

SRDG NEWSLETTER

The Southern Regional Demographic Group 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 SRDG Newsletter is compiled and edited by Cliff Patrick, 2024 Westwood Terrace, Vienna, VA 22180.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The Southern Regional Demographic Group held its 14th annual meeting on October 19-21 in Chattanooga, TN. Total registration was 105, a decline of 25 from the 1982 meeting held in Greensboro. The 15 sessions of contributed papers were supplemented by 4 poster sessions, 5 luncheon roundtables, a plenary session, business meeting, and Presidential luncheon. Special thanks go to President-elect Dan Price, the program chairman; Jeanne Biggar, outgoing President; and Ed Cahill, the local arrangements chairman, for making the meeting a success.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS

The SRDG Board met in Chattanooga on October 19. President Jeanne Biggar announced that Bill Serow has been elected president-elect, and Julia Martin has been elected to the Board of Directors. The Board selected Jeff Evans to be incoming vice-president, and Ben Bradshaw to be secretary-treasurer. All will begin their terms on November 1, 1983, when Dan Price ascends to the presidency. The Board also selected Leon Bouvier to be the SRDG archivist, Harold Goldsmith to be the chair of the applied demography committee, and Anne Lee to be the chair of the nominating committee. Leon Bouvier was also selected to chair a newly-created committee on outreach.

Secretary-treasurer Bill Serow reported that net assets of SRDG increased by \$306 during the 1982-83 fiscal year, and paid membership was 334 as of October 14, an increase of 11 over the membership total of October 1982. The Board appointed Jeff Evans and Cliff Patrick as the audit committee, to report at the business meeting on October 20.

Local arrangements committees for the 1984, 1985, and 1986 annual meetings submitted reports. The 1984 meeting will be held at the High Q Quality Inn in Orlando, FL, on October

17-19. The 1985 meeting will be held in Austin, TX, probably on October 18-20. The 1986 meeting will be held in the Washington, DC area, preferably Annapolis if arrangements can be made.

1984 SRDG MEETING UPDATE

The next issue of the SRDG Newsletter will feature the call for papers for the 1984 annual meeting to be held October 17-19 at the High Q Quality Inn in Orlando, FL. Ideas and suggestions for sessions and luncheon roundtables should be sent to: Dr. William J. Serow, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University, 659 Bellamy, Tallahassee, FL 32306, (904) 644-1762.

The theme for the 1984 meeting will be "Emerging demographic trends and their implications for the future." In addition, the Applied Demography Committee will conduct a pre-meeting workshop on Wednesday, October 17. This workshop will deal with the state of the art in small area estimates and projections. Attendance at the workshop, which will require separate registration and the payment of a nominal fee, will be limited to the first 20 paid registrants. Further details on this workshop and the program of the 1984 meeting will be published in future Newsletters.

JOINT SRDG-SRSA JOURNAL ISSUE

The Review of Regional Studies solicits manuscripts for a special topical issue on the relationship between regional science and demography. Papers dealing with any topic relevant to this general theme are requested. Those dealing with aspects of applied demography are especially appropriate. Send 3 copies of papers to the issue guest editor: Dr. Isaac Eberstein, 659 Bellamy, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306, (904) 644-1762. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 1984. This issue of the Review is being co-sponsored by the Southern Regional Science Association and SRDG.

DATA NOTES

The Center for Human Resource Research at Ohio State has found an error in a key variable in the 1981 mature men sample of the National Longitudinal Survey (Parnes Study). Due to a counter problem in the creation of variable X(4289+), Total Net Family Income in 1980*Key*, some non-interviews were assigned an income value rather than NA. This error can be corrected using the following statement.

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IF X(5254) = NA & X(4289) = NA THEN
  X(4289)=NA;
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The correct frequency distribution is reproduced below.

Codes	Count	Codes	Count
0	42	7000-7999	80
1-999	72	8000-8999	79
1000-1999	46	9000-9999	66
2000-2999	50	10000-14999	297
3000-3999	62	15000-19999	213
4000-4999	78	20000-24999	175
5000-5999	66	25000-49999	316
6000-6999	76	50000+	74

of Negatives: 9 # of NA's: 3233

AVAILABILITY OF 1982 BIRTH AND PREGNANCY HISTORIES

The 1982 public use tape for the NLS Youth Cohort includes an extensive battery of questions on the pregnancy histories of all female respondents and birth histories of male respondents. Under the auspices of the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, a careful evaluation of the quality of these data is under way at the Center for Human Resource Research. As part of this evaluation, Center staff are verifying to the extent possible the quality of the fertility data and preparing a revised fertility history which will be available later this year. The fertility data on the 1982 tape currently being released are unrevised, presented as received from National Opinion Research Center. If you have questions regarding the revision plans, contact Frank Mott at the Center, 5701 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

CENSUS BUREAU ISSUES NEW "PRODUCT PRIMERS"

The Census has published three more instructional aides to help college instructors, students, and researchers use the 1980 census products. Entitled CENSUS '80: Product Primers, each one includes an introduction, exercises, and technical notes about the featured product. Primer 5 introduces "General Population Characteristics," PC80-1-B. Age, sex, marital status, Spanish origin, and household relationship are some of the population items that this report covers. Primers 6 and 7 feature the two microfiche products that offer complete count and sample

estimate data for small areas. Primer 6 features the complete-count data found on STF's 1A and 1C microfiche; Primer 7 uses a similar format to show sample estimate data found on STF's 3A and 3C. Each Primer includes exercises that show how to derive new variables from these rich resources and facsimiles of the fiche frames so that you can see exactly the data they offer. Product Primers are for sale at \$1.00 each (25-percent discount for orders of 100 or more going to a single address) from Customer Services (Publications), Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Write to the College Curriculum Support Project, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, to receive examination copies. Call Les Solomon at (301) 763-2370 to receive review copies and get on the mailing list.

EMPLOYMENT

Oklahoma State Demographer. The Oklahoma Department of Economic and Community Affairs is seeking applications for the position of State Demographer with the Oklahoma State Data Center. Responsibilities include: making and evaluating population estimates and projections; preparing specialized reports on policy implications of demographic data; conducting statistical assistance to data users; and disseminating census and other statistical data. Requirements include: graduation from a recognized college or university with a Master's Degree in demography, sociology or related field. Salary: \$21,334-25,900 per year based on education and experience. For further information, please contact Harley Lingerfelt, State Data Center Director, Oklahoma Department of Economic and Community Affairs, 4545 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405) 528-8200 or send request for employment application to the Office of Personnel Management, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

The University of Virginia. Invites nominations and applications for the position of Director of The Tayloe Murphy Institute at The Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business Administration. TMI is a research and information center serving business, education, government, and the public in Virginia. Director supervises a full-time staff of 20 and a budget of over \$600,000. Candidates for the position should demonstrate an understanding of research management and an ability to relate effectively with the Institute's many constituencies. It is important that the Director have the ability to teach in the instructional programs at the University. An earned doctorate would normally be expected. Nominations and applications, accompanied by a current vita and other evidence of qualifications, should be sent to: William W. Sihler, Chairman, TMI Search Committee, The Darden School, University of Virginia, P. O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906.

University of New Orleans. Department of Sociology seeks candidates for two tenure-track, Assistant Professor positions beginning August, 1984. The major areas of substantive interest desired are: 1) formal/complex/social organization with interest in industrial, occupations and/or political; 2) social psychology with interest in criminology or gerontology. The positions require the Ph.D., the ability to develop a strong personal research program, and high quality undergraduate and graduate teaching. Send letter of application and vita, and request three letters of reference to be sent to: Chair, Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148. Applications must be complete by January 1, 1984. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

FELLOWSHIPS

University of Michigan. The Center for Population Planning has scholarships available for qualified master's and Ph.D. degree students in the Program in Population Planning for the Fall term, 1984. For more information and an application, call (313) 764-7516, or write to: Admissions Secretary; Program in Population Planning; School of Public Health; The University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI 48109. The University of Michigan is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

University of Michigan. Two-year NICHD post-doctoral fellowships in population/demography are available starting Fall, 1984. Persons with previous demographic training are preferred. To apply, send vita, statement of purpose, samples of written work, and three letters of recommendation to the Associate Director for Training, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 1225 South University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, tel. (313) 763-4459. The application deadline is March 15, 1984.

Bureau of the Census. American Statistical Association/Census Bureau Research Fellowships and Traineeships beginning September 1, 1984. Positions at Census Bureau for one year or shorter period. Unique opportunity to make major advances in methodology and applications in such areas as (1) decennial census undercount adjustment, (2) survey of income and program participation (SIPP), (3) statistical quality control for censuses and surveys, (4) statistical computing, (5) survey methodology, (6) social and demographic studies, (7) economic data and methodology, (8) development of time series methods, or (9) special studies. Requirements: for Fellows, Ph.D. and research record in relevant field (e.g. Demography, Sociology, Stat., Econ., Bus., Comp. Sci.); for Trainees, at least two years graduate study in relevant field. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience; also, fringe benefits and travel allowance. Apply by January 1, 1984 for Fellows and March 15, 1984 for Trainees. For application information

contact Dr. William Bell, Coordinator, ASA/Census Research Program, Room 3524-3, Statistical Research Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, (301) 763-3848.

University of North Carolina. The Carolina Population Center invites applications for a small number of postdoctoral fellowships for population research training in 1984-85. Prior population-relevant training is important. An approved plan of research and training is required to complete an application. CPC is an inter-disciplinary center with Fellows from 15 university departments. Congruence between interests of the applicant and those of the sponsoring CPC preceptor is a central consideration. One appointment through an associated program for population statistics research training is also anticipated. For appointments beginning the second half of 1984, the deadline for completed applications is February 1, 1984. Send inquires to: J. Richard Udry, Director, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

University of Wisconsin. The Center for Demography and Ecology has two postdoctoral fellowships to begin July 1, 1984, for terms of 1 or 2 years. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applicants may already have extensive training in demography, or may seek to develop their demographic research abilities after predoctoral work in another social science. Preference will be given to scholars whose proposed research and advanced training program will be facilitated by the research facilities and faculty of the Center. Before applying, request a copy of the Center's "Overview" from Director, Center for Demography and Ecology, 3224 Social Science Building, 1180 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706. DEADLINE: March 1, 1984.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

All SRDG members are invited to submit items for publication in the Newsletter. New items may include information on job openings; member change in jobs & other professional activities; announcements of meetings, workshops, and seminars; information on any grants and contracts of interest to members; information on new publications and data sources; and letters to the editor concerning the activities of SRDG and the role of the Newsletter in meeting the professional needs of members. The deadline for submitting items for the February issue of the Newsletter is JANUARY 25, 1984. Please send all items to:

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NOTA BENE

SCIENCE, Vol. 221, 9-9-83, p. 1034 "...smoking is the chief factor responsible for the gap between male and female life expectancies." (I leave to you to read the article for the context and proof behind this quotation).

General Accounting Office (GAO/HRD-83-76) July 15, 1983 letter to Sen. Orrin Hatch (The Railroad Retirement Board) "base their employment projections on 'educated guesses'... They described systematic estimating methods as a waste of money. Rail employment forecasts by the Departments of Commerce and Labor, the Congressional Budget Office, and some Industry groups...were not better than RRB's." (Available from GAO)

MEDICAL WORLD NEWS, July 11, 1983, p. 39. "UCLA researchers looking for organic causes of impotence in older men have turned up an unexpected link to previous vasectomy.... 'There are now 7 million Americans who've had vasectomies, and 350,000 more are done each year. It's a potential disaster.'" Marriage and divorce specialist:N.B.!

WASHINGTON POST, November 15, 1983, pp. 1,A12. "Men who have had vasectomies have no major health defects as a result of their operations and, surprisingly, seem healthier than other men..." (Based on a NICHD-funded study by Dr. Gerald Bernstein at Southern Cal.)

PERSONAL NOTES

Charles A. Calhoun, University of Michigan Ph.D. in Economics, has joined the faculty of Florida State University. At FSU, he has a joint appointment in the Center for the Study of Population and the Economics Dept.

Marylou Mandell, research assistant at the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research, has taken a position with Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Jacksonville, Florida.

Susan Mott, has accepted the position of Market Research Demographer at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, Ohio.

Teresa A. Sullivan, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas, has collaborated with Pastora Cafferty and Barry Chiswick and Andrew Greeley on a recently published book entitled The Dilemma of American Immigration: Beyond The Golden Door (Transaction Press).

Dudley Poston, University of Texas, won the annual SRDG Fun Run in Chattanooga. His record time enabled him to edge the strong contingent from FSU who shall remain unnamed to protect their reputations.

Judith W. Waldrop has completed the Master's in Growth Management at Florida Atlantic University and has taken a position with the Huntsville (AL) Planning Department as their information specialist.

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