

Southern Demographic Newsletter

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I conclude my year as SDA President, I am happy our fall conference was such a success from professional and personal points of view. I feel the reasons for the success of this year's meeting begin with the exceptional roles of Barb Johnson and Bob Freymeyer in planning events and scouting possible locations and extend to efforts of SDA officers and each one of you as members. We returned to South Carolina after a long absence, and members were glad to experience the SC resort location. Everyone enjoyed the reception on the Bullhead deck and the warmth of the Taste of the Lowcountry dinner on a chilly evening. The 2004 SDA guest speakers Nancy Denton and Phil Morgan were very well received in the plenary luncheons. Our agenda was full, and the weather and beach were simply fantastic. Conference papers were outstanding throughout the two days, including many fine late-breaking topics that preceded gatherings of members staying until Sunday.

This was a year of many transitions for SDA. There are always some changes among members of the Board of Directors and annual term offices, but we thank David Swanson for a great year, as he became Secretary and Treasurer after the long service of June Nogle. In mid-year, the PRPR Editorial Office moved from Woody Carlson and Florida State to David Swanson and Ole Miss. The aims of achieving higher quality for our association journal in research and policy on population are continuing under the new editorial leadership. We appreciate the service of Samia El-Badry and Lynne Cossman as elected directors, and we look forward to having John McHenry and Rebecca Clark involved on the Board of Directors. Our remarkable SDA News editors, Lynne Cossman and Ron Cossman, are continuing to write and receive your submissions.

If you missed this conference, the call for papers will soon appear for the 2005 conference. As I always anticipate the SDA meetings, I am looking forward to the Ole Miss meeting in Oxford plus I saved the New York Times article of May 21, 2004 about ways to spend 36 hours in Oxford. I am already planning to add a Ralph Bledsoe print to my office and to remember to look up at the starry Mississippi skies. If you decide to travel earlier or later, the region offers several possibilities: great dining and evening entertainment on Beale Street in Memphis; Tunica county casinos, not to mention touring an area that experienced an economic turnaround; local artists and woodworkers in Oxford, Batesville, and elsewhere; jazz and blues in historic Delta sites. Coincidentally, our meeting happens at the same time as the Sweet Potato Festival in Vardaman, Mississippi (which, according to the Census Bureau, is really not the principal producer of U.S. sweet potatoes).

Thanks again to everyone for this wonderful year of my presidency and join me in welcoming Bob Hummer as the 2005 President of the Southern Demographic Association!

Karen A. Woodrow-Lafield

MEMBER NEWS

Two SDA members are serving on the Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations. David Swanson (University of Mississippi) is in the first year of a three-year term and Stan Smith (University of Mississippi) is in the final year of a second three-year term. The Advisory Committee advises the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of Bureau programs and activities. The full Committee consists of 36 members, with nine members appointed from each of the following four organizations: American Economic Association; American Marketing Association; American Statistical Association, and the Population Association of America. The Advisory Committee generally meets twice each year, with the next meeting scheduled in the Spring of 2005.

Three SDA members have joined the Center for Population Studies at the University of Mississippi as Adjunct Research Associates:

Samia El-Badry holds a Ph.D in Sociology from the University of Texas at Austin, with a specialization in demography. She has served in teaching and research roles, directed programs in cross cultural development, conducted and directed research, interpreted demographic and business data, edited and published reports, and made formal presentations to congress, business, and academics. During the past nine years, she has served as a representative on the U.S. Secretary of Commerce's Advisory Committee for the Census. She has published in American Demographics, the Futures Forum, the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and done pieces for The BBC. Samia specializes in business demography.

M.V. George. is recently retired from Statistics Canada, where he served as Chief of Population Projections Section for many years. He also served as Associate Director, and Senior Adviser, Demography Division. He is now living in Atlanta, GA close to his daughter and family. M.V. holds a Ph.D in Demography from Australian National University and has published widely on internal and international migration, Canadian Aboriginal demography, and demographic projections. He is the author/co-author of several monographs/ and research reports, and published in Demography, Canadian Population Studies, Genus, Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly and Statistical Journal of UN ECE. He served as UN expert to Cairo Demographic Centerer (Senior Lecturer), and also has served on international expert committee meetings and advisory groups on migration and population projections methods, and has lectured widely on demographic topics. Currently he is Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology Emory University, and University of Alberta; and works at CDC as Senior Biostatistician with the Global AIDS Program group in support of developing demographic and HIV/AIDS projections and modeling.

Jerry McKibben holds a Ph.D in Sociology (with a specialization in demography) from Bowling Green State University. He has published in a number of journals, including Population Research and Policy Review, American Demographics, and the Journal of Economic and Social Measurement. He has served as the Deputy Chief of Research for the Connecticut Department of Corrections and as a visiting professor at Eastern Connecticut University. Jerry specializes in K-12 school district demography.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sociology-Assistant Professor at Duquesne University

Duquesne University's Department of Sociology is accepting applications for a faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor. This is a tenure track position to begin in August 2005. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in sociology or have completed the Ph.D. by August 1, 2005. Areas of specialization are open, but successful candidates will have strong abilities in research methods and an interest in applied sociology. The department stresses teaching excellence and has a strong orientation toward research and scholarship. Affiliation with the Graduate Center For Social And Public Policy is a feature of this position. Applicants should send a letter of introduction, teaching evaluations, a sample of their written work and three letters of reference to: Michael Irwin, Director of the Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Room 504 College Hall, Duquesne University, 600 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15282. Letters of application will be reviewed beginning December 10, 2004, and the application process will remain open until the position is filled. Founded by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in 1878, Duquesne University is Catholic in mission and ecumenical in spirit. Motivated by its Catholic identity, Duquesne University values equality of opportunity both as an educational institution and as an employer.

The Department of Global Health, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health is recruiting for a tenure-track position at the level of Assistant or Associate

Professor. The successful candidate will be appointed as a Rollins Assistant/Associate Professor, a chair that will be held until tenure is awarded. Candidates should have a doctoral degree and demonstrated commitment to research, teaching and service. Preference will be given to candidates with a strong research record, including current funded research in any area of interest to the faculty, including: community health, environmental health, health economics, infectious diseases, nutrition, and population and reproductive health. Experience in global health policy; health communications; health service research; and/or program management, design and evaluation will be valued. The candidate will be expected to teach two courses per year, one on methods and another in his/her substantive area and to develop an externally-funded research portfolio.

The Department of Global Health consists of over 30 full-time graduate faculty or jointly appointed faculty and over 60 adjunct faculty (<http://www.sph.emory.edu/hpdih.html>). The department takes pride in its collegial environment and culture of collaborative research and teaching. About 70 MPH/MSPH students are admitted yearly to our 2-year program. Department faculty are closely involved with the Nutrition and Health Sciences PhD program.

Emory is a major, top 25 ranked, AAU Research University. Exciting opportunities for research and collaboration exist with other departments of the School, other units of Emory University, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and CARE International. The department also has an extensive network of collaborating institutions and agencies abroad.

Interested persons should send a letter indicating their interest accompanied by a curriculum vitae and the name of three persons to whom we may solicit references; these should be sent to Reynaldo Martorell, Chair, Department of Global Health, 1518 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30322 USA. Screening of applications will continue until the position is filled. Starting date is negotiable. Emory is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Florida State University's Department of Economics expects to appoint a tenure track assistant professor in economic demography to start in August 2005. We seek an economic demographer to be housed in the Center for Demography and Population Health (<http://www.popcenter.fsu.edu>). Duties will include undergraduate and graduate teaching, research, and normal service requirements. For this position we also expect participation in multidisciplinary funded research in the Center.

Applications are invited from candidates with several years of experience as well as from new Ph.D.s; completion of Ph.D. prior to or soon after hire is essential. More information on the department can be found at <http://www.economics.fsu.edu>. Send curriculum vitae, research papers, evidence of teaching experience, and at least 3 letters of recommendation. Initial interviews at the AEA meetings in Philadelphia. An equal opportunity employer. CONTACT: Demography Search Committee, Department of Economics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2180.

University of Mississippi. The African American Studies program and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Mississippi invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship in African American Studies and Sociology starting August 2005. We seek a sociologist who will teach courses on the contemporary African American experience and will contribute to the teaching and research needs of both the African American Studies Program and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Area of specialization is open. The African American Studies program offers a minor and a BA degree, the Sociology program offers BA and MA degrees. Tenure and promotion will be in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. A minimum of ABD status at the time of application is required for consideration. The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to participate in the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. Review of applications will begin immediately and position will remain open until filled. Candidates should apply online at jobs.olemiss.edu. In addition, applicants should submit letter of interest, current Vita, three confidential letters of recommendation, and evidence of teaching effectiveness with the online application or send to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677. For more information, contact Jeff Jackson, Chair, African American Studies Search Committee, e-mail jacksonj@olemiss.edu. Salary is competitive. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. The University of Mississippi is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA employer.

****DIRECTOR OF DOMESTIC PROGRAMS, POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU****

The Population Reference Bureau seeks a Director of Domestic Programs to provide leadership and vision in conducting analysis and disseminating information on U.S. population trends and their implications. PRB's Domestic Programs Department focuses on children and families, aging, rural and regional demography, immigration, and poverty. The director supervises professional staff and consultants, ensures the cost-effective use of resources, and manages the quality and accuracy of publications on these topics. The director maintains good relationships with current and potential funders of PRB's projects on U.S. population and education, and writes proposals to secure funding for these efforts. This individual will represent PRB in various public and professional settings and contribute to writing, reviewing, and presenting findings of research and analysis.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES: Establish and communicate strategy and provide leadership for PRB's work on U.S. population trends and their implications. Communicate with current and potential sponsors; write proposals to secure funding for domestic products. Supervise Domestic Programs staff; ensure effective use of resources for projects. Ensure projects and programs fulfill the mission and strategic direction of the department as well as the organization. Write and review articles, give presentations in varied settings on U.S. population trends and their implications. Serve as an integral member of PRB's senior management team and contribute to PRB-wide management of policies and programs.

QUALIFICATIONS: Demonstrated abilities to provide strategic leadership in domestic programs and clear vision to highly skilled staff and to foster a strong sense of teamwork. Strong reputation and widely networked in US population issues and public policy. Demonstrated professional poise, energy, and enthusiasm to market PRB and to persuasively deal with important external audiences such as funders, collaborators, and contractors. Successful grant-seeking abilities as evidenced in record of successful proposals. Social sciences background, Ph.D. preferred. Strong writing and public-speaking skills for audiences as diverse as students, professors, journalists, researchers, and program managers. Excellent interpersonal skills and judgment as demonstrated in leadership positions. Successful history of prior management experience.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: PRB offers a competitive salary and benefits package that will be commensurate with the candidate's experience and background in meeting qualifications for this position.

APPLICATIONS: Please send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to HR Specialist, Population Reference Bureau, 1875 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 20009, USA, or fax 202-328-3937.

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CONFERENCES

Population-Environment Roundtable at ASA 2005 Meetings

Andrew London is organizing the roundtables for the 2005 ASA in Philadelphia and, with the support of Section Chair Anne Pebley, has agreed to consider a table devoted to population-environment research. The meeting is to be held August 13-15 in Philadelphia. The 2005 Call for Papers information will be posted on the Annual Meeting Website later this month, and the online submission system will open in early December 2004. His email: aslondon@maxwell.syr.edu.

The 4th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences

The 4th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences will be held from June 13 (Monday) to June 16 (Thursday), 2005 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference will provide many opportunities for academicians and professionals from social sciences related fields to interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines.

Topic Areas (All Areas of Social Sciences are Invited): Anthropology, Area Studies (African, American, Asian, European, Hispanic, Islamic, Jewish, Middle Eastern, Russian, Women's and all other cultural and ethnic studies), Communication, Economics, Education, Energy Alternatives, Ethnic Studies/International Studies, Geography, History, International Relations, Journalism, New Urbanism, Political Science, Preservation and Green Urbanism, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, Sustainable Development, Urban and Regional Planning, Women's studies, Other Areas of Social Science and cross-disciplinary areas of the above related to each other or other areas

36th annual meeting of the Alabama- Mississippi Sociological Association

We are planning the 36th annual meeting of the Alabama- Mississippi Sociological Association to be held in Tuscaloosa during February 24-25, 2005, and we cordially invite you to attend this meeting and to actively participate by creating a paper session or round-table discussion group, presenting a paper, or hosting a poster session. The meeting will convene at the Bryant Conference Center on the campus of The University of Alabama, a facility that is adjacent to the Sheraton Four Points Hotel and the Paul "Bear" Bryant Museum.

I would also like to call your attention to the fact that the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association strongly encourages student participation at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The 2005 program promises to offer an experience that is worthy of your attendance. Your participation is important and we look forward to your visit to the campus of The University of Alabama on February 24-25.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Peck, Ph.D.
Professor of Sociology
University of Alabama

2005 SDA Annual Meeting

The 2005 SDA Annual Meeting will be held November 3-5 on the campus of the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. Join demographers from all over the United States and many other countries for an enjoyable professional gathering known for its southern hospitality. Register for the conference and you will also receive SDA membership for 2006, which includes a subscription to the SDA Newsletter, Southern Demographic News, and volume 25 of Population Research and Policy Review.

Conference Registration Information

- Pre-registering for the conference is important. Without pre-registrations, the association cannot adequately plan for events, meeting rooms and conference facilities.
- To register for the conference, please fill out the attached form and return it to David A. Swanson, the SDA Secretary-Treasurer (address below). The conference pre-registration form may also be downloaded from the association's website: <http://www.fsu.edu/~sda>.
- The preliminary agenda is available at the association's website <http://www.fsu.edu/~sda/>. For more information on other SDA activities, please see the summer issue of Southern Demographic News, available at <http://www.ssrc.msstate.edu/news/sdanewsletter/home.html>.
- There will be a no-host reception Thursday night (November 3rd) and a group dinner Friday night.
- Are you interested in 2006 membership, but unable to join us at Ole Miss? Look for a 2006 membership form in the mail after the November meeting or check the SDA website.

Conference and Membership Payment Information

Make your check or money order payable in US dollars to the Southern Demographic Association. SDA does not accept either cash or credit cards; neither does it invoice. If you are unable to pre-register, note that you will need to pay only by check or money order at the onsite registration, which will be available the evening of Thursday, November 3rd, most of the day, Friday, November 4th, and for a limited time the morning of Saturday, November 5th.

The association's US Federal Taxpayer ID is 52-1210200.

Mail your completed pre-registration form and check or money order to:

David A. Swanson, SDA Secretary-Treasurer
Leavell Hall 104
University of Mississippi
University, MS 38677-1848 USA.

Questions? Call David Swanson at 662 915 6688 or email sda@olemiss.edu

Hotel and Booking Information

The Inn at Ole Miss is the official hotel for the conference. Its rates are from \$63 to \$83 per night with a \$7.00 surcharge for a second adult. To make room reservations, please call the Inn directly at (662) 234-2331 or book online at <http://www.theinnatolemiss.com/secure/res-form.asp>. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO MAKE A RESERVATION. THERE ARE 96 GUEST ROOMS AT THE INN AT OLE MISS AND THEY WILL BE BOOKED WELL BEFORE THE CONFERENCE STARTS. If you cannot book a room at the Inn, then contact one of the other area hotels found at <http://www.metrotravelguide.com/hotels/Oxford/MS/USA/>

Shuttles will arrive at the Memphis airport and take participants to the UM campus Thursday November 3rd from 10 a.m. to 8 pm. Registration will open at 7 p.m. and continue through the Welcoming Reception. Sessions and lunches are scheduled as usual and shuttles will return you to the Memphis airport between 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Foundation for Child Development (FCD) announces a third round of grants in its Changing Faces of America's Children - Young Scholars Program. The Young Scholars Program supports early-career researchers studying the challenges faced by children living in immigrant families.

Three to four fellowships of up to \$150,000 for use over one to three years (maximum) will be awarded competitively. Proposals are due on Monday, November 1, 2004. Applicants must have earned a Ph.D. or its equivalent in one of the behavioral and social sciences or in an allied professional field within the last 15 years. They must also be full-time, faculty members of a college or university in the United States.

The Young Scholars Program supports:

- ... Basic and policy-relevant research about the education, health and well-being of immigrant children from birth to age 10, particularly those living in low-income families.
- ... Young investigators' efforts to attain tenure or who have received tenure in the last four years from a college or university in the United States.

Specific details are available on FCD's web site, www.fcd-us.org/ourwork/y-index.html. Due to the expected volume of calls, FCD staff will be unable to accept telephone inquiries.

The Rand Corporation October newsletter includes items on the following:

- * Weight-loss surgery may be more effective than dieting for extremely obese Americans
- * Predicting who is likely to start smoking marijuana
- * A snapshot of small business employees in CA and their health insurance status
- * Satisfaction with dental coverage increases with cost
- * Predicting the costs of health care for children

This issue also includes information on our presentations at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association.

The newsletter is available at

http://www.rand.org/health/emailnews/healthnews_1004.html

Previous newsletters are available at

<http://www.rand.org/health/maillinglist.html>

We welcome your feedback. Please send comments to pege@rand.org or to mary_vaiana@rand.org

POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

(Washington, DC) The Population Reference Bureau, in Washington, D.C., celebrates its 75th Anniversary today. From its beginnings in 1929 as one of the first private population organizations in the United States, PRB has always been respected for its information and education programs in the service of the health and well-being of the world's people.

“PRB has a proud and influential history, spanning 75 years and reaching key audiences around the world,” says PRB president William P. Butz. “Today, PRB addresses some of the most important issues facing our world, and our work is more relevant than ever.”

PRB's mission is to be the leader in providing timely and objective information about U.S. and international population, health, and environmental trends and their implications.

In the late 1920s, world population was about 2 billion; the United States' population was about 120 million. Today, world population is 6.4 billion, and the population of the United States is 294 million. That dramatic growth has brought opportunities, problems, and challenges.

“We believe that information empowers individuals and institutions to make better public policy decisions about population, health, and the environment,” says Nancy Yinger, director of PRB's International Programs.

PRB's widely disseminated publications, award-winning websites, and worldwide outreach activities have raised the visibility and the use of population-related information, particularly by policymakers. PRB's media networks have reached journalists around the world, and PRB's capacity-building programs have enabled leaders and researchers in developing countries to increase the impact of their life-sustaining work.

“And in all these ways, we help people better understand the world in which we live,” Butz noted.

For more information about the Population Reference Bureau, please visit our website at www.prb.org or contact: Population Reference Bureau, 1875 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 20009; 202-483-1100; popref@prb.org.

IN MEMORY OF BILL SEROW

On October 15, 2004, dozens of SDA members officially recognized the contributions of our friend and colleague William Serow.

His name has long been synonymous with the fine demographic community of scholars at Florida State University. For many members of the Southern Demographic Association, he was one of the standard-bearers as a successful demographer in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. As professor in economics and longtime director of the Center for Demography and Population Health, his scholarship, teaching, service, and related activities were on a scale without bounds. Last fall he held a visiting professorship in Germany, contributed not one but two presentations for the 2003 conference, and was eagerly moving toward the pursuits of a phase unfettered by administering the FSU center. As was so typical for him, he was eager to contribute and to do so at a high degree. He dedicated so much in three decades to the development of the FSU Masters program in applied demography that his colleagues were already creating a graduate student award in his name. Applied demography has ascended to remarkable recognition and depth in our discipline with the aid of his efforts.

As we met in Atlanta, Alexandria, Austin, Durham, Memphis, Miami, Myrtle Beach, New Orleans, Orlando, Tallahassee, and other places, Bill Serow was an essential presence. As one of the earlier presidents when SDA was the Southern Regional Demographic Group, he strengthened this association and individuals in so many ways that we will always recall his presence with sentiments of inclusion.

Sincerely, Karen Woodrow-Lafield, 2004 President

MASSEY-DURAND "RETABLO" EXHIBIT TO BE SHOWN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

The University of Mississippi is pleased to announce that from January 3rd through February 4th 2005, "Miracles on the Border" will be exhibited on campus in the Art Department's new gallery in Meek Hall. A reception to open the exhibit is tentatively scheduled for the evening of January 27th. "Miracles on the Border" is a traveling exhibit that features over fifty retablos, votive works created in this century by Mexican immigrants or their relatives, collected and researched by Dr. Douglas Massey and Dr. Jorge Durand, the exhibition co-curators. Dr. Massey (professor of sociology at Princeton University), and Dr. Durand (professor of social anthropology at the University of Guadalajara), have collaborated for over a decade in the study of Mexican migration to the United States. Together they have written several books, including *Miracles on the Border: Retablo Paintings of Mexican Migrants to the United States*, and have lectured widely on Mexican retablo painting.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Department of Art and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Mississippi, with support from the College of Liberal Arts and other departments.



Remembering the Meetings 2004



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