for developing study content and protocols. The comment period will be open for 30 days, with comments due by February 24, 2014. The Government and Public Affairs Committee will submit comments on behalf of PAA.
- PAA signs letter in support of business data compatibility - PAA joined the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS) and other sister organizations on a letter (<http://www.populationassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/COPAFS-Senators-Baucus-and-Hatch-business-data-compatibility-letter-January-16-2014.pdf>) to the Senate Finance Committee commending them for including a provision in the chairman’s tax reform discussion draft that would allow sharing of business data between the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), and the Bureau of Labor Statics (BLS).
- PAA submits comments on Death Master File proposal – On January 17, PAA submitted comments to the majority staff of the Senate Finance Committee regarding Section 11 of its tax reform discussion draft. This section of the bill would potentially restrict access to data from the Death Master File (DMF). PAA recommended modifying this section to clarify that federal scientists, grantees and contractors alike, may also be eligible to access timely DMF data as part of the bill’s certification process. The comments are posted at: http://www.populationassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/PAA_APC-letter-to-Senate-Finance-DMF-from-SSA-January-17-2014.pdf.

PAA in Washington

- National Research Council releases draft report: Proposed Revisions to the Common Rule for the Protection of Human Subjects in the Behavioral and Social Sciences – On January 30, NRC released a draft report conducted to inform the efforts of the federal government in revising the regulations that govern the protection of human participants in research (“Common Rule”) from the perspective of social and behavioral sciences. The report is in response to the July 2011 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM). Several of the proposals put forth by the Department of Health and Human Services in the ANPRM were endorsed by the committee, but the committee recommends revising the Common Rule in other ways and amending specific proposals in the ANPRM. This document is the prepublication version of the report; the final publication will be released in March 2014. (http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=18614.)
- PAA Member, Dr. Jennifer Glass placed an op-ed on the risks of cutting funding and politicizing social science research. – On November 25, 2013 the op-ed: “Social Research funding cuts Wound Texas” (<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/opinion/glass-social-research-funding-cuts-wound-texas/nb4LP/>) appeared in the Austin American Statesman. In addition, On December 13, 2013 Dr. Glass was quoted – along with PAA member Dr. Mark Hayward - in the article: Research Suffers and then We Do in the San Antonio Express (http://www.expressnews.com/lifestyle/columnists/richard_a_marini/article/Research-suffers-then-we-do-5059769.php?t=65dea6d53301065692). Both papers are in the district of Representative Lamar Smith, the Chair of the Science, Space and Technology Committee in the House of Representatives.

NIH EARLY CAREER REVIEWER

NIH’s Center for Scientific Review seeks early career reviewers in what is called the “Early Career Reviewer program” The Center for Scientific Review (CSR), which manages the process of review for most of the grant applications at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has a program that will train qualified scientists without prior experience to become effective reviewers. CSR is interested in training scientists from less research-intensive institutions as well as those from more traditional research universities. Scientists selected for the program will receive training from a scientific review officer, attend a study section meeting, be assigned two to four grants to review, participate in the discussion, and vote on all applications. To qualify for the ECR Program, scientists must: (a) Be a full-time faculty member or researcher in a similar role (Post-doctoral fellows are not eligible); (b) Show evidence of an active independent program of research; (c) Have recent senior-authored research publications in peer-reviewed journals; (d) Have not served on a CSR study section in a role other than a mail reviewer or ARRA reviewer. Prior NIH funding is not a requirement. Additional information is available on the CSR website [here](#).

INVITED ESSAY

The editors of the *PAA Affairs* invite short ‘thought pieces’ on contemporary developments in population dynamics.

The Second Demographic Transition, the Gender Revolution, and the Family

By Fran Goldscheider

The trends normally linked with the second demographic transition (SDT) have been seen as weakening the family and threatening the survival of the species. It is assumed that the SDT trends—very low fertility, delayed- and non-marriage, cohabitation, union dissolution, delayed or nonmarital parenthood and childlessness—will continue to increase. However, it seems likely that these trends emerged from the first phase of the gender revolution, where married mothers breached the male provider sphere by increasingly sharing in the economic support responsibilities for their families. There is evidence that the more problematic of these family patterns can be reversed as the gender revolution moves into its second phase, which is the increasing involvement of men in the family. Hence, it is important to examine the theoretical arguments provided by the two narratives: 1) the SDT and 2) the gender revolution in the public and private spheres. They have different theoretical foundations and implications for the future, and differ, as well, on how each views the importance of gender and intergenerational relationships in people’s lives.

The SDT predicts continued below replacement fertility and union instability while the gender revolution predicts stronger families with more children (Goldscheider, Bernhardt & Brandén 2013). The SDT narrative (e.g., Lesthaeghe 2010) is based on an ideational theoretical foundation (that “higher order needs” such as “self-realization” replace the more basic needs of subsistence, shelter, and security, in which he includes family ties) while the gender revolution narrative is based on the structural changes in gender relationships linked with the industrial revolution and the demographic transition (Esping-Andersen 2009). The SDT narrative considers family ties to be much less powerful than does the gender revolution narrative (Goldscheider, 2014). Of course, the family trends underlying these two narratives are ongoing and a convincing view of the phenomenon as a whole has not yet emerged clearly; but based on current research, can we assess now which approach seems to be the more fruitful one?

The view from the middle of any major demographic change is never clear. This was certainly the case with the (first) demographic transition, which was originally assumed to be physiological; the post-World War II baby boom was equally puzzling. Nevertheless, there is increasing evidence that many of the family-weakening trends linked with the SDT are reversing, a pattern most conspicuous in the Scandinavian countries. Couples with both egalitarian gender role attitudes and behaviors are more likely to have a second child and less likely to separate (Goldscheider, 2014). Although the family trends underlying these two narratives are ongoing and a convincing view of the phenomenon as a whole is not yet clear, the gender approach seems to be more fruitful. As Malthus posited: “the passion between the sexes [we might say adults] is necessary and will remain nearly in its present state.” Demographers rejected this postulate vis-à-vis fertility long ago, but it may be more persuasive in the context of couple relationships.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

European Population Conference. The [European Association for Population Studies \(EAPS\)](#) and the [Hungarian Demographic Research Institute \(HDRI\)](#) will hold their European Population Conference 2014, held in Budapest, Hungary, 25-28 June 2014. EPC2014 is a general scientific conference in population studies with the theme of “Transitions: Opportunities and Threats.” The conference, with about 120 scientific sessions, plenary and poster sessions, side meetings and exhibitions is from 25 June 2014 to 28 June 2014. The preliminary scientific programme will soon be posted on the website <http://epc2014.princeton.edu>. Register [here](#).

CALL FOR PAPERS

5th Annual Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences Conference, October 9-10, 2014 Boulder, Colorado. The Institute of Behavioral Science and University of Colorado Population Center are hosting the 5th annual conference entitled Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences. The goal of this conference is to showcase behavioral and molecular genetic studies that enhance demographic and social scientific inquiry. The two day conference will include a 4 hour advanced statistical genetics workshop. Researchers from any of the biological or social sciences are encouraged to participate. Information about the conference can be found [here](#). To be considered for this conference, please submit a complete paper, a working draft, or an extended abstract (including data description, methods, and preliminary results) as a .pdf file to the following [link](#) by June 1st, 2014. This conference is supported by the Eunice

Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development and the Population Association of America. Additional funds are provided by the NICHD funded CU Population Center, the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, and the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

NIA-Sponsored Biomarker Network Meeting. When: Wednesday April 30, 2014 (8:30 – 4:30). Where: Boston, MA - Boston Marriott Copley Place. The deadline for submitting abstracts is February 28, 2014. The Biomarker Network headquartered at the USC/UCLA Center on Biodemography and Population Health is soliciting abstracts for presentations at the Biomarker Network Meeting which will take place on the Wednesday before the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference. We will develop sessions on methods of theoretical developments, methods and experience in assessment of biomarkers and substantive results. Submitted abstract should clarify the material to be presented: the topic, the data, the methods, the results. Abstracts are limited to 300 words. We will begin to notify of their acceptance for program participation shortly after submission. Everyone will be notified by March 7th. Please send abstracts to Eileen Crimmins at crimmin@usc.edu.

The Asian Population Association will hold its Third Conference in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia during the week of 27-30 July 2015. Population specialists working on any of the countries of Asia are welcome to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentation. The Abstract submission form will be available on the APA website at www.asianpa.org. All abstracts must be received by 31 October 2014, for review by the Scientific Committee. For further information please check the website on a regular basis. Note that authors of papers accepted for the conference are required to be financial members of APA prior to the 27 July 2015. Information on becoming an APA member is also to be found on the website.

SLLS International Conference, “Lives in Translation: Life Course Research and Social Policies,” Lausanne, Switzerland, 9 - 11 October 2014. [Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies \(SLLS\)](http://www.slls.org.uk). The overall conference theme will focus on social policy this year, but all areas of longitudinal and life course studies are welcomed: physical, psychological, social developmental and ageing processes and functioning within and across life course stages from infancy to old age; methods and findings of cohort studies; other sources of longitudinal data such as panel studies and record linkage; international comparisons; household, and income dynamics; intergenerational transfers and returns to learning; gene-environment interactions; ‘mixed’, and comparative methods; innovative methodology in design, measurement, data management, analysis and research practice (quantitative and qualitative). There are three kinds of conference presentation: (1) symposia with 3 or more papers; (2) individual papers; and (3) poster presentations. Papers which do not fit into regular sessions may be allocated to Round Table discussion groups or presented as posters. Please submit abstracts to Cat Westlake (cwestlake@slls.org.uk) using the form below by **March 31st 2014**. Contributors will be notified by **May 31st 2014**. For more information about the conference, accommodations, and how to submit proposals, please visit the [SLLS Conference website](http://www.slls.org.uk). SLLS members receive a discounted fee, so please consider joining if you have not already done so! The Society’s journal, *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, will be a possible outlet for the publication of conference papers.

Call for Papers: Growing Up In One-Parent Family in Asia, July 1-2, 2014, National University of Singapore. Organisers: YEUNG Wei-Jun Jean and PARK Hyunjoon. Papers due March 1, 2014. This conference aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, and policy makers to examine the trend and prevalence of one-parent family in Asia as well as consequences of such family structure for the well-being of children, and to generate evidence for international comparison to research on western societies. Desired themes for papers include:

- Prevalence, trends, and profiles of diverse forms of one-parent families
- Consequences of one-parent family structure for the well-being of children
- Relative effects of different forms of one-parent families
- Implications of the rising one-parent families for social inequality and intergenerational mobility
- Policies and programs for one-parent families and how they moderate the impact on the well-being of the children
- Cross-national comparisons of one-parent families with a focus on Asia

Papers should consist of systematic and rigorous research that uses either qualitative or/and quantitative methods to examine these issues, with comparative perspectives or longitudinal data particularly welcome. A monograph/special journal issue for presentations is planned. Paper proposals should include a title, an abstract of 300 words, a short biography of 150 words, and should be submitted on the attached form and sent to Ms Truong Ngoc Linh at fastnl@nus.edu.sg by Click here for the [Paper Proposal Submission Form](#). Successful applicants will be notified by **15 March 2014**. For more information, visit http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events_categorydetails.asp?categoryid=6&eventid=1513.

The Russell Sage Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a new social science journal, *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*. *RSF* is intended to promote cross-disciplinary collaborations on timely topics of interest to social scientists and other academic researchers, policymakers, and the public at large. Each issue will be thematic in nature and will focus on a specific research question or area of interest. The introduction to each issue will provide an accessible, broad, and synthetic overview of the research question under consideration and the current thinking from various fields. *RSF* will be a peer-reviewed, open-access journal of original empirical research by both established and emerging scholars. The first issue is scheduled to be published in fall 2015. https://www.russellsage.org/publications/category/rsf_journal. **Call for papers** for our issue on *Severe Deprivation* edited by Matthew Desmond, https://www.russellsage.org/publications/category/rfa_rsf_journal.

DATA/COURSES/TRAINING/SYMPOSIA

“What’s New in the NLSY: An Introduction for New Users and Updates for Current Users” 3:30-5:30 on Wednesday April 30th, in Boston, just prior to the PAA Annual Meeting. Anyone interested in attending can contact Elizabeth Cooksey, Professor of Sociology and Associate Director, Center for Human Resource Research, at cooksey.1@osu.edu.

EPIC, the Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute at Columbia University – June 2-27, 2014, in New York City and online. EPIC provides opportunities to gain foundational knowledge and applied skills for advancing population health research through intensive short courses offered either at the Mailman School of Public Health in New York City or in online distance learning formats. EPIC in the classroom - weeklong courses on causal frameworks, statistical software, and specific health domains such as cancer and injury prevention assist trainees in acquiring new research skills. Courses will run Monday through Friday for 4 hours each day in the morning or the afternoon. Participants have the opportunity to network with a community of peers through events like the evening welcome reception and group luncheon. New in 2014, single day workshops will be offered from 9:30 am – 3 pm on Saturdays. EPIC digital - EPIC offers several digital courses taught in an online distance learning format, enabling anyone anywhere in the world to participate. Each digital course is one month long, with lectures and course material presented online in weekly segments. The flexible format will include video or audio recordings of lecture material, file sharing and topical discussion fora, self-assessment exercises, real-time electronic office hours and access to instructors for feedback during the course. Registration for June 2014 is now open at <https://www.cuepisummer.org/> with discounts on all courses until April 1.

The Human Fertility Collection available online. The **Human Fertility Collection (HFC)** became available online in August 2013 for all interested users at www.fertilitydata.org. The HFC is a joint project of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) and the Vienna Institute of Demography (VID). The HFC supplements the **Human Fertility Database (HFD)**, www.humanfertility.org and provides an easy and open access to a variety of historical and contemporary fertility data from different sources. It aims at including a wide range of countries and covering the longest possible times periods. The HFC will accommodate data that – due to high quality restrictions – cannot be considered for the inclusion in the HFD. Unlike other online data resources, the HFC provides not only aggregated fertility measures but also detailed age- and order-specific fertility rates. Data, updated on a rolling basis, in the HFC are organized in a uniform format, with overlapping data sets accepted from different sources, as

long as they do not contain obvious errors or gross inconsistencies. It focuses on period fertility by age of mother and birth order, with plans to include data on cohort fertility, fertility of men, fertility by region, and fertility by migration status and other selected socioeconomic characteristics of mothers and fathers. As of February 2014 the HFC contains data on 73 countries and territories covering the period since 1751 for all birth orders combined and since 1917 for birth order-specific data. Visit the Human Fertility Collection at www.fertilitydata.org. Send suggestions for data inclusions, comments and corrections to info@humanfertility.org.

In September 2014 the book *World Population and Human Capital in the 21st Century* will be published by Oxford University Press. This book, the result of joint work of the 25 lead authors from the Wittgenstein Center for Demography and Global Human Capital (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU) and 46 contributing authors, illustrates how the population future looks different when education is systematically added as a core demographic dimension. It presents and discusses the science of what is known about the drivers of fertility, mortality, migration and education in different parts of the world and what this knowledge implies for the course of population and human capital over the rest of the century as well as presents alternative scenarios by age, sex and level of education for all countries in the world. As of April 2014 the Wittgenstein Centre Data Explorer will make the results available online (www.wittgensteincentre.org/dataexplorer). Designed using R+Shiny, the Data Explorer will provide data, projection assumptions and results on the population of all world countries (195) by age, sex, and education from 2010 to 2100 according to half-dozen scenarios. Other indicators related to fertility, mortality, migration will also be available. There will be options for online viewing or downloading data into a file (CSV) that can be used as input to further analysis. The Data Explorer will include graphical representation in dynamic pyramids and maps. The users would also be able to access links to the relevant meta-data for more details.

Environmental Demography Graduate Student Workshop, May 12-13, 2014. With support from NICHD, the University of Colorado Population Center is offering a 2-day research workshop in Environmental Demography for current graduate students. The workshop's primary goal is to assist students in moving research papers toward completion and, eventually, publication. We aim to provide encouragement and mentoring for this emerging generation of population-environment scholars. The workshop, led by 3 University of Colorado Boulder faculty, will include an overview of the sub-discipline, but will be focused on student research through presentations, discussion, brainstorming and feedback. We will also spend time discussing future directions and possibilities for new collaborative research. Lori Hunter – Editor-in-Chief of *Population & Environment* – will lead a discussion on the peer-review process and strategies for publication. A maximum of 10 students will be selected. To apply, submit a letter of application describing research interests, experience, professional ambitions and year in graduate program. A complete, nearly complete, or preliminary research manuscript is required and will form the basis of your contribution to the research workshop. Very early research ideas are not appropriate for the workshop as we aim to grapple with projects at least partially underway, for example with preliminary data analyses. Please also include the names and contact information for two references. Selected students will receive \$500 toward travel and accommodation. Applications due Friday, March 14th; Decisions made by Tuesday, March 25th. Please submit application materials to Rajshree.Shrestha@colorado.edu. Questions regarding the workshop can be directed to Lori.Hunter@colorado.edu.

New Birth Certificate Data Now Available for 2009-2012. The National Center for Health Statistics is pleased to announce the first release of many new data items on the [2003 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth](#). Newly released items include mother's pre-pregnancy body mass index, tobacco use and quitting in the 3 months prior to pregnancy, receipt of food from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) during pregnancy, pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment, type of infertility treatment, infections treated and/or present during pregnancy, source of payment for the delivery, time of birth, maternal morbidities, and infant breastfed.

These data are available for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 for states that implemented the 2003 revision of the birth certificate by January 1 of each year. The 2012 "revised reporting area" includes 38 states and the District of

Columbia, representing 86 percent of all 2012 U.S. births. Please note that data are not a random sample of births and are not representative of all U.S. births. A [recent report](#) presented results of selected new birth certificate items for 2011. Data are available in public-use files, which can be downloaded from [here](#). Data can also be extracted from Vital Stats, an interactive online data access and analysis tool, available [here](#).

MEMBER STUDIES IN THE PRESS AND RESEARCH BRIEFS

Restoring Opportunity: The Crisis of Inequality and the Challenge for American Education by **Greg J. Duncan** and **Richard J. Murnane** was published in January by the Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard Education Press. *Restoring Opportunity* provides detailed portraits of proven initiatives that are transforming the lives of low-income children from prekindergarten through high school. All of these programs are research-tested and have demonstrated sustained effectiveness over time and at significant scale. Together, they offer a powerful vision of what good instruction in effective schools can look like. The authors conclude by outlining the elements of a new agenda for education reform. <http://hepg.org/hepg/book/199>. “Duncan and Murnane provide a no-nonsense view of the growing educational gap between the haves and the have-nots in America. They also scour the landscape to find promising solutions that provide hope for better outcomes in the future. This is a thoughtful book that should be read with the care it merits.” — *Joel Klein, CEO of Amplify, and former chancellor, New York City Department of Education.*

A New York Times Magazine article, [“Does a More Equal Marriage Mean Less Sex?”](#) discusses **Sabrino Kornrich**, **Julie Brines**, and **Katrina Leupp’s** research, [“Egalitarianism, Housework, and Sexual Frequency in Marriage”](#) published in [ASR 2013](#).

Christie Sennott completed her PhD in Sociology from the University of Colorado in August, 2013 and will begin as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Purdue University in fall 2014.

National Research Council’s Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Recently Released

Proposed Revisions to the Common Rule for the Protection of Human Subjects in the Behavioral and Social Sciences

This report from the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences is intended to inform the efforts of the federal government as it revises regulations (the “Common Rule”) to protect human participants in research. The committee’s report offers recommendations for revisions, including amendments to the July 2011 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, as well as examples and strategies for operationalizing the proposed new procedures.

[More information about the report.](#)

Developing New National Data on Social Mobility: A Workshop Summary

This new report from the Committee on National Statistics and the Committee on Population summarizes a workshop convened in June 2013 to consider options for designing a new national survey on social mobility that would provide the first definitive evidence on recent and long-term trends in social mobility.

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

[More information about the report.](#)

Subjective Well-Being: Measuring Happiness, Suffering, and other Dimensions of Experience

This report from the Committee on National Statistics concludes that gathering survey data on “experienced” well-being would be valuable for informing specific, targeted policy questions such as improving the living and working conditions of different population groups. Most compellingly, these data could help identify subpopulations that are

suffering and aid research in the sources of and remedy for that suffering. The report cautions that this kind of data collection should be pursued in experimental surveys or included in large surveys on a pilot basis until more is understood about the validity and accuracy of responses.

Sponsors: U.S. National Institute on Aging and the U.K. Economic and Social Research Council

[More information about the report.](#)

Estimating the Incidence of Rape and Sexual Assault

This report from the Committee on National Statistics responds to a Bureau of Justice Statistics' request to investigate and recommend best practices for measuring rape and sexual assault in the agency's household surveys.

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

[More information about the report.](#)

Recent Events

Guidelines for Returning Individual Results from Genomic Research Using Population-Based Banked Specimens

The Committee on National Statistics recently hosted a workshop sponsored by the National Center for Health Statistics that looked on guidelines and best practices for returning individual results from genome research using population-based banked specimens.

[More information about this project.](#)

Upcoming Events

April 8-9

Advances in Biodemography: Cross-Species Comparisons of Social Environments, Social Behaviors, and their Effects on Health and Longevity: A Workshop Keck Center Contact: [Danielle Johnson](#)

[More information.](#)

April 17-18

The Integration of Immigrants into U.S. Society Second Meeting Keck Center Contact: [Danielle Johnson](#)

[More information.](#)

April 18

Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration Contact: Anthony Mann

[More information.](#)

Kulczycki, Andrzej (ed.). *Critical Issues In Reproductive Health*. (Springer, 2014).

ISBN: 978-94-007-6721-8 (Print) 978-94-007-6722-5 (Online)

Andrzej Kulczycki is the editor of the newly published volume, *Critical Issues in Reproductive Health*, that brings together leading academic and practitioner thinking to examine a number of vital current, emerging and future concerns for the reproductive health field. The chapters describe new research, identify gaps and priorities in policy and practice, and illustrate innovative solutions to these challenges. Contributors use a rich and varied set of cases, consider a number of important crosscutting themes, and set out research, policy and programmatic agendas for the near term. The book is novel and timely given ongoing discussions about the post-MDG and post-ICPD development framework.

More information: <http://www.springer.com/public+health/book/978-94-007-6721-8>

PAA PEOPLE – STEPHANIE DUDLEY, PAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PAA People profiles members of the association to foster an appreciation of the association's diverse membership and the different type of work we do. This issue's interview is with Stephanie Dudley, Executive Director of the PAA for the past 17 years. The interviewer was Tia Zeno, PAA/AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow, National Institutes of Health, Office of the Director, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

1. *How long have you worked as the Executive Director for PAA, and what were you doing before?*

I have been at PAA for almost 18 years. Prior to that, I worked at the National Bar Association from 1976-1984 and 1986-1996, as Assistant Director and then Director of Administration and Conferences.

2. *What are your current job responsibilities?*

In a nutshell

- Manage day-to-day operations of the association; supervise staff.
- Work with the Secretary-Treasurer to ensure that the Board is kept informed on the condition of the organization.
- Work with Board of Directors and Committees to carry out plans and policies authorized by the Board. Make arrangements for the Board of Directors' meetings (two per year).
- Provide support to PAA Committees. Make arrangements for committee meetings; provide information so that committees can achieve their goals.
- Financial management of the association, including maintenance of accounts and investments, payroll processing, purchasing, and accounts payable. Work with the Secretary-Treasurer and the Finance Committee to prepare budget and financial reports. Work with CPA firm to facilitate annual audit.
- Plan and implement all aspects of annual meeting (approximately 2000 attendees). Conduct site inspections, negotiate hotel and vendor contracts, determine meeting space specifications, and menus. Prepare advertising and exhibit, registration and other meeting related information. Manage production of final program, including program cover design, proofreading and printing.
- Manage travel awards – work with International Outreach Committee to determine number of awards available, receive applications, and facilitate travel and hotel arrangements.
- Manage foundation grants and adhere to reporting requirements.
- Oversee association management system, maintenance of membership records, renewals, online payments and accounts receivable.
- Oversee maintenance and update of association website. Publicize the activities of the organization. Oversee production of quarterly newsletter.
- Ensure the Demography journal publishing contract compliance.
- Manage annual online election; prepare ballot and biographical information.
- Oversee PAA Fund contributions and the Honor-a-Colleague program; work with Development Committee to prepare year-end fund-raising materials.

3. *What are some interesting stories/humorous experiences you'd like to share of your time with PAA?*

Saving these for my memoirs.

4. *What's the easiest, most fun part of your job? What's the hardest, most frustrating part of your job?*

Planning the meeting is the most enjoyable part of the job for me. It's rewarding to see the end result of all the planning. Planning for next year's meeting kicks off in the spring even before the current meeting begins, and picks up steam with a site visit in June for the next meeting site. Then the process of setting up the floor plan for

the exhibits and posters, gathering information and identifying space for member-initiated meetings, room setups and menu selections for Board and committee meetings, and many other tasks too numerous to mention.

The hardest part is accomplishing all that has to be done from January until the annual meeting. In addition to planning the meeting, extensive information is required for the annual audit which takes place in February. There is also preparation for the Board and Finance Committee meetings held during the Annual Meeting; membership and registrations to process; website updates; final program production; and making arrangements for travel award recipients. Many, many questions and emails to respond to – it's easy to get burned out!

5. *How does PAA compare to other associations?*

I think you would be hard-pressed to find other associations that accomplish what we do with a three-person staff. We are fortunate to have identified a number of consultants and vendor representatives that are real partners.

6. *What are your plans post-retirement?*

Nothing major planned – more time with the grandkids, tackle some projects at home, and ponder what I want to be when I grow up. ☺ I will not miss the metro area commute!

7. *Stephanie, you will be greatly missed! Is there anything you would like to say to the PAA community?*

It has been a rewarding experience working at PAA for the past 18 years. The myriad of volunteers have been pleasant to work with and very appreciative of the efforts of the staff. I am happy to have had the opportunity.

HONORS, NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

The University of Colorado Population Center is pleased to announce the inaugural **Jane Menken Annual Distinguished Lecture**, presented by **John Bongaarts** Vice President, Population Council, **“Why Population Trends Matter.”** Monday, March 17th 2014, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Institute of Behavioral Science Building, Room 155 A. University of Colorado Boulder, Available via the [CUPC website](#) after March 19th. Dr. Bongaarts is a Vice President of the Population Council and a distinguished scholar. His research examines fertility determinants, population-environment relationships, the demographic impact of the AIDS epidemic, population aging, and population policy options in the developing world. He serves as chairman of the Panel on Population Projections of the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council. He is a member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences, the US National Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the American. This annual lecture honors Distinguished Professor and Director of IBS, Dr. Jane Menken who came to CU-Boulder following many productive years at Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania. With a renowned research career focused on fertility dynamics, population policy and HIV/AIDS and child mortality in developing countries, Dr. Menken is a member of the National Academy of Science, a former President of the Population Association of America, and a Laureate of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population.

Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize – Call for Nominations - The Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize awards outstanding scientific contributions of individuals from all disciplines aiming at the improvement of young people's development and perspectives worldwide. The prize is endowed with 1 Mio. Swiss Francs, of which 900'000 Swiss Francs are for use in a research project and 100'000 Swiss Francs are for related costs, such as travel, networking, and dissemination. The Jacobs Foundation invites leading institutions and experts in research on children and youth worldwide to nominate candidates. The prize will be awarded to a well-respected, outstanding researcher from a discipline dealing with or contributing to the development of children and youth. It addresses scholars from all countries who have achieved major breakthroughs in understanding child and youth development and at the same time have the potential to advance the field by actively conducting research. Self-nominations cannot be accepted. A Prize Jury, consisting of internationally renowned scientists will choose the laureate from the pool of nominated candidates. The

Jacobs Foundation annually bestows the Research Prize in the first week of December. Recent recipients include: Laurence Steinberg (2009), Terrie Moffitt and Avshalom Caspi (2010), Michael Tomasello (2011), Dante Cicchetti (2012), and Greg Duncan (2013). More information about the award and nomination process is available at the Jacobs Foundation website. Submit all documents pertaining to the nomination by 15 March 2014. Incomplete nominations or documents received after this date cannot be considered.

OBITUARIES

PAA Memorial Service – to be held at the Annual Meeting (Boston 2014) to remember demographers who passed away in the pass year. The 2014 program will be organized by the PAA Memorial Service Committee (Mary Kritz [chair], Joe Potter, and Bob Willis). If there are deceased colleagues you wish to have remembered at the 2014 Service, please let Mary Kritz (mmk5@cornell.edu) know by the end of March so that they can be included in the program. To be remembered at the Service, the decedent need not have been a member of PAA at the time of his/her death but should have been active in the population field while alive. PAA members are encouraged to participate in the Memorial Service in Boston and to contribute remembrances in honor of deceased colleagues. The Memorial Service will be held on Thursday evening, May 1st, 8:30-10:00 pm.

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

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