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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.

LAST CALL FOR PAPERS FOR 1985 SRDG MEETING

The first call for papers and session topics for the coming SRDG annual meeting has elicited a fine response in regard to papers and session topics. The program chairman, Jeff Evans, is very pleased with the proposed papers and ideas for sessions he has received. There is still room on the program, however, and Jeff has issued a final call for papers and ideas. He would also like to have topics and material for poster sessions. Students are encouraged to submit papers based on their dissertations, whether completed or in progress.

The SRDG annual meeting is scheduled for October 16-18, 1985, at the Austin Hilton Inn, Austin, Texas.

Send abstracts and ideas for sessions to V. JEFFERY EVANS, DBS/NICHD/NIH, LANDOW BLDG. 7C25, BETHESDA, MD 20205, (301) 496-1174.

June 30 is the deadline for abstracts or ideas.

NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The nominating committee, chaired by Dudley Poston, has presented the following slate of candidates for the 1985 SRDG election of members of the Board of Directors.

President-Elect:

Edward Cahill, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Parker Frisbie, The University of Texas, Austin

Director:

Richard Forstall, Bureau of the Census
Barbara Foley Wilson, National Center for Health Statistics.

The election will be held this summer--ballots will be mailed to members by August 31--and those elected will take office in October 1985.

Before becoming President, the President-Elect will serve one year on the Board of Directors and as chair of the program committee for the 1986 annual meeting. The term of office as President is one year. The elected Director will serve three years on the Board.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PLANNED

A new SRDG membership directory is being planned for distribution soon after the October 1985 annual meeting. Members who are active--i.e., who have paid their dues--in either fiscal 1985 or 1986 will be included. A questionnaire soliciting information for the directory will be included in the annual membership letter and dues notice from the Secretary-Treasurer. Information requested will include: professional address, preferred mailing address, telephone numbers, and demographic interests. Any suggestions for other information to be included in the directory will be appreciated.

MICROCOMPUTER WORKSHOP SET FOR AUSTIN MEETING

An interesting workshop, "An Introduction to Microcomputers for Demographers", will be conducted on Wednesday, October 16, prior to the SRDG annual meeting in Austin from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by the Applied Demography Committee of SRDG. The two major purposes of the workshop are: 1) To provide a non-technical introduction to microcomputers which emphasizes features of special interest to demographers; and 2) To demonstrate the use of some alternative hardware systems and software packages that members of SRDG have found useful.

The workshop will cover the following topics: fundamental concepts, alternative systems (costs and acquisition), programming languages, personal computer software, statistical software (SPSS, EPSTAT, STATPRO, SYSSTAT), mapping and graphics, communications with computers, and special demographic applications. The program is still being developed, and the organizers would welcome your suggestions on content to meet the needs of SRDG members. Anyone who would like to make a presentation or demonstrate the use of products within the scope of the workshop is encouraged to contact one of the organizers as soon as possible.

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works may be published along with comments and rejoinders. RPE fosters the publication of empirical analyses of demographic phenomena where the research is guided by an explicit economic theory. In the annual book format, longer manuscripts may be published to encourage the inclusion of both theory and empirical analysis. Submissions are sought in microeconomics of household demographic behavior and macroeconomics of the causes and consequences of population change. Send manuscripts in duplicate to Paul Schultz, Box 1987, Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520.

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY. Papers are invited on underemployment for publication in a special issue. Manuscripts should be less than 20 pages in length and address any aspect of underemployment in either the industrial or developing countries. Deadline is September 1, 1985. Write to: Dr. Teresa Sullivan, Guest Editor, IJSSP, Sociology Dept., 436 Burdine Hall, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712-1088.

Submissions in the 1985 competition for the AAAS Socio-Psychology Prize of \$1000 are invited. The prize is intended to encourage the development and application in social inquiry of the kind of dependable methodology found in the natural sciences. Entries should present a completed analysis of a problem, the relevant data, and interpretation of the data in terms of the postulates with which the study began. Purely empirical and purely theoretical papers are not eligible. The prize will be presented at the 1986 AAAS meeting in Philadelphia. Unpublished manuscripts and manuscripts published after 1 January 1985 are eligible. Deadline for receipt of entries is 13 September 1985. For entry blanks and instructions, write to AAAS Executive Office, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

The University of Wisconsin Press wants book-length manuscripts for possible inclusion in a new series devoted to demographic studies. From 3 to 5 manuscripts will be selected annually to create a forum for demographic scholarship. The work should be original and compelling to the informed scholarly audience. Send all queries to Gordon Lester-Massman, Univ. of Wisconsin Press, 114 North Murray Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53715.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAME AND FORTUNE

Florida State University invites applications for an economic demographer who will have a joint appointment in the Center for the Study of Population and the Economics Department. Rank and salary are open, but preference will be given to applicants with a distinguished Assistant or Associate Professor record. All applicants should have strong research credentials and potential to initiate grant proposals and work on multidisciplinary team projects. All specialty areas within population economics will be considered, but preference will be given to those combining one substantive area with mathematical demography. Send vita and three letters of reference to David Sly, Director, Center for the Study of Population, 654 Bellamy Hall, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306.

The Florida State University Center for the Study of Population is offering a new program leading to a Master of Demography degree. Students will complete a five course core focussed on the theory and techniques of demography and basic statistics, and take 3 demographic electives, and 3 additional electives from outside the Center. The final requirement of the program is the completion of a research paper. Students should be able to complete these degree requirements in 4 semesters or 3 semesters and a summer session. Students completing the program will be attractive candidates to employers seeking persons to analyze and project demographic trends and relate these to other factors. For more information, contact David Sly, Center for the Study of Population, 654 Bellamy Hall, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306, (904) 644-1762

The University of Alabama Center for Business and Economic Research seeks a demographer to prepare state and county population estimates and projections, and to institute a program to produce sub-county estimates and projections. Candidates should have a Master's degree with a specialization in demography and training in research methods, statistics, and computers. CBER is the lead agency in the State Data Center and the state agency in the Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates and Projections. For further information about the position, contact Annette Watters, Assistant Director, CBER, P.O. Box AK, University, AL 35486, (205) 348-6191. Formal job applications must be made to University Employment Office, P.O. Box 6163, University, AL 35486

The Columbia University Center for Population and Family Health has overseas internship positions for entry-level and mid-career professionals seeking experience in international health and family planning. A modest salary, fringe benefits and travel expenses are provided for these 2-year positions. An MPH or equivalent is the minimum requirement. Send resume to: Dr. D. Lauro, Center for Population and Family Health, Columbia University, 60 Haven Ave., B-3, New York, NY 10032.

The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) seeks a demographer in its population program. This program has projects in aging, health, and demographic analysis and is under the leadership of Dr. Nathan Keyfitz. The position will open 1 January 1986 and carries a tax-free salary of up to \$30,000 per year which may be supplemented by sabbatical or grant funds. The appointment will be made on the basis of a proposal, of up to 5 pages, for 1 or 2 years work. Proposers should also send a vita and copies of up to 3 of their recent published papers to Professor Thomas Lee, Director, IIASA, A-2361, Laxenburg, Austria.

The Population Program at IIASA is offering a 'Young Summer Scientist Program' summer research seminar for up to 10 participants from June 17 to Sept. 6, 1985 in Austria. Each participant will work on a research topic related to "applications of heterogeneous dynamics". Formal seminars will be held twice a week, with lectures at the beginning and participant reports toward

Participation is to be limited to the first 20 persons to register. The registration fee is \$15.00, which will be used to cover expenses of the workshop. The organizers of the workshop are Charles Holzer, Room 321, Admin. Annex 1, D-39 Dept of Behavioral Sci., UT Medical Branch, Galveston, TX 77550, (409) 761-3220; Julie Martin, Tayloe Murphy Institute, Dynamics Bldg., 2015 Ivy Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903, (804) 924-7451; and David Jackson, NIMH, Parklawn Bldg., Room 18-105, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-2908.

Contact Charles Holzer to register for the workshop.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

The Newsletter is happy to announce publications of interest to the membership, especially those written by SRDG members. Send announcements to the editor.

MICROCOMPUTERS AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS: SPREADSHEET TEMPLATES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, by Neil Sipe and Robert Hopkins; \$12.50. This monograph illustrates how microcomputer spreadsheets such as Visicalc, Lotus 1-2-3, and Multiplan can be used to perform routine analyses for local governments. The monograph includes 15 spreadsheets, the formulas used for computations, and a discussion of the methodology. Chapters include: population projections, revenue projections, economic base analysis, fiscal impact analysis, government budget analysis, pricing public services, determining capital costs and impacts, and other analytic techniques. Order from: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, 221 Matherly Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

TRANSPORTATION FOR THE POOR: RESEARCH IN RURAL MOBILITY, by Hal S. Maggied. Kluwer-Nijhoff Publishing, Boston, MA. One of the Studies in Applied Regional Science, this book has six chapters dealing with the economic and social problems of the rural poor in obtaining and utilizing transportation, including a chapter using Georgia as an example.

HEALTH: UNITED STATES, 1984. NCHS, Hyattsville, MD. This annual volume is full of the latest vital statistics and other health data from the numerous resources of NCHS. This year's issue highlights state variations for a number of health indices. No demographer should be without access to this compendium of health data.

IMPROVING NATIONAL STATISTICS ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES. Child Trends, Inc. 1990 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20036. Free on request. This 2-volume report discusses the recommendations of the Interagency Conference on Child and Family Statistics held at NIH in April 1984. Part 1 is a summary prepared by Child Trends, and Part 2 contains the detailed recommendations made by each issue group at the Conference.

Also, **NATIONAL STATISTICS ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES: A GUIDE TO FEDERAL DATA PROGRAMS.** \$12.00 from Child Trends. This-164 page report describes more than 40 major data collection programs, the child and family descriptors available in each, and where to obtain reports and data tapes produced by the program.

The Census Bureau is planning a test census in Mississippi early in 1986, in preparation for the national census in 1990. The test will cover the east central counties of Attala, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, and Winston, and the Choctaw Indian Reservation. The area is essentially rural and thus is suitable for testing ways to improve delivery of questionnaires to residents in sparsely populated areas. The bureau also wants to improve enumeration of the American Indian community. The agency plans to evaluate new procedures for coverage and automation in Mississippi that could improve accuracy and reduce costs in 1990. The test will require hiring several hundred temporary workers and add about \$800,000 to the local economy.

ANNUAL HOUSING SURVEY DATA AVAILABLE

The Annual Housing Survey (AHS) 1983: Part A, General Housing Characteristics (USGPO, \$7.50, 1984) and Part C, Financial Characteristics (USGPO, \$9.50, 1984), are available to examine the characteristics of housing units and their occupants.

The AHS Data Project staff of Abt Associates facilitate use of the AHS and are available to help demographers to take advantage of this data set. Among the recent information available are a codebook for the Annual Housing Survey Data Base and a questionnaire directory and frequency counts for Annual Housing Survey Data Base. Contact Louise Hadden, Director of User Services, AHS Data Project, Abt Associates, 55 Wheeler St., Cambridge, MA 02138. (617) 497-7182 or 492-7100 ext. 5579

DAAPPP DATA SETS AND USER TRAINING

The Data Archive on Adolescent Pregnancy and Pregnancy Prevention (DAAPPP) can aid SRDG researchers. As of April, DAAPPP contained 32 data sets on pregnancy prevention and family planning, adolescent pregnancy and adolescent family life. DAAPPP has acquired 7 new data sets from the Western Washington Archive on the antecedents of teenage pregnancy which will become available upon processing and documentation. DAAPPP is sponsoring a user training workshop at the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, Georgetown University, in November 1985. DAAPPP personnel encourage use of DAAPPP data sets by all interested researchers, and will be glad to discuss projects with interested SRDG members. Write to Dr. J.J. Card, Sociometrics Corp., 3191 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306, or call (415) 321-7846

If you would like to tell the membership about your demographic center and its research, please send a short statement to Cliff Patrick, 2024 Westwood Terrace, Vienna, VA 22180.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

RESEARCH IN POPULATION ECONOMICS. Original contributions are invited for publication in this series, published annually by JAI Press since 1978, and currently edited by T. Paul Schultz. Submissions are refereed, and controversial

the end. Applicants must have studied applied mathematics and statistics, computer programming, and either demography, economics, ecology, population biology, public health or policy analysis. It is anticipated that participants will be doctoral students. Further information is available from Alan McDonald, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Norton's Woods, 138 Irving Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, (617) 492-8800.

The University of Michigan Survey Research Center will hold its annual Summer Institute at the Institute of Social Research beginning July 1, 1985. The two four-week sessions end August 23rd. Nine graduate level courses are offered in the applications of survey methods. For further information, contact Dr. Duane Alwin, Director of the Summer Institute, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, (313) 764-6595.

PERSONAL NOTES

Herbert M. Baum has left NIH to become Director of Statistics for ELM Services, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville, MD 20850.

Scott Campbell Brown has joined the Center for Assessment and Demographic Studies, Gallaudet Research Institute, Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. 20002

George Dailey, formerly demographer for Oklahoma City, has joined the Census Bureau's Decennial Planning Division. As part of the

1990 Outreach Coordination Staff, he will be involved in the planning and coordination aspects of programs including complete count committees, local review, media promotion, school projects, and those targeted toward professional associations such as SRDG. His new address is US Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Decennial Planning Division-Outreach, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-4139.

Stephen Tordella, formerly with the Applied Population Laboratory, University of Wisconsin, is now Senior Demographer with CACI, Inc., 1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209, (703) 841-7800.

We welcome the following new members:

>Edward Murguia, Sociology Dept., Trinity University, San Antonio, TX 78284

>Wolfgang Opitz, Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712

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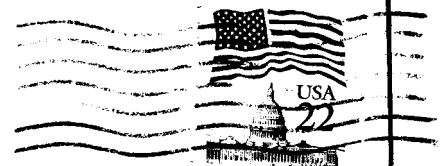
>Baochang Gu, Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712

>Douglas A. Wolf, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC 20037

All news and comments of interest to SRDG are welcome and will be included as space permits. Send items to Cliff Patrick, 2024 Westwood Terrace, Vienna, VA 22180.

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