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## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of SDA was held October 19-21 at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Approximately 75 persons attended. As with last year's meeting in Atlanta, this is somewhat fewer than in the past.

## ELECTION RESULTS

President Omer Galle announced that Stanley, K. Smith, University of Florida, and Kirsten West, US Bureau of the Census, have been elected President-Elect and Director of SDA, respectively. Their terms began on November 1, 1988. Congratulations!!

## NEW PAA AWARD IN APPLIED DEMOGRAPHY

The family of Robert Lapham, in conjunction with the Population Association of America, recently announced the establishment of the Robert J. Lapham Award. This award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions in the application of demographic knowledge to policy issues. The first award will be given at the Presidential Address Session of the annual meeting of the Population Association of America in Baltimore in March 1989. Nominations are now being solicited. The name of the nominee, a brief description of his/her contributions, and a copy of the nominee's vitae should be sent, no later than December 31, 1988, to Prof. Ronald Freedman, Chair, Lapham Award Committee, University of Michigan, Population Studies Center, 1225 South University, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2590.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 1989 meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association will be held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, April 27-29, 1989. If you are interested in giving a paper, please send an abstract or call the program chairperson as soon as possible. The program chairperson is David W. Rasmussen, Policy Sciences Program, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2018 (904/644-3848).

## NEW EDITORS FOR SDA NEWSLETTER

Effective with the next issue (February 1989), William and Barbara Clark O'Hare will take over as co-editors of Southern Demographic News. Please send all items for inclusion to them at the National Reference Bureau, 777 14th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

## ASA/CENSUS FELLOWSHIPS

American Statistical Association/NSF/Census Bureau Research Fellowships and Associateships beginning around September 1, 1989. Positions at the Census Bureau for one year or shorter period. 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, PhD and research record in relevant field (e.g., Sociology, Demography, Statistics, Economics, Geography); for Associates, at least two years of graduate study in relevant field plus computer experience. 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 September 1. Can start as early as June 1, 1989; can split term into two or more parts. Apply by January 6, 1989 for Fellows and February 15, 1989 for Associates. For information on specific research topics and on how to apply, contact Dr. Daniel Kasprzyk, Coordinator for SIPP Research, Room 2025-3, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233 (301/763-5784).

## SIPP PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

New Survey of Income and Program Participation products for 1987-88 are available from the Census Bureau. These include new working papers, new P-70 Reports, and the compilation of the SIPP papers presented at the annual meeting of the American Statistical Association. Also included are the SIPP 1984 Panel Wave 6 and Wave 9 Core and Topical Module Research Files. These contain four topical modules that have information on subjects such as annual income, taxes, employee benefits, and education and training. Also, the SIPP full-panel research file containing selected information from eight interviews of the 1984 SIPP panel is available now. There are a total of nine wave files from the 1984 panel available now, and waves 1 and 2 of the 1985 panel will be available soon. For information, call Hazel Beaton or Debra Ganni (301/763-5784) or write Daniel Kasprzyk, Chief, SIPP Research and Coordination Staff, Office of the Director, Bureau of the Census, RM 2432-3, Washington, DC 20233.

## CENSUS BUREAU'S FIFTH RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The fifth annual research conference will be held March 19-22, 1989, at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Arlington, VA. The conference will address a wide variety of topics such as nonsampling errors, new techniques in questionnaire design and analysis of longitudinal survey data. For additional information, contact Maxine Anderson-Brown, Office of the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233 (301/763-1150).

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The SDA Board of Directors met in San Antonio. Abridged/ updated minutes of the meeting follow:

1. Secretary Treasurer's Report: The association continues to be in good shape financially. Although the projected budget for 1988-89 shows a slight deficit (expenditures of \$4963 as opposed to income of \$4650), SDA had \$16,804 cash on hand and 305 members as of October 1, 1988.

2. Nominations Committee: The following members were appointed: J. Gundlach (chair), B. Wurdock, and E. Powell-Griner.

#### 3. Annual Meetings:

a. 1988 Meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Ben Bradshaw reported that personnel at the Menger Hotel had been very cooperative, and meeting facilities were excellent. However, hotel reservations lagged below expectations. A block of 100 rooms had been set aside for SDA - the same as in the San Antonio meeting of 1978 - but as of October 19, only 44 had been reserved, and half those reservations had been made after the hotel's "deadline" of September 19. Meeting preregistrations were similarly low. He did not expect that total registration would exceed 75. The percentage of members participating in the annual meeting appeared to be declining in the last two years.

Program Chair Julie Martin commented that the response to the call for papers had been quite limited, and that she had had to request participation of a number of members. Chairs for some sessions had not been filled until shortly before the meeting. She recommended that future program arrangers should make an early start on meeting plans.

In response to a question about the absence of abstracts in the 1988 program booklet, Martin stated that few complete, well-formed abstracts had been submitted - too few to justify an abstracts section. Bradshaw commented that SDA presenters in past years have submitted skimpy, incomplete, and badly composed "abstracts" that required a great deal of "cutting and pasting" to make them printable. The suggestion was made that in the absence of abstracts, the 1989 program should include addresses of first authors of papers or of designated contact persons. This recommendation was approved by the Board.

b. 1989 Meeting. George Myers, Duke University is local arrangements chair for the 1989 meeting in Durham. He was not present at the Board meeting but informed Bradshaw by phone that he had investigated several possible hotels, any of which could accommodate SDA.

c. 1990 Meeting. The Board at its October 1987 meeting had agreed on Memphis as a meeting site, with John Marcum serving as local arrangements chair. However, Marcum recently took a new position in Louisville and suggested to the Secretary-Treasurer that the meeting be held there instead. The board agreed that the 1990 meeting would be in Louisville.

d. 1991 Meeting. No site has been

selected; however, Leon Bouvier in a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer recommended Norfolk, VA, with the suggestion that he and other SDA members in the Norfolk area serve as local arrangers.

e. Possible change of meeting days. Bradshaw, pursuant to a letter from Bouvier, raised the question of whether SDA should change its meeting days to Thursday-Saturday from Wednesday-Friday. Part of the rationale for this change is the much more favorable airplane fares available for weekend travel. In addition, less work time would be missed. Board members were significantly divided on the issue. It was decided that the Wednesday-Friday schedule would be followed through the 1989 meeting, and that the SDA membership should vote on whether to change to a different schedule.

#### 4. Committee Reports.

a. Membership Committee: The committee's report was delivered during the general discussion on meeting attendance and member participation. Gladys Bowles and Anne Lee, Co-chairs, reported rather disappointing response to their efforts at recruiting members to SDA. However, Board members, in applauding their work, pointed out that the positive response (49 out of a total of 343 recruitment letters mailed) was quite good, and the Membership Committee should continue its work.

b. Applied Demography Committee: Judith Waldrop commented on some frustration at organizing activities of the committee. Discussion followed in which recommendations for activities, such as specialized workshops, were offered. The workshops, except for one notable failure, had been highly successful in the past. Martin suggested that she, as President, would in consultation with the program chair (Stan Smith) appoint a committee to develop applied demography sessions for the 1989 annual meeting, and in the process assist the activities of the Committee.

c. Newsletter: Isaac Eberstein, Newsletter editor, was unable to attend; however he informed the Board through Robert Weller that he would resign as editor following the next issue of the Newsletter. The Board discussed possible persons to fill the vacancy with no decision reached. (Omer Galle later announced at the plenary luncheon session that William and Barbara Clark O'Hare of the Population Reference Bureau will take over as newsletter editors, effective with the February 1989 issue.)

d. Archivist: Leon Bouvier, SDA Archivist, was not present, but he had sent a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer in which he commented on the failure of SDA Presidents to send their "presidential papers" to him for filing. He urged that they do so in the future.

#### 5. Other Business.

a. Name Change: Bradshaw inquired whether Martin, as "resident agent" for SDA, had received any correspondence from the Virginia State Corporation Commission which verified that the Association's name had officially been changed from "Southern Regional Demographic Group." She responded that she had not, but she assumed that the change was made because she had not received any notice indicating otherwise.

b. Population and Environment: Galle reported that SDA now has three representatives on the twelve-member editorial board of the journal, as had been negotiated by Willi Serow on behalf of the Association. Members are Judith Waldrop, William O'Hare, Isaac Eberstein.

## FAME AND FORTUNE

**Bureau of the Census.** The US Bureau of the Census has a demographic research position open in the Population Division. Position will be filled at the GS-9 to GS-12 level (starting salaries in 1989 beginning at \$24,000 to \$35,000), depending on qualifications and experience. The principal purpose of this position is to develop and implement demographic analytic techniques for measuring the undercount of the decennial census of the US. Development of coverage estimates requires research in many areas, including measurement of births, deaths, immigration (legal and undocumented), emigration, and the use of Medicare data. Qualifications include a Master's or PhD, with a strong background in applied demographic research. Programming experience (especially in FORTRAN or SAS) is desirable. Must be a US citizen. To apply, interested persons should send a curriculum vitae and the names of three reference persons to Gregg Robinson, Population Division, US Bureau of the Census, Suitland, Maryland 20233. For more information, call 301/763-5590. An equal opportunity employer.

**City of Huntsville.** The Planning Department of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, seeks a Demographer Researcher. Salary, \$27,319-\$37,745, DOE. This person will be responsible for the demographics and research section of the long range planning division. This is an excellent career opportunity in a rapid growth area to establish a highly professional and technically oriented research section for the City of Huntsville, ranked by Inc. magazine as the seventh fastest growing city in the US. A master's degree is required in demographics, statistics, or a related field. A PhD is preferred. Resumes should be sent to: City of Huntsville Planning Department, PO Box 308, Huntsville, Alabama 35804. For information, call the Huntsville Planning Department at 205/532-7353.

**National Decision Systems.** National Decision Systems of San Diego is looking for an Account Manager to service and support major Fortune 500 clients. Requires experience in demography and with micro-computers. Contact Mark Catone at 619/942-7000.

## SOUTHERN DEMOGRAPHERS

Katrina Galway, formerly at IRD/Westinghouse, is now Senior Research Associate on the RAPID and OPTIONS projects at the Futures Group, 1101 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

The Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch of the Center for Population Research at NICHD funded several grants to SDA members during the last fiscal year. These are listed below:

Frank D. Bean, University of Texas Population Research Center and Urban Institute, "Fertility Patterns in the Mexican Origin Population."

Benjamin S. Bradshaw, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, "Infant Mortality among Mexican Americans."

W. Parker Frisbie, University of Texas Population Research Center, "Infant Mortality among Mexican Americans, 1935-1985."

Myron P. Gutman, University of Texas Population Research Center, "Models of Population Dynamics."

Charles B. Nam and Isaac W. Eberstein, Florida State University Center for the Study of Population, "Prior and Proximate Factors in Infant Mortality by Cause."

Ronald R. Rindfuss, University of North Carolina, Carolina Population Center, "Disorder in the Life Course and Family Formation Timing."

## EDITOR'S NOTE

All news and announcements of interest to SDA members will be published without charge, subject to space constraints. A special request is made for news about association members (new publications, grants, other awards, job changes, tenure/promotion, etc.). Please ask the person responsible for institutional publicity to include the Southern Demographic News on standard mailing lists. Deadlines and publication dates for each issue are below:

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