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NEWS ITEMS

FINAL CALL FOR 1980 CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

SRDG's 1980 annual meeting will feature papers contributed by members and other interested persons. Papers dealing with any topic of demographic interest will be considered. Persons wishing to submit a paper for consideration should send two copies of a one-page abstract, along with the author's name, mailing address, and telephone number to the 1980 program chairwoman: Julia H. Martin, Tayloe Murphy Institute, P.O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, VA 22906. Members are reminded of the SRDG policy of limiting an individual to one formal presentation at the annual meeting.

**DEADLINE
FOR RECEIPT OF
ABSTRACTS IS
MAY 31, 1980.**

SRDG/ORAU AFFILIATION TO TERMINATE

At the winter meeting of the Executive Committee at Oak Ridge, on March 6-7, it was decided by mutual agreement of the elected members of the Executive Committee and Phil Johnson, executive director of ORAU, to move towards formal disaffiliation of the two organizations. This step is being taken in light of SRDG's maturity as a professional organization and strong financial position. This disaffiliation should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

As a consequence of this decision, several steps will have to be taken; pri-

mary among them are the adoption of a formal constitution for SRDG and the subsequent incorporation of the organization as a not-for-profit corporation. A committee to form a constitution and articles of incorporation has been appointed: it includes present members of the By-Laws revision committee (Anne Lee, Abbott Ferriss, Mohamed El-Attar), President Bowles, Vice President Espenshade, Secretary-Treasurer Serow, and V. Jeffery Evans of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The committee will draft a constitution and circulate copies to the membership during the summer. Any comments or suggestions which are appropriate will be included in the final document which will be presented to the membership for ratification at the annual business meeting in Tallahassee next October.

It should also be noted here that the Executive Committee unanimously approved a resolution calling upon President Bowles to express to ORAU the appreciation of ORAU's critical assistance in the formation of SRDG and for the invaluable support given to SRDG by ORAU over the past decade.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS AT OAK RIDGE

In addition to the question of the formal disaffiliation of SRDG and ORAU (see story elsewhere in this issue) several other issues were discussed at the Executive Committee's winter meeting. The secretary-treasurer reported a current unencumbered balance of \$3,338.30 (\$2500 in Fidelity Cash Reserves Fund; \$838.30 in checking at National Bank & Trust of Charlottesville); current paid membership

stands at 317. The committee authorized the expenditure of \$200 for the preparation of a subject index for *The Population of the South* (see February *Newsletter*). Vice President Espenshade reported that an informal survey of the membership showed little support for continuation of the occasional paper series. The series has not been discontinued, but at present there are no plans for any additional papers.

Plans for the 1980 meeting are progressing well; local arrangements chairman Charles Nam has arranged a fish fry dinner as part of the meeting. Details on the dinner and other aspects of the meeting will be provided members in a special mailing to go out in June or July. There will also be an informal abstract booklet prepared this year — it will be included in the registration packet for those attending the meeting; others will be able to procure a copy for a nominal charge. Finally, the 1981 meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the Little Rock (Arkansas) Hilton on October 14-16. Forrest Pollard chairs the local arrangements committee.

NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following members have accepted nominations to run for three year terms on SRDG's Executive Committee, beginning on October 16, 1980:

Ellen Bryant, Mississippi State University

Abbott Ferriss, Emory University

Vivian Klaff, University of Delaware

Clifford Patrick, National Institute on Aging

Joachim Singlemann, University of California — San Diego

The election will be conducted via a mail ballot which will be sent to members during the summer. This election will fill the seats on the Executive Committee now held by Gladys Bowles and Ronald Rindfuss.

JOB MART

The United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA), currently located in Beirut, Lebanon, is seeking to add one or more demographers to its staff. Appointment can be made at the P₁/P₂ level, or at a more senior rank. Areas of interest are open, but a Ph.D. is a prerequisite. There are no special language requirements. Interested persons should send a curriculum vitae and letter of interest to: Dr. Robert H. Weller, ECWA-Beirut, Box 20 Grand Central Post Office, New York, NY 10017.

Full-time tenure-track assistant professorship beginning September 1987 for a sociologist with a strong background in applied sociology (including evaluation studies and policy formation), research methods, statistics, and one or more of the following substantive areas: sociology of law, sociology of education, sociology of women, or population. Completed Ph.D. essential. Starting salary competitive. Send vitae and names of references before September 15, 1980 to: Professor Jeanne C. Biggar, Department of Sociology, 539 Cabell Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 229903.

SOUTH CLOSING FACULTY SALARY GAP WITH NATION

Southern states are closing the faculty salary gap with the nation, according to a recent study by the Southern Regional Educational Board. Between 1974 and 1979, salary increases for faculty in public institutions in the South have averaged about 1½ to 2 percent higher than in other regions combined, which has decreased the gap between average salaries in the nation and the South. In 1974, salaries in the South were 16 percent lower than in the rest of the nation; by 1979, the Consumer Price Index grew an average of almost 8 percent yearly, while annual salary increases for Southern faculty averaged 7 percent, versus 5 percent elsewhere. For public, four year institutions, the regional average salary was \$19,440 for the academic year, in 1978-79. (Source: *Regional Action*, February, 1980 — SREB, 130 Sixth St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30313)

STANDARDIZED POPULATION PROJECTIONS REQUIRED

A new policy on the development and use of population projections when agencies use projections for the allocation of federal funds is being developed by the Department of Commerce and the Office of Management and Budget. In recent years, a growing number of federal agencies have begun to use population projections as a factor in distributing funds. There has been, to date, no coordination of the use of these projections. As a result, projections from a variety of sources have been used. For distributing funds to the same geographic area, various federal agencies have used projections from different federally-generated series, or, more commonly, from series produced by state or local governments. Even in state and local governments, different series are produced by different agencies for use in applying for various federal funding programs. For complete details of these policies, please write: Jeanne E. Griffith, Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FERTILITY SURVEY TAPES RELEASED

The Data and Program Library Service of the University of Wisconsin-Madison announced the release of the public use versions of *American Family Growth, 1957-67* and of the National Fertility Study 1975. Both of these are well-known micro level sources of data on reproductive history and the correlates of the ends, means, and conditions which determine fertility. The cost of *American Family Growth* (with documentation) is \$143; that of the National Fertility Study (with documentation), \$127. Further information about each of these data files may be obtained from: Ms. Karen Imhof, Data and Program Library Service, 4452 Social Science Building, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706, (608) 262-7962.

CENSUS ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

A national workshop on planning effective publications and presentations on the 1980 Census will be conducted in Madison, Wisconsin on June 30-July 1. The workshop is designed for the staff of organizations which prepare and disseminate

census findings, such as social and economic analysts in local, regional and state governments, planning and development agencies, and academic research centers. The program will emphasize the development of effective presentations to varied audiences, techniques of creating readable graphics, bringing census findings to nontechnical audiences, and planning a postcensus publications program. The workshop will be presented by the Applied Population Laboratory of the University of Wisconsin, in cooperation with the Wisconsin State Data Center. For more details and registration information, please write: Census Analysis Workshop, Applied Population Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1450 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706, (608) 262-3097.

PUBLICATIONS

(single copy free unless otherwise noted)

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

Current Population Reports:
Series P-20.

"School Enrollment-Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1978," no. 346, \$3.50.

"Persons of Spanish Origin in the United States: March 1979," no. 347, \$.75. "Living Arrangements of College Students: October 1976," no. 348, \$1.25.

Series P-23 "Census Bureau Conference on Issues on Federal Statistical Needs Relating to Women," no. 83, \$4.75.

"Housing Successions among Blacks and Whites in Cities and Suburbs," by Daphne Spain, John Reid, and Larry Long, no. 101, \$1.50.

Series P-25. "Estimates of the Population of States, July 1978 and 1979," no. 868, \$.75.

"Estimates of the Population of the United States, by Age, Race, and Sex: 1976 to 1979," no. 870, \$1.75.

Other Census Bureau Publications:

"1977 Annual Housing Survey, Part E: Urban and Rural Housing Characteristics for the United States and Regions," Series H-150-77, \$5.50.

"Statistical Abstract of the United States," (100th edition), \$12.00.

"Twenty Censuses: Population and Housing Questions, 1790-1980," \$3.75.

"Urban Update," (companion to "Directory of Federal Statistics for Local Areas"), \$4.50.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (Washington, DC 20212):

"State Data on Occupational Injuries and Illnesses in 1976," report 576.

"State Unemployment Rates during 1979," Press Release USDL 80-26.

Economics, Statistics & Cooperatives Service, Department of Agriculture (Room 492, GHI Building, Washington, DC 20250):

"Indicators of Social Well-Being for US Counties."

"Indexes and Rankings for Indicators of Social Well-Being for US Counties."

"Effects of Geographic Cost of Living Adjustments on Welfare Benefits."

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

Series 3 - Analytical Studies. "Patterns of Aggregate and Individual Change in Contraceptive Practice, US, 1965-75," no. 17.

Series 10 - Data from the Health Interview Survey. "Food Consumption Profiles of White and Black Persons aged 1-74 Years, US 1971-74," no. 210.

Series 21 - Data on Natality, Marriage and Divorce.

"Divorces by Marriage Cohort," no. 34.

"First Marriages, US, 1968-76," no. 2.

Advance Data from Vital and Health Statistics. "Wanted and Unwanted Births Reported by Mothers 15-44 Years of Age: United States, 1976," by Eugenia Eckard, no. 56.

Statistical Notes for Health Planners.

"Death Rates from Cervical Cancer by Health Service Area, 1968-72," no. 8.

"Breast Cancer Death Rates by Health Service Area, 1968-72," no. 9.

"Death Rates from Ischemic Heart Disease and other Related Diseases by Health Service Area, 1968-72," no. 10.

Other Publications

"Health, United States, 1979."

National Center for Education Statistics (attn: J. Porter, Room 3017, NCES, Washington, DC 20202):

"Selected Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Education Statistics."

Social Security Administration (Room 1120, Universal North Bldg, 1875 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009):

Reports from the 1974 Followup Survey of Disabled and Nondisabled Adults "General Characteristics," no. 1.

"Work Experience of the Disabled, 1972 and 1974," no. 2.

Social Security Bulletin Reports, "Educational and Economic Characteristics of Student Beneficiaries: Black-White Differentials."

"Need Determination in AFDC Programs."

"Disability Benefit Applications and the Economy."

"Supplemental Security Income: Optional State Supplementation, October 1977."

"Income of the Population 55 and Over, 1976."

BUDGETS FOR 1980 AND 1981 ADOPTED

During the winter meeting, the Executive Committee adopted the following budgets (for October 1 - September 30 fiscal years):

	1979 (actual)	1980	1981
Expenses:			
Newsletter	\$1095.91	\$1200	\$2000
Ballot/Dues Mailing	128.74	150	200
Meeting	207.57	500	600
Secretary/Treasurer	143.37	300	300
Travel	358.32		
Legal Expenses		200	400
Manuscript Preparation		200	
Total	1933.91	\$2550	\$3500
Income			
Dues/meeting	\$2633.00	\$2600	\$2600
Interest	87.87	250	250
Royalties			250
Total	\$2720.87	\$2850	\$2925
Increase (decrease) in cash on hand		300	(575)

SHORT COURSES

Date	Title	Location
July 10/18	Research Methods in Health Program Evaluation (A)	Denver
July 14/17	Librarians Seminar on Assessing Statistics (C)	Washington
July 14/18	Techniques for Evaluating Health Systems (A)	Denver
July 21/25	Information Methods for Health Planning (A)	Hartford
July 22/23	1980 Census Machine Readable Data (C)	Philadelphia
July 22/24	Geography and Geocoding (C)	Chicago
July 29/30	1980 Census Machine Readable Data (C)	Washington
Aug. 11/15	Health Program Planning & Evaluation (A)	St. Louis
Aug. 25/29	Health Manpower & Facilities Resources Statistics (A)	Hartford
Sep. 15/17	Elementary Population Projection Methods (C)	Atlanta
Sep. 15/19	Tabular & Graphic Presentation of Data (A)	Orlando
Sep. 16/17	1980 Census Machine Readable Data (C)	Washington
Sep. 16/18	Geography and Geocoding (C)	Boston
Sep. 22/25	Librarians Seminar on Assessing Statistics (C)	Washington
Sep. 23/24	1980 Census Machine Readable Data	Houston
Sep. 29/Oct. 3	Estimating Parameters from Sample Surveys (A)	Denver

For more information and enrollment forms, please write:

(A) Applied Statistics Training Institute, CHSS, Room 2-63, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782

(C) Data User Services Division, User Training Branch, US Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233

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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