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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.

PATRICK NAMED NEW EDITOR

The Board of Directors of the SRDG is pleased to announce that Cliff Patrick of the Social Security Administration will assume the position of editor of the SRDG Newsletter beginning with the issue of November, 1983. He replaces Stan Smith, who has been editor for the past two years and will continue to work with the layout and printing of the newsletter. All material for future issues should be sent to Cliff Patrick, 2024 Westwood Terrace, Vienna, VA 22180, telephone (202) 673-5786. All members of the SRDG are urged to submit information on job openings for demographers; new positions taken by SRDG members; announcements of seminars, workshops or meetings; new sources of data; publications; and any other items of potential interest to demographers.

ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Southern Regional Demographic Group will be held October 19-21 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The theme of this meeting is "Federal Statistics: Believable? Accessible?". The following program has been arranged by SRDG President-Elect Daniel Price:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Board of Directors Meeting, 2:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Reception and Cash Bar, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:45 - 10:15 A.M.

Session 1. "Projections". Chair: Stan Smith, University of Florida.

Session 2. "Migration". Chair: Gladys Bowles, Bowles Demographic Research.

Session 3. "Mortality". Chair: Cliff Patrick, Social Security Administration.

10:30 - 12:00 A.M.

Session 4. "Papers not classified elsewhere".
Chair: to be announced.

Session 5. "Microcomputers". Chair: Richard Engels, Bureau of the Census.

Session 6. "Migration Consequences". Chair: Larry Long, Bureau of the Census.

12:15 - 2:15 P.M.

Presidential Luncheon

Presiding: Jeanne C. Biggar, University of Virginia

Speaker: Andrew Cherlin, Department of Social Relations, Johns Hopkins University

Topic: "The State of Demographic Statistics"

2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Session 7. "Measurement". Chair: David Mitchell, University of North Carolina (Greensboro)

Session 8. "Minorities During the Eighties".
Chair: John Reid, Howard University

Session 9: "Mississippi Elderly". Chair: Mohamed El-Attar, Mississippi State University.

Poster Sessions

4:15 - 5:00 P.M.

SRDG Annual Business Meeting

Presiding: Jeanne C. Biggar, University of Virginia.

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Cash Bar

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 A.M.

Running Demographers

Pacemaker: Dudley Poston, University of Texas (Austin)

8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Session 10. "Ecological Analysis". Chair: Isaac W. Eberstein, Florida State University

Session 11. "Demography of Areas Outside the United States". Chair: Earl Huyck, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Session 12. "Fertility". Chair: Jeff Evans, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

10:15 - 11:45 A.M.

Plenary Session

Chair: Daniel O. Price, University of North Carolina (Greensboro)

Speaker: Judith Rowe, Princeton University, Chair of the Council of the Association of Public Data Users.

12:00 - 1:45 P.M.

Luncheon Roundtable Discussions:

- 1) "Continuity and Discontinuity in Geographic Definitions" Dick Forstall, Bureau of the Census and Glenn Fuguitt, University of Wisconsin (Madison).
- 2) "Mexican Migration to the United States" Rosa Elisa Rodriguez and Rodrigo Martinez-Sandoval, Centro de Estudios Fronterizos del Notre Dame, Mexico
- 3) "Demographic Consulting". Leader to be announced.

2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

Session 13. "Data Bases". Chair: to be announced.

Session 14. "Minorities". Chair: Frank Bean, University of Texas (Austin)

Session 15. "Training for Nonacademic Employment". Chair: Harold Goldsmith, National Institute for Mental Health.

There is still space on the program for additional roundtables and poster sessions. If you are interested in leading a roundtable or poster session, please contact Dan Price at (919) 379-5295 by September 1.

RESEARCH FUNDS AVAILABLE

An amendment to the Small Business Act requires all agencies of the Public Health Service and certain other federal agencies to set aside part of their budgets for a Small Business Innovative Research Program. The purpose of this legislation is to stimulate technological innovation and use small businesses to meet federal research and development needs. This provides an opportunity for small research firms (which may be as small as one person) to obtain funding for various kinds of demographic and health research. Potential research topics include fertility, infertility and reproductive sciences; development of contraceptives; evaluation of the safety and efficiency of contraceptive methods; estimating and projecting the growth, distribution and characteristics of populations; the impact of population change on health and well-being; nutrition and early childhood development; mental retardation; and child and adolescent development. There is still time to apply for funding. The next application deadline is October 1, 1983. For further information please contact Jeff Evans at (301) 496-1174.

PERSONAL NOTES

Lauren Krivo, formerly with the Population Research Center at the University of Texas, has accepted a position in the Department of Sociology at the University of Utah. He will also serve as volunteer chief statistician for the Salt Lake City Gulls of the Pacific Coast League (minor league baseball).

Margaret Mooney Marini, formerly with the Battelle Institute in Seattle, has accepted a position as Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Vanderbilt University.

Nan Maxwell, a graduate student at Florida State University, has accepted a position in the Economics Department at Denison University.

CONFERENCE ON SOCIOECONOMIC DATA

A conference on socioeconomic data and trends will be held September 29 and 30, 1983, in Madison, Wisconsin. Sponsored by the Applied Population Laboratory, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin, the workshop will focus on educational status, employment, occupation, income and poverty. Speakers include Sheldon Danziger, Robert Hauser and Robert Mare of the University of Wisconsin and Donald Starsinic of the Bureau of the Census. The fee for the two-day conference is \$130. For more information please contact Nancy Kanaskie, Applied Population Laboratory, Department of Rural Sociology, 1450 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706, telephone (608) 262-3097.

DOROTHY S. THOMAS AWARD

Pre- or post-doctoral graduate students are invited to submit papers for the 1984 Dorothy S. Thomas Award competition. Sponsored by the Population Association of America, this award is presented annually for the best paper submitted in the fields of internal migration or the relationships among social, economic and demographic variables. The award consists of a certificate and a \$1500 prize. The research for the paper must be undertaken while the author is a resident pre- or post-doctoral graduate student in an accredited graduate program. A person remains eligible for the competition up to one year following the completion of graduate studies. Two or more students may co-author a paper, but papers jointly authored by students and faculty members are not eligible. Papers should not exceed the length of a journal article. Two letters of recommendation from faculty members are required. Five copies of the paper and letters of recommendation should be sent to Dr. Joan Herold, Division of Reproductive Health, Center for Health Promotion and Education, Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA 30333. The deadline for entry is January 13, 1984. The winner of the award will be announced at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America in May, 1984.

CENSUS BUREAU ISSUES NEW "PRODUCT PRIMERS"

Three new publications in the "Product Primer" series are now available from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Product Primer 2 describes "General Housing Characteristics" (HC 80-1-A), introducing several housing concepts and showing how to use HC80-1-A to investigate housing conditions. Product Primer 3 covers "Block Statistics" (PHC 80-1), explaining the block concept and describing the content of PHC80-1. Exercises illustrate the use of block statistics in survey sampling and show how the confidentiality of the census is protected by "suppressing" certain data items. Product Primer 4 focuses on "Advance Estimates of Social, Economic and Housing Characteristics" (PHC80-S2). It reviews the information contained in the report, shows how to use the report to construct an industry employment profile and contains a quiz to test knowledge of population and housing trends.

These primers are designed for instructional use. They are intended to help instructors, students and researchers use 1980 census products more easily. They may be purchased for \$1.00 each (25 percent discount for orders of 100 or more) from Customer Services (Publications), Data Users Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. For more information on this series, write to College Curriculum Support Project, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

DATA EXCHANGE

While the major purpose of the data exchange is to locate and advertise the existence of data files maintained by SRDG members, the private sector has also become involved in the creation and sale of data files for microcomputers. In this article we review Orrington Economics and Warren Glimpse and Company, Inc.

Warren Glimpse and Company, Inc. offers two related services of interest. First is the sale of data series on 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 8" diskettes. Data series include 1980 census extracts, population estimates, the Current Population Survey, County Business Patterns, building permits, price indexes, state and metropolitan area data files, and county and city data files. Additional areas covered include economics, financial, engineering, bibliographic reference, and geographic and cross-reference. The second service is tape conversion to diskette, and vice-versa. Interested readers can call (703) 836-6800 or write to P. O. Box 1943, Alexandria, Virginia 22313.

Orrington Economics offers MICROMARKETS, a product especially useful for national market analysis. MICROMARKETS contains data for each state and large metropolitan area. Data included are a mix of demographic variables and total retail sales, as well as retail sales for ten store groups. MICROMARKETS can be used with VISICALC, and is available on diskette for Apple II or II+ (DOS 3.3), TRS-80 Models II and III, and the IBM Personal Computer. Interested readers should call (703) 527-5990 or write to P.O. Box 3756, Arlington, Virginia 22903.

[This section of the Newsletter is sponsored by the Committee on Applied Demography to promote the exchange of data and software among SRDG members. All members are invited to submit items related to demographic data to Mike Spar, Tayloe Murphy Institute, 2015 Ivy Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903, telephone (804) 971-2661. Items related to software should be sent to Dave Jackson, Center for Epidemiological Studies, National Institute of Mental Health, Parklawn Building, Room 18-105, Rockville, MD 20857, telephone (301) 436-6254.]

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

All SRDG members are invited to submit items for publication in the Newsletter. The deadline for submitting items for the November issue is October 25. Please send all items to:

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CENSUS BUREAU TRAINING COURSES

The Bureau of the Census will be holding four training courses this fall. A one-day workshop on microdata from the 1980 census will be held in Denver on October 25 and in Boston on November 30. A two-day session called "1980 Census Data: An Intermediate Workshop" will be held in Detroit on September 21 and 22 and in Dallas on November 15 and 16. A two-day session on "The Aging Population: A 1980 Census Workshop" will be held in Tampa-St. Petersburg on September 12 and 13 and in Phoenix on November 8 and 9. Another two-day session devoted to 1980 census computer tape files will be held in Alexandria, Virginia on October 18 and 19. The fees are \$25 for one-day sessions and \$50 for two-day sessions. For more information please contact Dorothy Chin, User Training Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763-1510.

DATA USERS TO MEET

The Association of Public Data Users (APDU) will hold its annual conference at the Dupont Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. on November 3 and 4, 1983. The APDU is a

consortium of business organizations, universities, research institutes and federal, state and local agencies with interests in public, machine-readable statistical data. This conference will focus on federal statistics, providing updates on several major federal surveys and their products; discussions of federal activities and products designed to facilitate the use of public data; and a look at the latest technology for using microcomputers to analyze public data. Paul Zeisset, Philip Fulton, Robert Marx, William Butz, Barbara Bailar and Peter Bounpane will be among the speakers. For more information please contact Susan Anderson, APDU Secretariat, 97 Prospect Avenue, Princeton, NJ 08544, telephone (609) 452-6025/6052.

CONFERENCE ON POPULATION PROJECTIONS

A conference on population projections is being sponsored by the Society of Actuaries and the University of Wisconsin School of Business. It will be held September 30 and October 1, and will feature Nathan Keyfitz as one of the speakers. For further information please contact Robert B. Miller, 1155 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706.

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