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NEWS ITEMS

SRDG MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR PAA OFFICES

Several members of SRDG have accepted nominations to stand for various offices of the Population Association of America. The election will be held later this year. For the position of president-elect, the nominees include Daniel O. Price, of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Three SRDG members — Thomas J. Espenshade (The Urban Institute), Frances E. Kobrin (Brown University), and Ronald R. Rindfuss (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill) — have been nominated for three year terms on PAA's Board of Directors. Finally, three other SRDG members are candidates for a one year term on PAA's nominating committee: George C. Myers (Duke University), Charles B. Nam (Florida State University, and James A. Sweet (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

By now, all members should have received a mailing from the secretary with a ballot for the 1980 election, a dues notice for 1980, a preregistration form for the 1980 meeting, a hotel form for the meeting, and a draft version of SRDG's proposed new constitution and by-laws. Members are reminded that the dues payment, meeting preregistration, and ballot should be returned to the secretary by August 31. Hotel reservation forms should be returned to the Tallahassee Hilton as soon as possible.

To aid in planning for the annual meeting, an outline of the sessions arranged by program chairwoman Julie Martin is listed below. Abstracts of papers on the program will be included as part of the registration package. Members who will be unable to attend the meeting, but

wish to receive the abstracts booklet, may obtain a copy for \$1.00 from the secretary.

Program Outline: 11th Annual meeting, SRDG, Tallahassee Hilton, October 15-17, 1980.

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 — 9:00 p.m. Cash Bar

Thursday, October 16

8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. — 10:20 a.m.

1. Women and Fertility Behavior
(J. Biggar, chair)

2. Regional Demography: Growth
and Redistribution (K. Hansen, chair)

3. Mortality (D. Burnham, chair)

10:30 a.m. — 11:50 a.m.

1. Problems in Methodology (S.
Mitra, chair)

2. Migration (E. Lee, chair)

3. Non-Academic Employment (R.
Engels, chair)

12:00 noon — 1:20 p.m. Luncheon

Roundtables:

1. Population and Law: Fertility
(J. Evans, chair)

2. Population Projections (J. Long,
chair)

3. Research Funding (J. Zuiches,
chair)

1:30 p.m. — 2:50 p.m.

Presidential Plenary Session: Vin-
cent Barabba, Director, U.S. Bureau of
the Census (G. Bowles, chair)

3:00 p.m. — 4:20 p.m.

1. Economic Demography (S.
Smith, chair)

2. Demography of Less Developed
Countries (J. Anderson, chair)

3. State Data Centers (M. Spar,
chair)

4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting (G.
Bowles, chair)

Friday, October 17

8:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon Registra-
tion

9:00 a.m. — 10:20 a.m.

1. Fertility: Minorities and Eco-
nomics (N. Rives, chair)

2. Human Ecology (D. Jackson,
chair)

3. Demography of Aging (W.
McAuley, chair)

10:30 a.m. — 11:50 a.m.

1. Health and Family (C. Patrick,
chair)

2. Labor Force (G. Johnson, chair)

3. Growth of Metropolitan vs.
Non-Metropolitan Areas (P. Morrison,
chair)

12:00 noon — 1:20 p.m. Luncheon
Roundtables:

1. Population and Law: Migration
(J. Evans, chair)

2. Reapportionment (S. Davis,
chair)

3. 1980 Census Software (L. Fin-
negan, chair)

1:30 p.m. — 2:50 p.m.

1. Demography of Local Areas (F.
Pollard, chair)

2. Minority Characteristics (P. Fris-
bie, chair)

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Leon F. Bouvier, formerly at the
U.S. Bureau of the Census, has accepted
the position of Director, Demographic
Research and Policy Analysis Division,
Population Reference Bureau.

Clifford H. Patrick, formerly at the
National Institute on Aging, has accepted
the position of Chief, Prevention Educa-
tion and Manpower Branch, National
Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH IN THE SOUTH

Key Topics: Migration, Redistribution
Area Focus: South Atlantic (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and East Florida)

Gulf States (West Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas)

Title: Population Redistribution in Coastal Regions of the South

Principal Investigator: Davor Jedlicka

Institution: Department of Sociology, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602

Source of Support: United States Department of Commerce, University Sea Grant Program

Study Period: 1979 – 1981

Description: Population growth trends are differentiated according to the proximity of the county to the shoreline. Three tiers of counties are used: coastal, adjacent and interior. The study will provide more detailed changes in coastal population than currently available. Migration patterns and urban growth are studied to explain differential growth across the three tiers of counties.

THE AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS MAGAZINE PRIZE FOR APPLIED DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

To encourage the application of demography to business and government, American Demographics magazine is awarding an annual prize for the best paper that reports research on this topic.

A \$1,000 prize will go to the author, or authors, of the winning paper. The research must be original and the paper previously unpublished. It will appear as an article in American Demographics. Runners up will also be published and their authors will receive a \$100 honorarium.

The research should have broad application, not limited to an individual firm, locality, or government purpose.

Examples of the kinds of research covered by this prize are: how particular demographic trends affect a sector of the economy, an economic activity, a public service; how demographic analysis improves private or public decision making; how demographic data are used successfully to help people reach business or government objectives.

Papers may explore how demographic trends and characteristics affect

consumer attitudes and behavior, voting patterns, occupational choice, views toward retirement, use of leisure, and other individual decisions.

Papers should be written for a lay professional audience, and are subject to editing. Papers should not report lengthy statistical tables, complex methodologies or mathematical models. However, supporting research, tables, and references should accompany the entry, or be available upon request.

The deadline for submission is November 1, and all entrants will be notified by the end of the year. The winning paper and other successful entries will be published during the following year.

Entries, in four copies, should be sent to: Demographic Research Prize, American Demographics, Box 68, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

JOB MART

The Population Reference Bureau (PRB) seeks to extend further its linkages with the academic community through its newly established Visiting Scholar Program for demographers and other population specialists. Funding by the Andrew Mellon Foundation makes possible an annual fellowship to a qualified mid-career demographer/population specialist. The person selected will be stationed at the Washington office of PRB for one academic year or in certain circumstances for one semester. The fellow will be expected to develop one or more PRB publications dealing at least in part with policy implications — domestic or international. Interested individuals should submit the following to the Committee on the Visiting Scholar Program, PRB, 1337 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036:

1. an up-to-date curriculum vitae
2. a description of the proposed research emphasizing its relevance to policy making
3. copies of recent publications
4. three (3) letters of recommendation from professional colleagues.

STUDY OF URBAN APPALACHIANS RELEASED

The Invisible Minority is the first fully definitive statement of the migration patterns of Southern Appalachian migrants and their adjustment process, particularly in the cities of the midwest and southeast. This original research ef-

fort documents the extent of the voluminous migration that took place in the Southern Appalachian region during the decades between 1940 and 1970. Half of that loss occurred during the 1950's, when the region had a net loss of over one and a half million persons due to migration. The Appalachian portion of Kentucky had a startling loss in that decade, equal to almost one-third of its population of 1950. Appalachian West Virginia and Virginia had equally devastating losses, equivalent to one-fifth of their 1950 populations. This new work describes in detail where these migrants went upon migrating from the Southern Appalachians. Utilizing the migration flow data of the Census, the authors have documented specific origin areas in the Appalachian region.

In addition to the detailed account of the migration flows of the Appalachian peoples, this book is the first to explore in detail the impact of Appalachian migration upon the cities to which many of the migrants went. Today Appalachians constitute one of the largest minorities in many of these cities, yet they have been largely overlooked as a social group and ignored as a potential political force; partly because so little information about them has been available before. In addition to published census data, the study also reports data from surveys recounting the experiences of Appalachians now residing in the urban areas. Also, information based upon first hand experiences of the authors, many of whom are Appalachian transplants themselves, adds to the general interest in understanding of the Appalachian heritage which has taken root in the urban areas.

Copies of *The Invisible Minority: Urban Appalachians*, edited by William W. Philliber and Clyde B. McCoy, are available for \$15.50 from the University Press of Kentucky (Lexington, KY 40506).

PAA MEETS IN DENVER

The annual meeting of the Population Association of America was held in April at the Denver Hilton. Attendance totaled some 750 persons, a more than respectable showing considering the distance from the East Coast and recent cut-backs in travel funds which have plagued academic departments. Among the highlights of the program was the

Presidential Address "Demography of the Elderly" delivered by Jay Siegel. Siegel urged demographers to spread the message that declining fertility far exceeds the effects of increased longevity in accounting for the aging of the American population. Siegel also called on members of the demographic profession to take the lead in identifying the socioeconomic implications of increasing proportions of persons aged 65 and over. Next year's meeting of PAA, its fiftieth, will be held in Washington on March 26-28.

OKLAHOMA DEMOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE PLANNED

The Oklahoma Demographic Group has recently announced plans for its first annual Demographic State of the State Conference. The meeting will last for a day and a half and will be held on August 27-28 at Western Hills Lodge in Wagoner, OK. The program will cover the description and analysis of demographic change in the state. Session topics will include an overview of change, an examination of recent migration to the state, a discussion of economic and non-economic aspects of growth, and a special interest presentation on metropolitan/nonmetropolitan growth including a look at the retirement age population in rural northeastern Oklahoma. Further details on the conference and on the Oklahoma Demographics Group may be obtained from: George Dailey, Oklahoma City Office of Research and Economic Development, 315 N. Hudson-3rd Floor, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 (405-231-2820).

NEW CENSUS PUBLICATION SERIES

The Center for Demographic Studies of the US Bureau of the Census has recently published its first report, "The City-Suburban Income Gap: Is It Being Narrowed by a Back-to-the-City Movement?" which was written by Larry H. Long and Donald C. Dahmann. The report launches a series titled *Special Demographic Analyses* whose purpose is "... to provide insight and perspective on important demographic trends and patterns." The Long and Dahmann study finds "... little evidence of a systematic narrowing of family incomes in cities and suburbs, as might be expected if a gentrifying back-to-the-city/stay-in-the-city trend is causing large numbers of middle

income families to choose a residence in the city rather than in the suburbs.." Copies of the report are available from GPO for \$1.75.

LABOR FORCE EXPERIENCE OF 1970 IMMIGRANTS

Until now, little was known about the labor force characteristics of recent immigrants or what happened to them in the labor market. A recent study, "Seven Years Later: The Experiences of the 1970 Cohort of Immigrants in the United States," supplies some of this information. The study is based on data from the 1970 Census; published Immigration and Naturalization Service data on recent groups of immigrants; unpublished INS data on a sample of 5,000 members of the 1970 immigration cohort; unpublished Social Security data on the earnings of some 1,400 members of this cohort; and a special survey of 254 members of this immigrant group. Copies of the report are available from: INS Office of Communication, Inquiries Unit, 601 D Street, N.W., Room 10225, Washington, D.C. 20213.

OCCUPATIONAL INJURY/ILLNESS DATA AVAILABLE

1977 tabulations from the Supplementary Data System (SDS) are available in microfiche and on magnetic tape from the National Technical Information Service (5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161); microfiche are \$3.00 per state, tape, \$125.00. The SDS is a Federal-State cooperative program which provides standardized occupational injury and illness data derived from workers' compensation records. Further information about SDS may be obtained from: Theodore J. Golonka, Assistant Commissioner for Occupational Safety and Health Statistics, Room C-4311, US Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210.

PUBLICATIONS

(single copy free unless other wise noted)

Bureau of the Census (available from Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402)

Current Population Reports:
Series P-20, (Population Characteristics)

"Marital Status and Living Arrangements," no. 349, \$3.75

Series P-23 (Special Studies)

"Coverage of the Hispanic Population of the United States in the 1970 Census" by J. Siegel and J. Passel, no. 82, \$2.25

"Nonvoting Americans" by C. Johnson, no. 102, \$2.00

"Methodology for Experimental Estimates of the Population of Counties, by Age and Sex: July 1, 1975" by R. Irwin, no. 103, \$2.00

Series P-25 (Population Estimates and Projections)

"1977 Per Capita Money Income Estimates for States, Counties, and Incorporated Places in the South Region of the United States," no. 885, \$3.75

Series P-60 (Consumer Income)
"Illustrative Projections of Money Income Size Distributions for Households: 1980 to 1995," no. 122, \$4.50

National Center for Health Statistics (Room 1-57 Center Bldg., 3700 East West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782)

"Patterns of Employment Before and After Childbirth"

Office of Statistical Policy, DHHS (Room 712B Hubert Humphrey Bldg., Washington, DC 20201)

"Health Statistics Plan, Fiscal Years 1979-80"

Social Security Administration.

(Publications Staff, Office of Research & Statistics, Room 1120, Universal North Building, 1875 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, DC 20009)

"Income of the Population 55 and Over, 1976"

"Policy Analysis with Social Security Research Files"

"Demographic and Economic Characteristics of Non-Beneficiary Widows" (reprint from Social Security Bulletin)

"The Role of the Replacement Rate in the Design of the Social Security Benefit Structure" (Staff paper no. 36)

Bureau of Labor Statistics Office of Publications, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20212)

"New Data Relate Workers' Earnings to the Families in Which They Live," USDL 80-188

"Duration of and Reason for Unemployment by State, 1979," USDL 80-181

Department of Energy (GPO)
"Residential Energy Consumption Survey: Characteristics of the Housing Stock and Households" DOE/EIA 0207/2, \$4.25

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.

**An Invitation to Join the Southern
Regional Demographic Group**

The Southern Regional Demographic Group (SRDG) 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 (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.

Questions, comments, and suggestions about the *Newsletter* should be addressed to William J. Serow, *SRDG Newsletter*, Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia, P.O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906.

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