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Final Call for Contributed Papers for 1979 Annual Meeting

Sessions have been planned and abstracts for papers are being solicited for the 1979 annual meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in the following areas: (1) aging and mortality, (2) fertility, (3) migration, (4) labor force, (5) state and local estimates, (6) human ecology, (7) diversity of minority characteristics, (8) mathematical demography, (9) population education, (10) infant and maternal mortality, (11) demography, energy, and the environment, (12) demography of institutionalization, and (13) economic demography. Additional sessions will be organized if submitted abstracts justify the need. Persons wishing to submit a paper for consideration should send two copies of a one-page abstract, along with author's name, mailing address, and telephone number, to the program chairman: Dr. Clifford H. Patrick, National Institute on Aging, Building 31, Room 5C-12, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20205. Patrick's telephone number is (301) 496-1178. Members are reminded of the new SRDG policy limiting an individual to one formal presentation at the annual meeting (see *Newsletter* No. 33).

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS IS MAY 31, 1979.

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Round Table Discussions Planned for 1979 Annual Meeting

Luncheon round table discussions are being planned for Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October 19. To date, three round tables have been identified for Thursday and four for Friday. Persons interested in participating in these luncheon discussions or in organizing additional sessions should contact Dr. Clifford H. Patrick as soon as possible at (301) 496-1178. Currently planned round tables with discussion leaders follow:

Thursday, October 18

1. Gladys Bowles, Migration Trends in the South
2. Everett Lee, Implications of Population Trends in the South
3. Charles Nam, Funding of Demographic Studies in the University

Friday, October 19

1. Ed Cahill, Teaching Demography
2. Carolee Bush, Research Uses of the 1980 Census
3. Richard Irwin, Recent Developments in Estimating Populations for Local Areas
4. Anne Lee, Demography and Public Health in the South

All preliminary arrangements need to be completed by July. Early responses will allow planning for maximum participation of SRDG members.

Local Arrangements for 1979 Annual Meeting

The 1979 annual meeting will be at the Holiday Inn-Downtown in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on October 18 and 19. Single rooms will be \$22 and doubles, \$37. Registration will begin on the evening of October 17 and will be handled by Ken Shin, chairman of the local arrangements committee, and students from the University of South Carolina. The Holiday Inn has agreed to furnish some transportation between the airport and the motel. The executive committee will meet October 17, prior to the meeting.

1979 Election

The nominating committee (Anne S. Lee, chairwoman, W. Parker Frisbie, and C. Jack Tucker) reports the following slate of candidates for the forthcoming election of two members to the SRDG executive committee:

Mary G. Currence
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Thomas J. Espenshade
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Harold F. Goldsmith
Mental Health Study Center, NIMH
Adelphi, Maryland

Ken E. Shin
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

**BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED
IN EARLY JULY.**

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News Items

Federal Statistics

The approach of the 1980 Census is a reminder of the need for continuing professional demographic input into the federal statistical system. One channel for this input is the committee on population statistics of the Population Association of America. Chairing COPS is Patience Lauriat. Subcommittee chairmen are Leo Estrada (ethnicity), Andrew Cherlin (family statistics), Charles Keely (immigration statistics), Martin Levin (public use samples), and John Wardwell (rural-urban definitions). Another channel is the committee on national statistics of the American Statistical Association whose new chairman is Conrad Taeuber.

SRDG Members Newly Elected in Other Organizations

Leon F. Bouvier (Bureau of the Census) has been elected to the board of directors of the research committee on migration of the International Sociological Association. Roger RoCHAT (Center for Disease Control) is chairman-elect of the population section of the American Public Health Association. Carol Hogue (University of Kansas) is that group's program development board liaison.

Several SRDG members have recently been nominated for offices in the Population Association of America. They include Jeanne Clare Ridley, candidate for first vice president; Peter A. Morrison, candidate for second vice president; Leo Estrada and Larry Long, candidates for the board of directors; and Mary G. Powers, Harry M. Rosenberg, and Doris P. Slesinger, candidates for the nominating committee.

Census Problems Elsewhere

Our correspondent in The Hague sent a clipping indicating that recently a sample census was taken of 10,000 Dutch families as a trial run for their 1981 census. Particular attention was being paid to how the pollsters were received. Over 300,000 families refused to cooperate with the 1971 census on the grounds of invasion of privacy. The current public attitude, which the sample hopes to illuminate, will provide a guideline for members of parliament who must decide if participation in the 1981 census is to be obligatory, but without sanctions, or completely voluntary. Some members of parliament oppose collecting census data altogether as an unnecessary invasion of an individual's right to privacy.

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Demographic Research in the South

Robert H. Weller, Florida State University. *Female Employment Status and Subsequent Fertility: 1965-70*. Funded by NICHD, September 1978 through February 1980. Weller plans to use data from the Public Use Sample of the 1970 Census of Population to examine the relationship between the 1965 employment status of married women and subsequent fertility between January 1966 and April 1970. Of particular interest are the extent to which any observed relationship is negative, whether this negative relationship is present after controls are introduced for a number of selected variables, and the extent to which any relationship varies in strength among subgroups of the population delimited according to such variables as initial parity, duration of marriage, education, and race.

Publications

Bureau of the Census (GPO)

Statistical Abstract of the United States, including USA Statistics in Brief, 1978, \$10.50 hardback, \$6.75 paperback.

Current Population Reports

Series P-20: Population Characteristics

"Geographical Mobility: March 1975 to March 1978," No. 331, \$3.

"Demographic, Social, and Economic Profile of States: Spring 1976," No. 334, \$3.

Series P-23: Special Studies

"Interregional Migration of the Poor: Some Recent Changes," No. 73, \$1.40.

"Social and Economic Characteristics of the Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Population: 1977 and 1970," No. 75, \$3.25.

Series P-25: Population Estimates and Projections

"Estimates of the Population of States, by Age: 1970 to 1977," No. 734, \$1.10.

"Estimates of the Population of States: July 1, 1970, and 1978," No. 790, 60¢.

Series P-27: Farm Population

"Farm Population of the United States—1977," No. 51, free from ESCS Information Division, USDA, Washington, D.C.

National Center for Health Statistics: Vital and Health Statistics

Advance Data (from the National Survey of Family Growth)

"Contraceptive Efficacy among Married Women 15-44 Years of Age in the United States, 1970-73," No. 26.

"Contraceptive Utilization in the United States, 1973 and 1976," No. 36.

"Contraceptive Utilization among Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Women in the United States, 1973 and 1976," No. 40.

"Use of Intrauterine Contraceptive Devices in the United States," No. 43.

"Use of Family Planning Services by Currently Married Women 15-44 Years of Age: United States, 1973 and 1976," No. 45. (The price of the VHS documents is not known.)

National Research Council

Counting the People in 1980: An Appraisal of Census Plans (National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20418).

Population Reference Bureau

(Box 55012, Washington, D.C. 20013)

Interchange and Teaching Module Series

"Population Density and Mobility in the United States," Leon F. Bouvier, No. 5, \$1.

"The Future and Population: What Will a No-Growth Society Be Like?" Elaine F. Murphy, No. 6, \$1.

New Services Offered

The Carolina Population Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has recently signed an agreement with Lockheed for the center library data base to become available this summer as file 104 on DIALOG, Lockheed's on-line information system. POPULATION BIBLIOGRAPHY, the CPC data base of over 45,000 citations, covers the socioeconomic aspects of population studies, emphasizing developing countries and the United States. For further information, contact The Library, Carolina Population Center, University Square-East, 300A, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. Telephone (919) 933-3081.

A National Ethnic Statistical Data Guidance Service has been developed recently by DUALABS to assist researchers, college instructors, curriculum planners, and others who wish to identify and use existing ethnic data resources produced by the federal government. The program components include two educational guides and a reference and guidance service staffed with information specialists ready to process requests for information. Order forms and detailed information on this service can be obtained from DUALABS, 1601 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209. Telephone (703) 525-1480.

According to George L. Maddox, director, the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development at Duke University provides two interesting services for the academic community. One is an archive of documented, accessible data sets of special relevance to investigators of adult development and aging. The other service provides information on materials useful for education and training in gerontology. These materials include evaluated audiovisuals, textbooks, brochures, and course syllabi. Additional information can be obtained from Linda George at the Center, Box 3003, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina 27710. Telephone (919) 684-3204.

Other Meetings

An international colloquium, "Malthus Yesterday and Today," is being organized for May 27-30, 1980. The themes being considered are Malthus as a demographer, sociologist, and economist; Malthusianism after Malthus, and Malthus today. If you are interested in presenting a paper, address inquiries to COLLOQUE MALTHUS, Laboratoire de demographie historique, 54 Boulevard

Call for Manuscripts

Evaluation and the Health Professions. Health professionals are invited to submit manuscripts in triplicate to the editors, R. Barker Bausell and Carolyn A. Waltz, Center for Research and Evaluation, University of Maryland School of Nursing, 655 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. American Psychological Association format should be used, and each manuscript should be accompanied by a cover sheet giving title, author, affiliation, and full mailing address.

Studies in Family Planning. Topics of particular interest include safety issues in contraception, technology transfer and diffusion, interface of roles and status of women with family planning, community-level family planning programs, consumer perspectives in family planning, breast-feeding, training program personnel, managing family planning programs, identification and utilization of community resources, and social and political acceptance of family planning. Send three copies, 15 to 20 pages, double- or triple-spaced, and an abstract of 100 words or less. The author's title and affiliation and any acknowledgments should be included with the manuscript and sent to The Population Council, One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, New York 10017.

International Family Planning Perspectives and Digest. Readers are invited to submit manuscripts to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 515 Madison Avenue, Fifth Floor, New York, New York 10022. Of special interest are articles that analyze data from the world fertility survey, that provide information on aspects of family planning service delivery, that report on social and medical developments relating to the provision of family planning services, or that relate to the formulation of population policy.

Raspall, 75006, Paris, France.

A Data Tape Users' Conference sponsored by the National Center for Health Statistics will be held May 22-23 at the Sheraton-Silver Spring Motor Hotel in Silver Spring, Maryland. For further information contact Alan Kreger, Division of Operations (NCHS), Room I-57, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. Telephone (301) 436-8569.

Newsletters of Interest

The committee on state and local demography of the Population Association of America has begun to issue *News Notes*. Demographers interested in small area data and desiring further information on the committee's work should contact Doris P. Slesinger, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin, 240 Agricultural Hall, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

The Center for Human Resource Research at Ohio State University (1375 Perry Street, Suite 585, Columbus, Ohio 43201) issues the *NLS Newsletter*. This newsletter reports on research under way or completed using the national longitudinal surveys as well as reporting on the availability of data from the surveys.

The Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin (3412 Social Science Building, Madison, Wisconsin 53706) issues *Focus* three times a year to acquaint readers with the institute's work. A recent edition, for example, reported on "'White Flight' to the Suburbs: A Demographic Approach."

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Membership in SRDG

SRDG membership now numbers well over 300. The District of Columbia is the leading place of residence (45 members) followed by North Carolina (41), Texas (37), Georgia (30), and Virginia (28). Forty-three members reside outside the South. Members are reminded to encourage their demographic colleagues to join SRDG. The Southern Regional Demographic Group is an organization of university faculty and other specialists in demography and related fields. It was organized in 1970 under the auspices of Oak Ridge Associated Universities. Members of SRDG are interested in promoting demographic research and training. To be a voting member, one must indicate interest to the SRDG secretary-treasurer (Dr. W. J. Serow, P.O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906) with a remittance of annual dues (\$6 for regular members and \$2 for student members). Members receive the *Newsletter*, discounts on other SRDG publications, as well as notice of the SRDG annual meeting and other related conferences, seminars, and workshops.

SRDG Archives

At its winter meeting, the executive committee decided that the establishment of archives would be desirable. Past presidents and other officers are requested to get their papers in order and be prepared to send them to an archivist to be named later.

Demographic Research in the South

QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to have information on demographic research in which you and your colleagues are involved. This information will be carried in future issues of the *Newsletter* as part of SRDG's goal to provide a communications vehicle for exchanging demographic information about the South. Please describe the research using the following format:

Key Topics, e.g., fertility, migration, spatial distribution, education.

Area Focus, e.g., national, the South, specific state, county, subcounty.

Title

Author or Principal Investigator

Institution. Provide detailed address.

Sources of Support

Study Period. Specify beginning and ending dates of project or publication date of report.

Brief Description. Specific objectives of study, major analytic techniques, specific data sources.

SRDG Occasional Paper Series

Members interested in submitting a manuscript for the SRDG occasional papers series should direct inquiries to Richard F. Engels, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, who is chairing this SRDG committee. (His address is U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20233.) To be considered, a manuscript must meet professional standards and be unique. For example, it could be too long for a journal but too short for a book, it could have arisen from an SRDG session of papers, or it could have regional significance that might not be recognized in other publishing outlets.

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