

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 Isaac W. Eberstein, Center for the Study of Population, Bellamy 659, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4063; (904) 644-1762.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

President Jeff Evans has announced the results of the recent SRDG election. Following are the new officers, their terms beginning November 1, 1986:

President-Elect: Omer Galle, University of Texas at Austin

Member, Board of Directors: Isaac W. Eberstein, Florida State University

Stan Smith, University of Florida, was elected Vice President by the SRDG Board of Directors. Ben Bradshaw, University of Texas Health Science Center, was appointed by the Board of Directors to another term as Secretary-Treasurer.

NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of SRDG was held October 15-17, 1986 in Baltimore. Some 120 members attended and presented approximately 75 papers in regular and poster sessions. Workshops were held on the demographic role in litigation and on microcomputer software for teaching demography. Two plenary sessions were organized by President Jeff Evans, who also served as local arrangements chair. Thanks to Jeff and to Parker Frisbie, Program Chair, for a job well done.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

At their meeting in Baltimore, the SRDG Board of Directors completed the following additional business: (1) Cliff Patrick was appointed to find again complete the required review of financial records for the past year. (2) Bill Serow (chair), Marcia Galloway, and Judith Waldrop were appointed to the nominations committee. (3) Julie Martin was asked to be SRDG's "resident agent" in the State of Virginia. (4) Future meeting sites were considered. Atlanta will be the site in 1987, followed by San Antonio in 1988. For 1989 several locations were mentioned, among them Virginia Beach, Charleston, Savannah, and Puerto Rico. (5) The Secretary/Treasurer's report was accepted and the 1987 budget approved. The budget calls for some \$5500 in expenditures. As of 10-1-86, SRDG had 335 dues paying members and \$15,245 cash on hand.

SOUTHERN DEMOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION?

Also in Baltimore, SRDG members voted overwhelmingly to change the name of the

organization to the Southern Demographic Association. This is the culmination of a process begun at the annual meeting in Orlando in 1984, when then-President Dan Price appointed a committee headed by George Myers to study the issue. The committee recommended that the name be changed, but no specific name was suggested. The 1985 business meeting in Austin was divided as to possible names, so the Board of Directors took the matter up and suggested SDA. Following the favorable vote in Baltimore, the SRDG constitution requires that there be a vote by the membership, by mail ballot, on whether to change the name from SRDG to SDA. Approval of the name change by a majority of those voting will result in its passage. Supporters of the name change cite the enhanced image of an "association" over a "group," the redundancy of a name containing both "Southern" and "regional," and a reluctance on the part of some supervisors to approve/fund travel to the meetings of "SRDG" because of the ambiguity of the name. Opponents of the name change cite the small size and informal nature of the "group" as evidence that SRDG is not an "association."

FUTURE MEETINGS

Omer Galle, President-Elect of SRDG, will serve as program chair for the 1987 annual meetings, to be held in Atlanta. Comments or suggestions should be mailed to him at the Population Research Center, 1800 Main Building, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712, phone (512) 471-5514.

Gladys Bowles is serving as chair of the local arrangements committee for the Atlanta meetings. Members wishing to assist her in this work should contact her at 161 Milledge Heights, Athens, GA 30606, phone (404) 549-2821.

ASA CERTIFICATION OF SOCIOLOGISTS IN DEMOGRAPHY

At their annual business meeting this past August, the Population Section of the American Sociological Association discussed at length the current status and future developments in the ASA program to certify sociologists in substantive areas, including demography. Wendy Baldwin, Section Chair, reported that as of the July 1 deadline for certification at the annual meeting, three completed applications had been received and acted upon. After some discussion among those present, the conclusion of the business meeting was to do nothing, given that the section had asked for separate certification in demography (rather than being

included with medical sociology), that there was little opposition to certification voiced within the section, and that applications had been received. At present, certification is limited to the PhD level. Future ASA plans call for certification to be extended to the Master's level, with the possibility of some sort of testing being included in those requirements.

RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NICHD plans to issue two new requests for research applications in the near future. One will be on the social, economic and demographic aspects of infant low birth weight and mortality. Inquiries should be directed to Wendy Baldwin, (301) 496-1174. The second will be on the strength of motivation in fertility related behavior. Inquiries should be directed to Gloria Kamenske, (301) 496-1174.

DOROTHY S. THOMAS AWARD

For postdoctoral graduate students are invited to submit papers for the 1987 Dorothy S. Thomas Award competition. The award has been established by the Population Association of America and will be presented annually for the best paper submitted in the fields of internal migration or the interrelationships among social, economic, and demographic variables, areas of particular interest to Dr. Thomas. The award consists of a \$1,500 prize and an appropriate certificate.

For information on regulations governing eligibility for the award, length of papers, letters of endorsement, and submission procedures, contact Julie DaVanzo, The Rand Corporation, 1700 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90406. Papers must arrive by January 15, 1987. Announcement of the award will be made at the Annual Meetings of the PAA in April-May 1987.

MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

The Urban Institute has recently developed a Policy Discussion Paper series aimed at improving the quality of the policy-making process through a broad distribution of research findings on the impacts of immigration in California. Recent papers in this series are the following:

"Immigration to Southern California: Fact and Fiction," by Tracy Ann Goodis and Thomas J. Espenshade, PDS-86-1, 26 pp., \$5.00, May 1986.

"Why the United States Needs Immigrants," by Thomas J. Espenshade, PDS-86-2, 39 pp., \$5.75, August 1986.

To order send a check payable to The Urban Institute to Library/Information Clearinghouse, The Urban Institute, PO Box 7273, Dept. C, Washington, DC 20044. Please include paper titles and the name of this newsletter.

MEMBER GRANTS & AWARDS

Core NICHD funding for the Population Research Center of the University of Texas at Austin has recently been renewed for another 5 years. Also, PRC has received support for two postdoctoral fellowships in the demography of aging from NIA.

DATA CORNER

1. United States Microdata Samples Extract File, 1940-80: The Demographics of Aging. To facilitate research on the changing

characteristics of the elderly population, the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA) is preparing an extract file with data from the US Census Bureau's decennial Public Use Microdata sample files. This cumulative file will simplify comparisons of the experiences of differing birth cohorts in such areas as occupational status, living arrangements, and financial well-being. Data from 1970 and 1980 are now available in a single combined file; the complete 1940-80 cumulative file will be available in the fall of 1986. A stratified sampling design was employed to select person-level records by age, race, and sex. Approximately five hundred records were chosen from the cross-classification of these variables. A weight variable is included in the file for use with the stratified sample. Contact Patricia Green, Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, or call (313) 763-5010.

2. The Senate Special Committee on Aging has released a report entitled "How Older Americans Live." The report takes a close look at the social and environmental characteristics of today's 55-and-over population to identify major factors affecting tomorrow's elderly. For a copy of the report, contact: The US Senate Special Committee on Aging, DSOB G-33, Washington, DC 20510.

3. The Social Security Administration's Office of Research, Statistics, and International Policy announces the availability of a public use data tape for the 1982 New Beneficiary Survey (NBS). The NBS interviewed 18,599 persons in October-December 1982, and linked their responses to administrative data on benefits. The NBS contains representative samples of persons who first received Social Security benefits in mid-1980 to mid-1981 as retired workers, as disabled workers, as wives, widows, divorced wives, and surviving divorced wives. The NBS also contains a representative sampling of persons aged 65 and over who were entitled to Medicare benefits but who had not yet received Social Security cash benefits. The survey questionnaire contains the following topics: household composition, employment history, job characteristics of the current, last and longest job, other employment not covered by social security, health, sources of income and amounts of income received in the last three months, asset holdings and income from assets, marital history, and child care. First findings of these data are presented in the Social Security Bulletin beginning in January 1985. The data cost \$150 and are available with documentation on one reel of computer tape. Contact Joel Packman, Office of Research, Statistics, and International Policy, Social Security Administration, Operations Building, Rm. 2-B-2, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (301) 594-0348.

4. Fifteen new data sets have recently been added to the Data Archive on Adolescent Pregnancy and Pregnancy Prevention (DAAPPP). Among these are the National Fertility Studies (1965, 1970, 1975) and the 1980 National Natality Survey/National Fetal Mortality Survey. Contact, DAAPPP, Sociometrics Corporation, 3191 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306; (415) 321-7846.

FELLOWSHIPS

American Statistical Association/NSF/Census Bureau Research Fellowships and Associateships at the Census Bureau for 1987-8. Unique opportunity to make major advances in methodological or subject matter research related to Census Bureau operations or data. General areas for research are social and demographic studies, economic measurement and analysis, and statistical methodology and

computing. Requirements: for Fellows, recognized research record in relevant field (e.g., Demography, Sociology, Statistics, Economics); for Associates, at least two years graduate study in relevant field. Salaries are commensurate with qualifications and experience; also, fringe benefits and a travel allowance are provided. Length of term and start date are flexible -- usually six months to a year beginning Sept. 1. Can start as early as June 1, 1987; can be split into two or more parts. Apply by January 1, 1987 for Fellows and February 15, 1987 for Associates. For information on specific research topics and on how to apply contact Dr. Daniel Kasprzyk, Coordinator for SIPP Research, Room 2024-3, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233; phone (301) 763-5784.

The Carolina Population Center invites applications for a small number of postdoctoral fellowships for population research training in 1987-8. Among the requirements for a completed application are (a) an approved plan for research and training and (b) sponsorship of the application by a CPC faculty member who agrees to serve as preceptor if an award is made. Both general population research fellowships and special fellowships for research at the interface of social demography and biology are offered. Completion of a doctorate involving population-relevant research training is prerequisite for appointment. For appointments beginning the second half of calendar 1987, the deadline for receipt of completed applications is February 2, 1987. Since responsibility for arranging faculty sponsorship and developing a proposed plan of training belongs to each applicant, initial requests for application materials should be received well before the deadline. Inquiries should be directed to J. Richard Udry, Director, Carolina Population Center, University Square 300-A, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-3997; (919) 966-1710. Minority applications are encouraged. AA/EOE

Florida State University, Center for the Study of Population anticipates one or more openings in its post-doctoral training program in the demography of aging for the fall of 1987. This program offers persons who have training and a strong research interest in aging and the older population the opportunity to enhance their research skills by becoming familiar with the data and techniques of demography and the interrelationships between the disciplines of demography and gerontology. Trainees will be expected to attend seminars on demographic techniques and to work with senior faculty of the Center in developing thorough reviews of gerontology/demography topics from which comprehensive research agenda can be established. Stipends range from approximately \$17,000 to \$30,000, depending upon duration of post-doctoral experience. Applicants must have training in an aging related area and must be able to demonstrate a strong research orientation. Applicants must also be US citizens or permanent residents. To apply, send complete curriculum vitae, examples of written work, a one-page statement indicating expected benefits of this training and the names of three references to: William J. Serow, Associate Director, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University, 653 Bellamy Building, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4063. Applications must be received by April 30, 1987. AA/EOE

The Population Reference Bureau invites applications for PRB's Visiting Scholar Award for the nine-month period beginning September 1987. The recipient of the Award, made available under a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, will be expected to spend at least nine months at PRB's Washington, DC headquarters carrying out a population policy-related project of either domestic or

international focus. Priority will be given to policy-oriented projects that attempt to synthesize work on a particular topic (including the scholar's own contribution). Proposals for new research activities will also be considered. Interested individuals should forward a brief description of their planned activities together with a curriculum vitae and a sample of recent publications no later than December 15, 1986 to: Visiting Scholar Program, Population Reference Bureau, 777 14th St. NW #800, Washington, DC 20005. For further information, call Tom Merrick at (202) 639-8040.

The Population Reference Bureau invites applications for internships for Summer 1987 and the Academic year 1987-8. PRB internships provide an opportunity for persons with a strong interest in population to work under the supervision of professional demographers on a wide range of national and international issues. Insofar as possible they assist PRB's professional staff on specific projects and help in the preparation of publications. Summer interns spend between two and three months at PRB. Academic year interns spend one or two semesters. Interns usually work 20 hours a week for which they receive a stipend. This schedule allows outside activities including courses on population at local universities. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Some population-related course work is useful but is not a prerequisite for acceptance. Interested individuals should forward a letter of application describing their completed academic studies and their future plans as well as their interests in the field of population. Three letters of recommendation from instructors should be sent separately. Deadlines for applications are as follows: Summer Program: February 1; Academic Year Program: May 1. Awards will be made on March 1 for the Summer Program and on July 1 for the Academic Year Program. Applications should be sent to Dr. Thomas W. Merrick, Population Reference Bureau, Inc., 777 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

PERMANENT POSITIONS

Cornell University, Department of Consumer Economics and Housing, invites applications for tenure track position beginning Fall 1987. Candidates should have a PhD in Sociology or related fields with an emphasis in social demography and at least one of the following: urban sociology, family sociology, and family policy. The position is a 12 month position requiring teaching three graduate and undergraduate courses dealing with social demography, demography and consumption, family formation, spatial distribution and/or urban ecology. Research in similar areas is expected. Send vita, three letters of recommendation, transcript, and examples of written work to: Jean R. Robinson, Chairman, Department of Consumer Economics and Housing, Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-4401.

The State of Florida, Department of Corrections is seeking a Researcher/Demographer. The position involves state of the art sociodemographic forecasting of the prisoner and supervised offender population in the state. The position also entails taking the lead for DOC in the State Criminal Justice Consensus Estimating Conference. Requirements: PhD and established research record. Salary: negotiable. For more information, contact Benjamin F. Williams, Bureau Chief, Planning, Research & Statistics, Florida Department of Corrections, 1311 Winewood Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2500. Phone (904) 488-8430.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is seeking applications for a Demographic/Economic Analyst. Job responsibilities focus on developing population estimates and forecasts at city, county, and census tract levels, analyzing temporal and spatial demographic shifts in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and managing census databases for the region. Publication opportunities for research findings exist, as well. Excellent computer resources are available to support these duties, including an IBM 4381 running VM/CMS, primarily using SAS, and microcomputers, with dBase, Lotus, and Geographic Information System (GIS) software. Compensation for this position includes a starting salary ranging from \$24,084 to \$27,696, an excellent retirement plan, and medical and dental benefits. Master's degree in Demography, Economics, or related field is preferred, with relevant focus and experience. Please send resume, references, and writing sample by December 1, 1986 to: Paul Waddell, Director of Regional Services, NCTCOG, PO Drawer COG, Arlington, TX 76005-5888.

The Population Reference Bureau, Inc. is seeking a Senior Demographer to head its Department of Policy Studies. Applicants should demonstrate achievement in policy-oriented, applied research on an important US population issue such as immigration, aging, or population distribution, and have some experience in administration. The Head of the Policy Studies Department reports to the President of PRB and is responsible for managing the activities of the Department's staff as well as PRB's policy oriented publications, internships, and Visiting Scholar Programs. Salary is dependent upon qualifications; PRB offers generous benefits, including TIAA/CREF. Applicants should send a

curriculum vitae, reprints of relevant publications, and a salary history to Thomas W. Merrick, President, Population Reference Bureau, Inc., 777 14th St. NW, #800, Washington, DC 20005. Women, members of minority groups and handicapped persons are encouraged to apply. AA/EOE

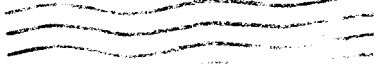
EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to Cliff Patrick and Jeff Evans for many items included in this issue.

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