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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 12th ANNUAL MEETING

The program for the 12th Annual Meeting of the SRDG, to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas October 14-16, 1981, will focus on the theme New Directions for Southern Demography. To highlight this theme, Thursday afternoon will be devoted to a Plenary Symposium on Needed Demographic Research, with Calvin Beale, Leon Bouvier, Gladys Bowles and Everett Lee presenting their thoughts on this subject after which there will be plenty of time for general discussion. A new feature this year will be the Presidential Luncheon which Thomas Espenshade is arranging. There will also be sessions of papers, a panel, and roundtable discussion groups which look at what we know, how we can improve what we are doing, and where we might go in the future. To whet your appetite, a summary of the program reveals the following trends:

1. Demographers are vigorously (ap)plying their trade.
2. Mortality is not a dying issue.
3. The birth rate for fertility papers is down.
4. Migration is still moving our members to research.
5. Titles are undergoing colostomies (i.e. fewer colons) but more surgery is needed.
6. Data on developing countries are being developed.
7. Interest in small areas is not small.

8. There are methodological refinements to our madness as well as very model models.

We hope our new directions will not lead you astray and that October does not find you between Little Rock and a hard place. A summary version of this year's program follows:

Wednesday, October 14

1:00 — 5:00

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 — 9:30

Cash Bar

Thursday, October 15

8:45 — 10:15

Registration

International demographic comparisons

Mortality trends and differentials

Residential and household patterns

10:30 — noon

New directions for applied demography

Recent trends in population redistribution

Segregation and the labor force

12:15 — 1:45

Presidential Luncheon

2:00 — 4:30

Plenary Symposium: Needed demographic research

4:45 — 5:30

Annual business meeting

Friday, October 16

8:45 — 10:15

Registration

Demographic changes in Southern states

Demography abroad

Methodological problems and geographic classes

10:30 — noon

Government policies affecting population

Measuring social change

The well being of infants and children

12:15 — 1:45

Roundtable luncheon discussions

2:00 — 3:30

Concepts and models

Rethinking mobility and migration

Techniques for small area estimates and studies

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Alice Abel Kemp, formerly at the University of Georgia, has accepted a position as assistant professor of sociology at the University of New Orleans.

Nancy E. Williamson, formerly a post-doctoral fellow at POPLABS, has accepted a position as senior program development associate for Asia at the International Fertility Research Program.

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR 1980 CENSUS PRODUCTS

Because of budgetary restrictions and other considerations, the planned publication program of the 1980 census is being modified in terms of both extent and timing. The following publications will be available *only in microfiche*: "Block Statistics," "Census Tracts," "Detailed Population Characteristics" and "Metropolitan Housing Characteristics." Thus, those whose interests lie in the realm of small area characteristics will be dependent upon either fiche or computer tape. Additionally, the subject report series will be much curtailed. Further information about these changes might be obtained from the Data User Services Division, US Bureau of the Census, Washington DC 20233, (301) 449-5632.

SLOW GROWTH IN MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS

The 32 largest metropolitan areas of the nation, consisting of all those with 1980 populations of at least one million persons, grew by only 6.7 percent during the 1970s, compared with a gain of 18.2 percent during the previous intercensal period. The converse of this dramatic change was evident in figures for the balance of the nation, which showed population growth of 14.5 percent for the 1970s, following a rise of only 9.5 percent in the 1960s. A report on these trends, including intrametropolitan and interregional distribution trends, has recently been prepared by SRDG member Dick Forstall. A limited number of copies of the analysis are available from the Chief, Population Division, US Bureau of the Census, Washington DC 20233.

SRDG MEMBER LINDEN DIES SUDDENLY

Dr. Leonard L. Linden, a demographer in the Department of Sociology at the University of Georgia, died suddenly in Athens, on March 22, 1981. After completing the Ph.D. at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Linden served there as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. He came to the University of Georgia as Associate Professor in 1968 and in the following years taught thousands of students in Introductory Sociology, various courses in Demography, and in the Sociology of Medicine. He was the author and co-author of several articles and book chapters and was a consultant on suicide prevention. He is survived by his widow Marie Frances Cane Linden, and one daughter, Les Lee Linden, both of Athens, Georgia.

ODG PREPARES FOR 2ND ANNUAL MEETING

The Oklahoma Demographics Group will hold its second annual meeting on September 23-25, 1981 at Lake Texoma Resort in Kingston, Oklahoma. The two and one-half day conference will include session topics of interest to both users and producers of demographic data such as: Population Change 1970-1980: A National, Regional, and State Perspective; Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Change in the 1970's and Implications for the 1980's; Uses and Production of Demographic Data: Private and Public Sector; State, County, and Local Estimates and Projections; and Computers, Demographic Data and Data Management in the 1980's. Other items to be discussed are: a national publication on applied demographic research (see article this issue), the Census Bureau and budget constraints, and a state demographic research agenda for the 1980's.

For more information about the conference and the ODG contact: George Dailey (405) 231-2820, Harley Lingerfelt (405) 840-2811 or Sally Caldwell (405) 325-6594 or write Oklahoma Demographics Group, P.O. Box 1032, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

GEORGIA DEMOGRAPHIC DISCUSSION GROUP

The Demographic Discussion Group in Athens, Georgia, held several meetings in the 1980-81 academic year, on a wide variety of topics. In November, Clyde B. McCoy and James E. Rivers of the Center for Social Research on Drug Abuse at the University of Miami discussed "Some Consequences of Cuban Immigration to the United States." Abbott L. Ferriss of the Department of Sociology at Emory University presented a paper on "Research Developments in Social Indicators" at the December meeting. In January, Gladys K. Bowles of Bowles Demographic Research discussed "What the Preliminary 1980 Census Figures Can Tell us About Population Changes in Georgia." Elaine Weeks of the Department of Sociology at the University of Georgia presented a paper on "The Depression Born Cohort: A Social History and Demographic Portrait" at the meeting in February. Yongsok Shin also of the University of Georgia reviewed his dissertation findings in March, "Homicide in the United States, 1903-75: A Demographic Study." The April discussion was devoted to "The Impact of Migration to the South on the Politics of the Region," with Robert H. Freymeyer of the Department of Social Sciences at Lander College in Greenwood, South Carolina, presenting some results of recent research. The final meeting of the year, held in May, featured Davor Jedlicka of the Department of Sociology at the University of Georgia discussing "The Demography of Coastal Georgia" based on his research associated with the Georgia Office of Sea Grants.

ESTIMATES OF THE VETERAN POPULATION

The Veterans Administration (VA) has recently issued the September 1980 version of its semi-annual report entitled "Veteran Population by Age, State of Residence and Regional Office, by Period of Service" as well as the more detailed "State and County Veteran Population, September 1979". The latter publication is prepared every two or three years. Single copies of each publication are available from the Research Division (042A1), Reports and Statistics Service, Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington DC 20420.

ADDRESS CHANGES FOR NEWSLETTER AND SECRETARY-TREASURER

As previously reported, this issue of the newsletter is the last to be compiled by the present editor. All future items for inclusion in the newsletter should be directed to:

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In addition, the address of the secretary-treasurer of SRDG has changed, effective at once. All correspondence regarding membership in SRDG or any matters of organizational business (address changes and the like) should be directed to the secretary-treasurer at the following address:

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POPULATION COUNCIL FELLOWSHIPS FOR 1982-83

The Population Council has announced its fellowship program for 1982-83. Three types of awards are offered: graduate, post-doctoral, and mid-career. Preference is given to women and/or applicants from developing countries who have a firm commitment to return to their home country upon completion of training. The awards, which are made for a period of up to one year, are contingent upon admission by a training or research institution with a strong program in population studies. The deadline for applications is December 1, 1981. Application forms may be obtained from: The Fellowship Secretary, The Population Council, One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

APPLIED DEMOGRAPHIC PUBLICATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT SRDG MEETING

In the past few years there has been some discussion of the need for a publication devoted to applied demographic research. In spite of the recent appearance of *American Demographics* magazine and the existence of such journals as *Growth and Change* and the *Review of Public Data Use*, this feeling of need is still being expressed.

Articles would describe and analyze demographic phenomena, examine methods and techniques of producing demographic data and discuss theoretical issues. All levels of geographic research will be investigated. Reports targeted to small area demography will be featured. The publication's audience will be comprised of persons from areas such as public sector planning, market research, and academia.

The pro's and con's of the proposed publication were discussed at some length at PAA as well as other meetings. However, there are still many unanswered questions. In order to properly address some of these and generate a dialogue on the potential benefits of such a periodical, an open forum meeting will be held the Thursday evening of this year's SRDG meeting in Little Rock. Anyone interested in discussing any aspect of the endeavor is asked to attend. Information on the specific time and place will be found on the SRDG message board at the conference. In the meantime anyone wishing to discuss the publication should contact: Jack Hickman, Department of Social Science, Cameron University, Lawton, OK 73505, (405) 248-2200, Ext. 493 or George Dailey, City of Oklahoma City, ORED, 100 N. Walker, First Floor, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, (405) 231-2820.

A NEW CCSP UPDATE PROVIDES CENSUS-RELATED CURRICULUM IDEAS

A 20-page assortment of census-related curriculum ideas and materials has been published by the Census Bureau's College Curriculum Support Project (CCSP) in *CCSP Update No. 4*. Three major topics are considered in this issue: new census publications; a brainteaser; and a collection of census-related instructional resources. Published occasionally, two to three times a year, the *CCSP Update* strives to give college instructors new information related to teaching students about census data.

"What 1980 Census Data Will Be Available for Fall Classes?" highlights new census publications. Also, discussed is the forthcoming publication of *CENSUS '80: Projects for Students*, a booklet with exercises or classroom activities designed to involve students in the use of census data.

A brainteaser is presented to help students develop table-reading skills. In this instance, a misinterpretation of data from the new *State and Metropolitan Area Data Book, 1979* is examined.

Finally, a 10-page annotated bibliography summarizes published census-related instructional activities, case studies, and journals.

Persons who are on the Census Bureau's CCSP mailing list automatically receive each *CCSP Update*. To be placed on this list or receive a sampler of CCSP instructional materials, contact:

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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, Center for the Study of Population, FSU, Tallahassee, Florida 32306) with a remittance of annual dues (\$6 for regular members and \$2 for student members). Members received 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 Dr. Stan Smith *SRDG NEWSLETTER*, 221 Matherly Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

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