

# SRDG NEWSLETTER

The Southern Regional Demographic Group, Inc. is a scientific and educational corporation operating under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is comprised of persons with professional interests in demography and population studies. The Newsletter is compiled and edited by Stanley K. Smith, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida.

## CALL FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

The theme of the 1982 annual meeting of the SRDG will be "Public Policy in the Eighties: Uses and Analyses of Demographic Data". However, papers dealing with any topic of demographic interest will be considered. This applies to papers with an applied as well as academic viewpoint. Persons wishing to submit a paper for consideration should send two copies of a one-page abstract with the author's name, address and telephone number to:

Dr. Jeanne Biggar  
Cabell 535  
Department of Sociology  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Members are reminded of the SRDG policy of limiting each participant to one formal presentation at the annual meeting. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is May 31, 1982.

## NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The SRDG nominations committee, composed of Calvin Beale (chair), Norfleet Rives and Isaac Eberstein, has nominated the following persons to stand for election to the SRDG Board of Directors:

### President-Elect.

- 1) Harold Goldsmith, National Institute of Mental Health.
- 2) Daniel Price, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

### Member of Board of Directors.

- 1) Alice Abel Kemp, University of New Orleans.
- 2) Parker Frisbie, University of Texas.

The election will be held this summer, for a three-year term beginning in October, 1982. Under the provisions of the SRDG constitution, additional nominations may be made by members of the SRDG. Additional nominations must be in the form of a petition; must bear the signatures of at least ten active members of the SRDG; must include a letter from the nominee indicating his/her willingness to stand for election; and must be received by the secretary/treasurer of the SRDG prior to April 1, 1982. The nomination petition must explicitly state the position for which the nomination is being made. Petitions and additional information are available from:

Dr. William J. Serow  
Center for the Study of Population  
659 Bellamy Building  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee, FL 32306.

## OKLAHOMA COMMUNITY OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

A conference focusing on past, present and future trends in Oklahoma's demographic and economic structure is being planned for September, 1982. This one-day meeting in Oklahoma City is sponsored by the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the World Future Society, the Oklahoma Demographics Group, and possibly other organizations. The purpose of the conference is to discuss issues relating to growth and change in Oklahoma communities and to establish a dialogue between representatives of the public and private sectors. Comments and suggestions regarding the planning of this conference will be welcomed. For more information contact:

George Dailey  
Office of Research and Economic  
Development  
100 North Walker, First Floor  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
(405) 231-2820

## DEMOGRAPHY SESSIONS AT SRSA MEETING

The following sessions, which are cosponsored by the SRDG, will be included in the program of the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association, to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on May 30-June 1, 1982:

Demographic Aspects of Industrialization June 1, 10:30-12:00 AM

Chair: Harold F. Goldsmith, National Institute of Mental Health

### Papers:

1. "County Concomitants of Industrial Development, 1970-1980" Julia H. Martin, University of Virginia.
2. "An Ecological Analysis of Industrial Structure and Net Migration Rates in the South" Davor Jedlicka, University of Georgia.
3. "Changes in the Effects of Racial Composition on Racial Inequality: A Case Study" Melissa Clark, University of Mississippi; Isaac W. Eberstein, Florida State University, and Louis G. Pol, Memphis State University.

Discussant: Donald W. Hastings, University of Tennessee.

Regional Demography June 1, 3:45-5:15 PM

Chair: William J. Serow, Florida State University.

### Papers:

1. "Energy, Population and Housing: A Model of Residential Energy Costs and Consumption Patterns" Vonda L. Kiplinger, U.S. Bureau of the Census.
2. "Local Growth Management Policies" J. Michael Wrigley, Florida State University.
3. "Intercounty Migration Flows", Richard A. Engels, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Discussant: Clifford H. Patrick, Social Security Administration.

Further information about the meeting can be obtained from:

Dr. Mark Henry  
Department of Agricultural Economics  
Clemson University  
Clemson, SC 29631

## SRDG BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the SRDG will be meeting during the latter part of April. If you have an item you would like to have the Board consider, please contact Anne Lee at (404) 543-9726 or Bill Serow at (904) 644-1762 prior to April 10. Your input will be gratefully received.

## TEXAS DATA USERS MEET

A group of more than 50 people met recently in Dallas to form the first chapter of the Texas Economic and Demographic Association (TEDA). According to Mike Chism, a researcher with a Dallas bank who spearheaded the organizational effort, the purpose of this new organization is "to develop contacts among demographic and economic data users; to stay current on the latest demographic and economic data; to utilize the organization to further each member's technical knowledge....(and) to promote procedures that minimize duplication of effort among demographers and data users".

The initial meeting was attended by a cross-section of persons representing the public, private and academic sectors of the Dallas/Fort Worth community. It is hoped that local chapters in other areas of the state will be established. For further information regarding TEDA call Bonnie Young at (512) 475-8386 or Mike Chism at (214) 744-8537.

## POPULATION FORECASTING REPORT

Forecasting State Population Using ARIMA Time Series Techniques by Paul Voss, Charles Palit, Balkrishna Kale and Henry Krebs has recently been published by the Applied Population Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin (Technical Series 70-6, 1981, 222 pages). This report presents the detailed findings of an investigation designed to examine the utility of ARIMA time-series models for forecasting state populations. Time-series forecasts based on data originating in 1930, 1950, 1964 and 1970 are compared with projections of state populations derived from other projection techniques. Copies of this report are available for \$5.00 and may be ordered from:

Applied Population Laboratory  
Department of Rural Sociology  
240 Agricultural Hall  
1450 Linden Drive  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, WI 53706

## CENSUS BUREAU TRAINING COURSES

The U.S. Bureau of the Census will offer five kinds of training courses for data users, as summarized below. For more information, please contact the Data User Services Division, User Training Branch, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Telephone (301) 899-7645. Application and payment must be received 4 weeks prior to the start of the course.

### 1) Introduction to Geography, Geocoding and GBF/DIME Files.

This course covers the basics of census geography, maps and geographic coding schemes. The content and structure of GBF/DIME files, geocoding concepts and computer mapping techniques and software are treated in detail. This course will be offered on April 20-22 in Denver and May 25-27 in Washington, D.C. Fee is \$75.

### 2) Introduction to Population Estimates Methodology.

This course covers the methods used to make population estimates for states, counties, cities and small areas. It will be offered on April 19-23 in Atlanta. Fee is \$125.

### 3) Census Bureau Statistical Resources for Librarians.

This course provides detailed information on the programs, products and services available from the Census Bureau and other selected federal offices. It will be offered on May 17-20 in Washington, D.C. Fee is \$100.

### 4) 1980 Census Machine-Readable Data Products and Software.

This course provides a technical introduction to 1980 census summary statistics files, microdata files and the CENSPAC software package. It is designed for users with some computer background. It covers subject content, file structure, record format, computer software and data dictionaries. This course will be offered on February 23-24 in Atlanta, March 9-10 in Los Angeles, May 4-5 in Detroit and June 15-16 in Washington, D.C. Fee is \$50.

### 5) Statistical Resources from the Census Bureau

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the statistical resources and data user services offered by the Census Bureau and other federal agencies. It covers the kinds of data available, the geographic areas for which data are tabulated and the methods for locating specific items in Census Bureau reports. It will be offered on March 22-25 and June 21-24 in Washington, D.C. Fee is \$100.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Robert Weller has recently returned to the Department of Sociology and the Center for the Study of Population at Florida State University after spending two years with the United Nations Economic Commission for West Asia in Beirut, Lebanon.

Bill O'Hare, formerly with the National Social Science and Law Center, has accepted a position with the Joint Center for Political Studies in Washington, D.C.

Jeffrey Tayman, formerly with the Forecasting and Estimates Division of the Office of Financial Management of the State of Washington, has accepted a position with the San Diego Association of Governments in San Diego, California.

The SRDG was saddened to learn of the recent death of long-time member Junior K. Knee of Fairfax, Virginia.

## SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGISTS MEET

The annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society will be held in Memphis on April 14-17, 1982. Sessions of special interest to demographers include:

--"Demography: Migration Research" Jeanne C. Biggar, University of Virginia.

--"Demography: Mortality Research" Donald Hastings, University of Tennessee

--"Demography: Fertility Research" Lynn Smith-Lovin, University of South Carolina.

--"Human Ecology" Parker Frisbie, University of Texas.

The presidential address by Charles B. Nam of Florida State University is entitled "Sociology and Demography: Perspectives on Population". For additional information on this meeting contact Lewis Rhodes, Department of Sociology, Florida State University.

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☆ The deadline for sending in items ☆  
☆ for the May issue of the SRDG News- ☆  
☆ letter is April 25, 1982. Please send all ☆  
☆ items to: ☆

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## COMMENTARY

January is traditionally a time for taking stock and considering the state of our union. After a year of independence, SRDG appears to be thriving. The transition so ably begun by Gladys Bowles and implemented by Thomas Espenshade has shown us that our vitality can continue without institutional backing. Having demonstrated that, we should examine how well we are meeting our stated purposes. That we are doing well as a channel of information is attested to by the attendance (noteworthy in a year of budgetary exigencies and general uncertainty) and the quality of the papers at our Little Rock meetings. Our Newsletter continues to provide material for SRDG members and other (and older) newsletters. We can probably argue that our membership is generally advancing demographic research and training in the South.

What we need to strengthen, however, is our commitment to encouraging multidisciplinary studies of population trends. Faced with delays, deletions, and other disappointments, demographers have had a discouraging year. The start of 1982 finds us with little to analyze from the 1980 Census, curtailments in other data gathering efforts, and major cutbacks in academic and government funding for research. All this comes at a time when technology puts computers at every neophyte's fingertips and when the applications of demography are widely recognized. We must, therefore, cross not only disciplinary lines but institutional ones to assure that our talents and resources are combined to meet these new challenges. The Board of Directors welcomes your suggestions on how SRDG can facilitate this.

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