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SRDG MEMBERS APPOINTED TO PAA POSITIONS

Several members of SRDG have been appointed to positions in the Population Association of America: John L. Goodman, of the Urban Institute, has been selected to serve as PAA's secretary-treasurer for a three year term. The new editors of two PAA publications are also SRDG members: Omer Galle (University of Texas) will serve as editor of *Demography*, with Parker Frisbie serving as one of the associate editors; Jeff Evans of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development will serve as editor of *PAA Affairs*. Several SRDG members have also been nominated to stand for election to PAA offices — for member of the nominating committee: Peter A. Morrison and H. Bradley Wells; for member of the committee on publications: N. Krishnan Namboodiri. Finally, SRDG vice-president Cal Beale of the US Department of Agriculture has been nominated to run for the position of first vice president of PAA.

THE POPULATION OF THE SOUTH

By now, the University of Texas Press should have released *The Population of the South: Structure and Change in Social Demographic Context*, edited by Dudley Poston and Robert H. Weller. The

288 page volume features papers which were by and large prepared for the 1976 meeting of SRDG. Royalties from the sale of the volume will accrue to SRDG. Copies are available from the University of Texas Press (P.O. Box 7819, Austin, Texas 78712) for \$25.

NEW DIRECTIONS IN URBAN-RURAL MIGRATION

Many members of SRDG will be interested in *New Directions in Urban-Rural Migration*, edited by SRDG members David Brown and John Wardwell. This volume is the first book to deal directly with the resurgence of population and economic growth in rural America. The volume focuses on the determinants and consequences of this population turnaround, with investigations at the national, regional and local levels. The essays demonstrate why rural areas figure so prominently in development trends and in the formation of both urban and rural policy. Copies of the book may be obtained from Academic Press (111 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10003) for \$29.50.

POPULATION RESOURCES CENTER BRIEFINGS CO-SPONSORED BY SRDG

Two briefings arranged by the Population Resources Center which were held in early May were co-sponsored by SRDG. The briefings, each with the title "Demographic Change and the Implications for Philanthropy in the 1980s" were conducted in Greensboro N.C. and Orlando Fl., on May 4 and 5, for the Southeastern Council of Foundations. SRDG Board members Cal Beale and Bill Serow were among the speakers at these briefings. The Population Resources Center has also prepared a booklet describing its activities for the past year which may be obtained from the Center (622 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017).

FINAL CALL FOR 1981 CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

SRDG's 1981 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 1981 program chair: Anne S. Lee, 165 Tipperary Road, Athens, GA 30601. Members are reminded of the SRDG policy limiting an individual to one formal presentation at the annual meeting, except in special circumstances.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS IS MAY 31, 1981.

SMITH NAMED NEW EDITOR OF NEWSLETTER

The Board of Directors of SRDG is pleased to announce that Dr. Stan Smith of the University of Florida will assume the duties of editor of the SRDG NEWSLETTER beginning with the issue of November, 1981. Dr. Smith is head of the Population Studies Division of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University. Material for the next (August) issue of the NEWSLETTER should be sent to the present editor at the address shown on the back page. Thereafter, all submissions of material should be directed to:

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University of Florida
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SRDG BOARD MEETS IN WASHINGTON

Immediately prior to this year's annual meeting of the Population Association of America, the SRDG Board of Directors held their mid-year meeting.

Secretary-treasurer Serow reported a current membership of 329 members and a cash balance of about \$3,500. SRDG has been incorporated in Virginia and is now seeking to attain not-for-profit status. The board approved hotel arrangements and dates for the 1982 (October 6-8) and 1983 (October 19-21) meetings, based on the reports of local arrangements chairs Dan Price and Ed Cahill.

These meetings will be held in Greensboro and Chattanooga. Cliff Patrick reported on plans to have SRDG sponsor a workshop on demography and energy; at present, discussions regarding funding are being held with various agencies within the Department of Energy. The Board received reports from several committees and voted to allocate the sum of \$100 to the membership committee to continue their work in recruiting new members and retaining present members. Chris Hale of the University of Alabama-Birmingham chairs this committee. The following committees of the Board were appointed: auditing — Cal Beale and Cliff Patrick; *Newsletter* editor — Ken Shin, Larry Long, Bill Serow.

Finally, the Board voted unani- mously to approve the following resolution: "Whereas title X of the Public Health Services Act comes up for reauth- orization during fiscal year 1981, be it moved that the SRDG Board supports simple extension of title X of the Public Health Services Act in order to assure continued federal support of population research." President Espenshade was instructed to convey this resolution to appropriate representatives in Congress and to the leadership of PAA. SRDG members are urged to write their Con- gresspersons in support of this resolution, as well as for continued adequate funding of the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Census Bureau and other agencies con- ducting and/or supporting population re- search.

THE STUDY OF AGING

The Urban Studies Center at the Uni- versity of Louisville, in conjunction with the Gerontological Center at the same university, has recently published *The Study of Aging: Issues, Trends and Impli- cations*, the proceedings of a 1978 confer- ence. Among other chapters are analyses of the demographic and economic char- acteristics of older Americans. Single copies may be obtained at no charge from: Urban Studies Center, University of Louisville, Gardencourt Campus, Alta Vista Road, Louisville KY 40205.

SUBJECTS WANTED

A research doing a comparative study of academically- and nonacademically- employed PhD sociologists is seeking no- academic PhD sociologists to complete a questionnaire on their demographic, social and professional characteristics. Any member who is interest in partici- pating in this study should contact Dr. H. Wayne Hogan, P.O. Box 842, Cookeville TN 38501.

DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH IN THE SOUTH

Title: Mobility of Older Workers
Key Topic: Interregional Migration
Area Focus: Regions of the United States
Principal Investigator: Bert Kestenbaum
Institution: Social Security Administration, Office of Research and Statistics, Division of Statistics, Room 2-D-1 Meadows East Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore MD 21235

Description: The primary objective of this paper is to describe the redistrib- utive effects of the social security program due to the mobility of older workers. A secondary objective is to describe the different experience under social security of blacks and whites and of high and low earners. The data base is created by matching the 1965 annual sample file of employment with the current master bene- ficiary record maintained by SSA.

Title: Differential Mortality and Morbidity of Older Women by Martia Status
Key Topic: Mortality and Morbidity
Area Focus: Principal Investigator and Institution: same as above
Description: This research investigates the effects of a spouse's death on the mortality and morbidity of the surviving widow. Non-widows in the same age group serve as a control group in determining whether recent widows are quicker to die and have more rapidly failing health.

Title: Families of Broward County, Florida
Key Topic: Family composition and socioeconomic characteristics
Area Focus: Broward County, Florida
Principal Investigator: Lisa Lekis
Institution: Community Service Council, 1300 S. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale FL 33316
Description: The definition and location of families, with particular emphasis on low income families, social change and its effect. Considera- tion of problems of single parent families, two earner families, welfare recipients, and refugees. This research is intended primari- ly for planners and funding agencies.

SOCIAL INDICATORS III

The Bureau of the Census has recently announced the forthcoming release of the report, *Social Indicators III*. This is the third in a series of triennial charts designed to provide a comprehensive overview of current social conditions and trends in the United States. This report is scheduled for release by the U.S. Government Printing Office in the fall of 1980.

The main topics covered in the report are treated in 11 chapters: Population and the Family; Health and Nutrition; Housing and the Environment; Tran-

sportation; Public Safety; Education and Training; Work; Social Security and Welfare; Income and Productivity; Social Participation; and Culture, Leisure and Use of Time. In addition, the introductory chapter provides an overview of quality of life in the United States, together with three bibliographies, relating to major English-language studies in the field, other national social indicator reports, and U.S. State and local-area social indicator reports, respectively.

Copies of the report (stock number 003-024-02683-0) may be ordered from GPO (Washington DC 20402) for \$17.00.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

William J. Serow, research director of the University of Virginia's Population Studies Center at the Tayloe Murphy Institute has accepted a position as Associate Professor of Economics and Research Associate at the Center for the Study of Population at Florida State University effective with the fall semester of 1981.

UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are progressing for SRDG's twelfth annual meeting scheduled for Little Rock, Arkansas on October 14-16. Forrest Pollard is handling local arrangements and has invited William Mangold of University of Arkansas' main campus (Fayetteville) to serve as co-host of the meeting. Program chair Anne Lee is arranging the meeting around the theme "New Directions in Southern Demography." The meeting will feature the customary mixture of contributed paper sessions and invited plenary sessions. Some of the latter which are currently in progress include one reflecting the overall theme of the meeting and another raising the question of those issues about which our present knowledge is deficient, but our need to know is quite strong. A more complete outline of the program will appear in the next (August) issue of the *Newsletter*.

This year's meeting will see the registration fee for members raised to \$15 (\$20 for nonmembers); this fee will include lunch for the registrant on either Thursday or Friday. Lunch on the other date is of course available upon payment of an additional fee. This step is being taken to avoid having SRDG funds being used to meet a guaranteed minimum number of places at luncheon functions. Current plans call for Thursday's lunch to feature a plenary session and for Friday's to feature five luncheon roundtables.

PUBLICATIONS (single copy free unless otherwise noted)

Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
Washington DC 20201

"Proceedings of the Surgeon-General's Workshop on Maternal and Infant Health"

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

"Births of Hispanic Parentage, 1978" by S.J. Ventura and R.L. Heuser
(*Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, March 20, 1981, v. 29, n. 12, supplement)
Health, United States, 1980"

U.S. Bureau of the Census (GPO)

"State and Metropolitan Area Data Book, 1979" (\$12.00)

Current Population Reports:

Series P-20 - "Fertility of American Women: June 1979" (no. 358, \$4)

Series P-23 - "Selected Characteristics of Travel to Work
in 20 Metropolitan Areas: 1977" (no. 105, \$2)

"Selected Characteristics of Persons in Physical Science:
1978" (no. 108, \$2)

"Characteristics of Persons and Households Receiving Cash
Benefits: 1979" (no. 110, \$2)

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
(U.S. Department of Labor, Washington D.C. 20212)

"State Unemployment, Employment, and Labor Force Changes in 1980"
(News Release USDL8168)

"Labor Force and Unemployment in the States by Race,
1980 Annual Averages" (News Release USDL81127)

The Rand Corporation (1700 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90406)
"The Use of Population Projections to Allocate Federal Funds"
by N.W. Rives (P-6584)

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, Tayloe Murphy Institute, Dynamics Building – 4th Floor, 2015 Ivy Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903) 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, Dynamics Building – 4th Floor, 2015 Ivy Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

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