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1990 SDA MEETING

From the birth of Muhammad Ali to the death of Colonel Sanders, Louisville has been the home of many demographic events. This fall, it will host a different sort of demographic event when SDA meets there. No births or deaths (or even migrations) are planned, but a variety of other activities will highlight the period from October 18-20. These include over two dozen paper sessions, two plenaries, a welcoming beer party, and--not to be outdone by last year's pig-picking extravaganza--a dinner and entertainment cruise on Friday night aboard the River Queen.

The meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency-Louisville, located in the center of downtown, adjacent to the Galleria shopping complex. Nearby are numerous restaurants, and within a short walk is the Kentucky Center for the Arts, Actors Theatre of Louisville, and the Museum of Science and History (which has an IMAX theater). Farther afield is Churchill Downs (no racing on these dates, but the Kentucky Derby Museum will be open), the Louisville Zoo, Hillerich & Bradsby, and (of course) the Colonel Sanders Museum. One of the Census Bureau's main processing centers is located just across the river in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

The Thursday through Saturday schedule is an experiment by the SDA Board to enable participants to take advantage of less expensive air fares by staying over Saturday night.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts are invited for contributed papers to be presented at the 1990 meetings of the SDA. Volunteers are also invited to organize paper or panel sessions.

The scope of SDA encompasses any topic of interest to demographers. Applied and basic contributions are welcome, as are works from social, economic, geographic, political, psychological, formal or other demographic points to view. Students are especially welcome as full participants.

Please send abstracts and/or other expressions of interest to the program chair by **June 30, 1990**:

Dr. Issac W. Eberstein
Center for Study of Population
Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4063
Phone (904) 644-7108
or 644-1762 (messages)

SDA INITIATES GRADUATE STUDENT PRIZE

The Board of Directors of SDA voted to sponsor an award for the best paper written and presented by a student at the annual SDA meeting. The first such award will be presented at the 1990 meeting in Louisville. Abstracts or preliminary drafts of papers should be sent to the Program Chair, Isaac Eberstein (see announcement above), by June 30; be sure to indicate that it is a student paper. Final drafts must be received by September 15.

A review committee composed of Bob Weller, Dudley Poston, and Steve Murdock will read the papers and pick the winner, who will receive an award certificate (suitable for framing) and a cash prize of \$50.00. We hope this award will spur student attendance at the annual meeting and promote continued SDA participation in future years. Students do not have to be a

member of SDA to submit a paper for the competition.

Faculty, please publicize this event and urge your students to submit papers for presentation in Louisville. Students, we hope to see you there.

FREE PUBLICATION ON STATE DEMOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES

In 1977 the Southern Demographic Association (at that time, the Southern Regional Demographic Group) published a small book entitled Perspectives on State Demographic Activities. This book dealt with availability, organization, quality and current use of demographic information at the state and local levels, with a special focus on the South. Authors included Dudley Poston, Harry Rosenberg, Thomas Evans, Forrest Pollard, Bill Serow, and Frederick Cavanaugh. A supply of these books was recently discovered in the basement of a former archivist of the SDA (contrary to rumors, Geraldo Rivera was not present when the discovery was made). If you would like to receive a free copy of this book please notify Jack Marcum, Presbyterian Church (USA), Research Services, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

CENSUS BUREAU BACK IN COURT

For those of you following the saga of census undercount litigation, New York City and other plaintiffs reopened the suit that had been settled out of Court last July. At this point it is not clear how the Court will rule on the plaintiff's request to require the government to adjust census figures for undercounts, or overcounts.

The Census Bureau finds itself back in court at a time when the census itself is not going as well as expected. The Bureau had expected about 70 percent of those who received questionnaires in the mail to return them by the end of April. Only about 63 percent did so. Each percentage point below 70 percent means about one million additional housing units that will have to be visited by an enumerator. It costs about ten million dollars to send enumerators to one million households, so the low return rate means an additional \$70 million dollars the Census Bureau must spend on this activity.

Many demographers are concerned that this may affect the quality of the data collected, both in terms of higher undercounts and less accurate information for households that are included, and affect the quantity or timing of census products.

FAME AND FORTUNE

The Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, is looking for an Associate in Research (Demographer). This is a 12 month, non-tenure-accruing academic position. Duties include collecting and analyzing demographic and socio-economic data for the U.S., Florida and local areas in Florida; conducting and writing up the results of research on the determinants and consequences of population growth, with particular emphasis on policy implications for state and local governments in Florida; and developing and evaluating methodologies for producing state and local population estimates and projections. Applicants must have a doctorate (or master's degree and substantial job experience), with special training in demography. This position requires expertise in research design, data analysis, computer programming, and oral and written communication. Salary is negotiable, depending on qualifications and experience. Application deadline is September 30, 1990; beginning date is on or about December 15, 1990. Please send curriculum vita and the names and addresses of three references to:

Professor Stanley Smith
Bureau of Economic and Business Research
221 Matherly Hall
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611

The Division of Public Health at Emory University announces two openings. These are tenure track faculty positions at either assistant or associate professor level. The first position is for someone trained in one of the behavioral/social sciences, health education, or related fields. The second position is for a researcher in health policy and/or health services research. For more information, contact Dr. Nancy Thompson, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Division of Public Health, Emory University, Drawer G, Atlanta, GA 30322.

DEMOGRAPHERS ON THE MOVE

Bashir Ahmed, formerly of the University of Florida, has joined the Demographic Analysis Staff, Population Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington D.C.

A. Diane Schmidly has joined the staff of the Ethnic and Hispanic Branch of the Population Division at the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C.

Jay Leatherman, formerly a graduate student at Bowling Green State University, and a former intern at the Population Reference Bureau in Washington, has joined

the staff of the Estimates and Projections Branch of the Population Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Maria Conception J. Cruz has been named Visiting Scholar at the Population Reference Bureau for the 1990-91 school year. Dr. Cruz will be examining the interaction of population and the environment with particular emphasis on the role of women in developing countries.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The next meeting of the American Statistical Association (August 6-9, 1990, in Anaheim California) will have several sessions that may be of interest to demographers. The most relevant sessions are organized under the auspices of the Social Statistics Section and several are co-sponsored by the State and Local Demographic Interest Group as well as the Business Demography Interest Group. For further information about these sessions contact Linda Gage, California State Demographer, Demographic Research Unit, Department of Finance, 915 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814. Phone (916) 322-4651.

The American Sociological Association will be holding its annual meeting in Washington D.C. August 11 -15, 1990. For more information contact the ASA office at 1722 N Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, or phone (202) 833 3410.

The North American Conference on Applied Demography will be held October 18-20, 1990 at Bowling Green State University. Conference sessions will examine the ways demographic data and concepts are used to inform business and policy decisions, cover recent developments in and applications of demographic techniques, review new computer applications, information sources and census materials, while encouraging debate on the issues and concerns common to professionals working in the area. For submission of abstracts or more information contact, Jerry Wicks or K.V. Rao at Department of Sociology, Williams Hall, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403-0231, Phone (419) 372 2497; FAX (419) 372-2300.

The Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) World Conference will be held August 5-7, 1991 in Washington, D.C. For more information contact World Conference Coordinator, Demographic and Health Surveys Program, Institute for Resource Development Inc., 8850 Stanford Blvd. Columbia, MD 21044: FAX (301) 290-2999.

The Fifth National Australian Population Association Conference will be held November 21-23, 1990, in Melbourne. The theme is "Australia's Future Population: Implications for Business and Government." For details contact the convenor, Christine Kilmartin, Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, or phone (03) 608 6890.

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, etc.)

Please mail items for inclusion and/or suggestions to Barbara C. O'Hare, United Way of America, 701 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 836-7100.