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A FANTASTIC SDA05!!

Robert A. Hummer, University of Texas at Austin

The 36th annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA), held on the beautiful campus of the University of Mississippi on November 3rd-5th, was an unqualified success! Over 150 individuals registered and attended the conference, which is one of SDA's best-ever turnouts. The weather could not have cooperated any better – a reminder of a key advantage to living and working in the South! Just a few of the highlights from the meeting included:

- Suzanne Bianchi's luncheon address, where she described some key changes in the time use of American adults over the past ¼ century;
- The special session on Hurricane Katrina effects, where leading researchers described the demographic, socioeconomic, and geographic effects of the storm, and drew comparisons to earlier devastating hurricanes in Florida and Mississippi;
- The paper awards, with the winners being Ping Ren (graduate student award) from the University of California at Irvine, Jatavian Williams (undergraduate student award) from Dillard University and Morehouse College, and Qian Cai (E. Walter Terrie Award) from Portland State University. Jatavian Williams' award was especially great to see because he has personally been a victim of Hurricane Katrina – losing both material possessions and, temporarily, his school. Congratulations to all of you!!
- The opening reception on Thursday night, funded by Jerry McKibben of McKibben Demographics, and the SDA Group Dinner on Friday night, both held at the stately Memory House just off the Ole Miss campus. What a great setting for those events! And the group dinner on Friday night truly remains one of the most special things about SDA – how many associations actually can, and want to, all get together once a year to enjoy each other's company??

If you were not able to make this year's meeting, and missed out on the learning and fun, please think about coming next year! SDA06 will be held on November 2-4 in Durham, North Carolina, just minutes away from the Duke University and University of North Carolina campuses! The hotel that has been selected is the Durham Hilton; early in the year, you'll receive information about SDA06, hotel reservations, etc... During the annual Business Meeting at our recent conference, Phil Morgan of Duke University gave a fantastic overview of the ease of travel to SDA06 (the Triangle Area airport is very close), the proximity of the meeting to the two campuses, and the substantial number of activities and things to see and do in the surrounding area (e.g., museums, Duke football against Navy, great restaurants, gardens, etc...). It promises to be a great location for our group. For now, please "pen in" the meeting dates of November 2-4 and make a mental note that paper abstracts will be due in the late spring. As always, I hope to see you all there!

I've very much enjoyed serving as SDA President-Elect last year and as President this year. SDA is a small, but vibrant and growing, organization. The official journal of our organization, *Population Research and Policy Review*, is climbing in the discipline's ratings and, just last month, was awarded 128 additional pages per year by the publisher. The association continues to hold a special place for persons working in applied demography, and it is always great to see such great participation from researchers from the Census Bureau, the Population Reference Bureau, NIH, and other governmental and non-profit organizations. Further, SDA

has continued to develop as an important venue for university-based researchers. Further, SDA continues to be a great place for students – both graduate and undergraduate – to present their work in a welcoming, supportive environment. Thus, please continue to get the word out – I know I'll look forward to attending in 2006 and beyond.

In closing, I wish to thank my colleagues on the SDA Board of Directors, the editors of this newsletter (Lynne and Ron Cossman), the SDA Webmaster (Carl Schmertmann), the incoming SDA President (Woody Carlson), and all of you who continue to serve the organization – in both big and small ways – for your service. Dave Swanson, in particular, has literally carried the ball for the association over the last two years as secretary-treasurer, editor of *Population Research and Policy Review*, and local arrangements chair for our most recent meeting. His contributions are sincerely appreciated.

OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dr. Adansi A. Amankwaa, an Assistant Professor of Sociology in Albany State University's Department of Psychology, Sociology and Social Work, has been named the University's Researcher of the Year for 2004-2005. Dr. Amankwaa joined the ASU faculty in 1996 and has since conducted extensive research in the areas of infant/child and adult mortality rates, family structure, public health, mathematical demography, international migration and HIV/AIDS policy evaluation. His work has included reports on local and state governmental issues that have served as guidelines for policies adapted by various governmental agencies. A holder of Sociology degrees from the University of Ghana (bachelor's), Lakehead (Canada) University (master's) and Florida State University (Ph.D.), Dr. Amankwaa has established himself as a research specialist with his published works in professional journals and presentations at professional gatherings. Prior to accepting a position at Albany State, Dr. Amankwaa worked as an Administrative Assistant with the Ghana Department of Transportation, a Statistics Specialist with the Florida Department of Corrections and as a Senior Management Analyst with the Florida Department of Labor. He also received adjunct faculty appointments at Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University.



NEW ADJUNCT AT OLE MISS



By vote of the faculty in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Mississippi, Dr. Mary McGehee becomes the fifth Adjunct Research Associate of the Center for Population Studies at Ole Miss, joining Dr. Samia El-Badry, Dr. M.V. George, Dr. Jeff McKibben and Dr. Jan Mutchler.

Mary earned her Ph.D. in sociology at Texas A&M in 2001. From the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, she earned an M.A. in gerontology and two B. A.'s, one in computer science and the other in accounting. She currently serves as the Manager of the Survey Research Unit, Arkansas Department of Health and has published eight refereed journal articles and several book chapters. She is a long-time member of the

SDA and has research interests in medical sociology and the health of rural populations.

UPDATES FROM SPRINGER AND POPULATION RESEARCH AND POLICY REVIEW

-Springer-BVM contributes \$3,000 for Hurricane Katrina relief-

Springer-BVM, the publisher of the SDA's official journal, Population Research & Policy Review, has generously contributed \$3,000 toward Hurricane Katrina relief via the Ventress Order Fund at the University of Mississippi. \$1,500 of this contribution will be used by the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at the University of Mississippi, while the remainder will go to the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University to support the professional development of five faculty who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina and are being professionally housed at SSRC. These faculty include:

Ann Kos Edwards, University of New Orleans
 Anthony Ladd, Loyola University
 John Marszalek, Xavier University
 Dennis McSeveny, University of New Orleans
 Wei Xiao, University of New Orleans

Southern Demographic Association particularly wants to recognize Myriam Poort, the Social Science Editor at Springer-BVM for initiating the idea of having Springer –BVM make a contribution toward Hurricane Katrina relief.”

PRPR Is GOING (ALMOST) ALL ELECTRONIC

As was announced at the business meeting on November 4th, 2005, the SDA Board has approved the move to online subscriptions to PRPR for SDA members starting in 2006. This will allow access to the entire history of PRPR in pdf form for each subscriber. Check the SDA website for news of this transition as it progresses. It is possible, for example, that user names and access codes may be made available through the SDA website.

In recognition of our founders who do not have online access capabilities, Drs. Everett Lee, Ann Lee, and Gladys Bowles, Springer-BVM has informed SDA that it will print copies of each issue of PRPR for these three lifetime SDA members and mail the copies directly to them.

DEMOGRAPHERS ON HURRICANE KATRINA

David Swanson, chair of the Sociology & Anthropology Department at Ole Miss and two other Ole Miss faculty, Rich Forgette, Chair of the Political Science Department and Mark van Boening, chair of the Economics Department, have received word from the National Science Foundation of forthcoming approval of their "fast track" proposal to study perceptions of relief and recovery among Mississippi Gulf Coast residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The central question of the study is about the role that social (and kinship) networks in determining a person's success in the aftermath of a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina. "Success" refers to the individual's capacity to obtain physical and emotional relief as well as to maintain a strong perception of eventual community recovery in the immediate disaster aftermath.

Social networks serve as the glue holding individuals together, they form much of the structure from which the information comes that we use to make decisions and take actions. Social networks may protect individuals from disasters like Hurricane Katrina and they may act as an emergency response system to aid recovery after such disasters. Some social networks are strong while others are weak. Some individuals with the same level of wealth may have suffered a similar level of damage to their lives from Hurricane Katrina, but some cope well personally and economically while others do not. Many individual attributes affect the responses as do attributes of social networks. Understanding the attributes of these social networks could prove valuable in both preparing for and recovering from future disasters. For example, extensive

local area family ties, strong ties with neighbors, or the development of neighborhood and civic organizations may each be key to having people both be better prepared for a future disaster and recover from it. If so, then for those communities without strong local family ties, the neighborhood and civic organizations may more frequently necessary to prepare for disaster preparation.



Ashlea and Hailea Molina hang laundry in a makeshift camp in Bay St. Louis that served as the hurricane survivors' home before UM professors brought their family to Oxford en route to Wisconsin.

To study the role that social networks play, the researchers will conduct a field survey in Hancock and Harrison counties, two of the hardest hit counties in the Mississippi Gulf Coast region. The survey instruments will measure the strength and number of kinship and neighbor relationships for individuals within various Mississippi Gulf Coast communities. The analysis will provide a measure of bonding and bridging networks within their immediate community. Measures of personal relief and perceptions of recovery will be examined in a

statistical analysis. A similar analysis will be used to look at the effects of individuals' social and kinship networks versus their socio-economic standings on disaster relief and recovery perceptions. The broader

impact of this research is that it will enhance the ability of communities and groups to understand how aspects of public policy, health, safety and public welfare can be addressed in advance and in the aftermath of catastrophic natural events by identifying community social networks.

Interviewers on the project will be primarily Ole Miss faculty and students. The remainder will be comprised of Mississippi Gulf coast residents. The actual data collection will take place over a five day period in January. This will be preceded by training and an on-site pilot study to refine protocols, procedures and the questionnaire.

As a natural consequence of the study, basic "census" quality data will be gathered. This may be the first time that a virtual census has been done to assess damage to housing stock following a natural disaster.

An overview of this proposed study was provided by Swanson at the special "Katrina" session chaired by Jerry McKibben (McKibben Demographics) at the 2005 meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, which was held on the Ole Miss campus, November 3rd to 5th. Other participants in this special session were Stan Smith, University of Florida, Cliff Holley, University of Mississippi, and Ron Cossman, Mississippi State University.

PROFS EXPERIENCE KATRINA RELIEF FIRSTHAND, BRING HOMELESS COAST FAMILY TO OXFORD

09/19/2005

OXFORD, Miss. - At Avent Park in Oxford on a recent sunny afternoon, 13-year-old Tyler Brown carried his cousin, 2-year-old Javier Molina, on his shoulders from the playground to a picnic table set for Javier's birthday party and piled high with presents, cake and food.

The family - Tyler and his brother, sister and mother; an aunt and her three children; his grandmother and an uncle - enjoyed a tiny bit of normalcy, thanks to professors from the University of Mississippi who picked them up on the group's second rescue mission to the Gulf Coast since Hurricane Katrina.

Just three weeks ago, Tyler and his family were among a thousand people stranded at Bay High School in Bay St. Louis without food or water for three days after the hurricane destroyed the family's homes - his own, his grandmother's and his aunt's.

After taking refuge several miles inland at the aunt's home, the family was flooded out. Tyler and sister Brittnie, 14, brother Kyle, 11, and mother Bobbie, along with his grandmother, Ruth Chandler, and disabled uncle, Ricky, walked 15 miles from the flooded house to the high school, which became a makeshift survivor camp with few supplies and squalid conditions.

"A couple of the older people that were there died," Bobbie said Thursday (Sept. 15) during the family birthday party. "One older man was so confused that he kept asking Tyler to drive him to a hotel. We tried to explain to him that there were no hotels."

Bobbie's sister, Robin Molina, and her three young children evacuated elsewhere during the storm but later joined the rest of the family at the camp. By then, there were a few supplies from good Samaritans like the UM professors from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, religious groups and the Salvation Army.

The first Ole Miss team - sociology professors Kirsten Dellinger and Jeff Jackson; anthropology professor Robbie Ethridge and her husband; Denton Marcotte; and Scott Kreeger, a friend of the group coordinated with the Red Cross and arrived at Bay High School the Sunday afternoon after the storm (Sept. 4). They delivered two vanloads of food, bottled water and other supplies, funded by other professors and students in the UM department and colleagues from around the world.

"This 'shelter' had no resemblance to the 'neat cots in a row' kind of place that often comes to mind," Dellinger said. "Most people had staked out areas on the sidewalks outside under covered walkways. They had thin pieces of blue plastic to sleep on, and each family or small group of individuals cobbled together chairs or other bedding to make a living space for themselves on the ground. The school hallways were dark and filled with streaks of mud. The odor was horrendous."

During that trip, the team took three people to shelters in Oxford. They also met the Brown-Molina-Chandler family, who, like many others, weren't ready to give up on their homes just yet. "A lot of people didn't want to leave their community," Jackson said. "I can understand that." After their first trip, the UM team immediately made plans to return, this time with two Purdue University faculty members and supplies from Purdue and the University of Kentucky. Supplies for this trip were different - in addition to food and water, the team brought medical supplies, insect repellent, socks and shoes, and personal hygiene items.

The second team - sociology and anthropology department chair David Swanson and his wife, Rita Swanson, a registered nurse, along with Jackson, Marcotte and two Purdue faculty members - left Sept. 10 for Bay St. Louis. This time the team came equipped with "I'm Safe" forms, which Dellinger created after coming back from the first trip with scraps of paper from displaced people who still hadn't been able to contact loved ones. Dellinger planned to post the information on Web sites.

Almost two weeks later, quite a few people were still living on the street, including the Brown-Molina-Chandler clan. They were all sick from the conditions, even though they had moved the family to a cleaner spot at the local elementary school. When Jackson found the family and asked them again if they'd like to leave, they said 'yes' almost immediately, Swanson said.

The family, their three dogs and a few meager possessions - clothes and few sheets and blankets - piled into the vans to travel north to Oxford, with plans to eventually join friends in Wisconsin.

The evacuees were sheltered at Camp Lake Stevens, a camp just outside Oxford owned by the Methodist Church. UM professors drove them around town, got them registered with the Red Cross and FEMA, and rented a van for the family to drive to Wisconsin last Friday. On Thursday afternoon, the birthday celebration for Javier, 2, Hailea, 5, and their mother, Robin Molina, was also a goodbye party of sorts.

Jackson worked the grill, serving hamburgers and hot dogs; Dellinger, the Swansons and sociology professor Minjoo Oh decorated the place with balloons and foil crowns; and Ethridge and Marcotte transported the family to the party. Presents provided by UM Provost Carolyn Staton and others in the Oxford-University community were piled on the table and included at least one gift for every child.

As the children laughed and played, the adults talked about what they had lost: cars deluged, baby books washed out and destroyed, the house Ruth Chandler bought by herself 12 years ago inundated by more than 15 feet of water, the people in the neighborhood and friends of their children who might not have survived. The rescued family members considered themselves lucky: They had each other, and now they had a place to go.

For more information about the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, visit http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/soc_anth.

by Angela Moore Atkins

LOOKING FOR WORK? JOBS IN DEMOGRAPHY

The **Public Policy Institute of California** is offering an employment opportunity for a Dissertation Fellow. As an equal opportunity employer, the Institute particularly encourages women and members of minority groups to apply.

Qualified applicants should be participating in a Ph.D. program that will lead to a career in research. Examples of eligible fields of study include economics, political science, sociology, psychology, public policy, urban planning, education, geography, **demography**, and social welfare. The position is designed for a doctoral candidate whose dissertation topic and career goals are related to public policy issues and thus to the major interest of PPIC. In particular, scholars whose research will benefit from access to the data and consultation with staff members of PPIC are encouraged to apply.

The Dissertation Fellow will be invited to and encouraged to participate in staff conferences and seminars hosted by PPIC. When appropriate, he or she will have access to other research resources available to PPIC Fellows, including the Institute's databases. Exceptional dissertations may be considered for publication. The Dissertation Fellow will be expected to spend a significant amount of time on site at PPIC and will be provided with office space and a computer.

Candidates should be prepared to submit plans for completing their doctoral dissertations. Essential criteria for selection include the relevance of the dissertation topic to public policy issues affecting the state of California and evidence that the research will be facilitated by access to the Institute's resources and those of other California-based organizations. A demonstration of superior scholarship and considerable promise for future achievements in public policy research will also be taken into account. Candidates at any stage of their research are welcome to apply; our preference is for a candidate whose work is within one to two years from completion. The appointment is expected to begin around July 1, 2006, and to last for one year. Compensation will depend upon the qualifications of the candidate, up to \$3,500 per month.

To apply, please submit the following by January 30, 2006:

- ✓ The PPIC employment application,
- ✓ A cover letter describing your research interests,
- ✓ Your resume,
- ✓ A copy of the approved dissertation prospectus (or the unapproved version if approval has not yet been granted).
- ✓ Three letters of reference, at least one of which should be from a committee member and include details of the progress made, and
- ✓ Samples of written work, including a writing sample taken from the dissertation.

Submit this material to resumes@ppic.org, using "Job 200609" in your subject heading. If you prefer to send writing samples or letters of reference as hard copy, you may use the following address: Public Policy Institute of California, "Dissertation Fellow Search," Attention: H.R. Manager, 500 Washington Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94111.

PPIC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer - M/F/D/V - EOE.

Arizona State University. The Faculty of Sociology (www.asu.edu/clas/sociology) invites applications for two full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor positions beginning Fall 2006. We seek candidates with specialization in **social demography** to become affiliates of the expanding Center for Population Dynamics (www.asu.edu/clas/fhd/cepod/). The Center is part of the new interdisciplinary School of Social and Family Dynamics and is targeted for enhanced growth and support. Candidates must have a PhD in Sociology or related field of social science with a concentration in demography by time of appointment, and have demonstrated potential in research, obtaining external funding, and teaching at graduate and undergraduate levels. All specializations in demography are welcome with a strong preference for expertise in family, health or migration. We seek to fill one of the positions with a candidate whose research has an international or comparative focus. Preference also will be given to candidates who have evidence of working in interdisciplinary settings. Review of complete applications will start December 1, 2005, if not filled, every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Send a letter of application discussing your research and teaching interests, Curriculum Vitae, three letters of recommendation, and two samples of written work to Jennifer Glick, Search Committee Chair, Arizona State University, Department of Sociology, Box 874802, Tempe, AZ 85287-4802; email jennifer.glick@asu.edu. A background check is required for employment. ASU actively seeks diversity among applicants and promotes a diverse workforce and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Eastern Connecticut State University. Department: Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology. Position: Assistant Professor - Sociology. Qualifications: PhD preferred; ABD near completion. Position Description: Area open but some preference given to those with family and demography specializations. The person must be able to also contribute to the major by teaching either the capstone writing-intensive senior seminar or statistics. Faculty are expected to be outstanding teachers, possess sensitivity to a diverse population, and demonstrate commitment to creative activity and scholarship, professional development, and professional service. Salary Range: Dependent on Qualifications and Experience. Application Deadline: None. Starting Date: August 2006. Respond to: Dennis Canterbury, Search Chair, Sociology Department, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Webb 421, Willimantic, CT 06226.

University of Oklahoma. The Department of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position to begin August 16, 2006. For this position the Department seeks candidates who can teach and do research in the field of **Demography**. Candidates whose research interests include an international or an urban sociology focus will receive special consideration. The successful candidate must have a PhD in sociology at the time of appointment and have demonstrated actual or potential success in teaching and research. Salary is competitive. The Department is housed in the College of Arts and Sciences and offers BA, MA, and PhD degrees. The University is located in Norman, a university community approximately 20 miles from Oklahoma City, the state's largest city and capital. Applicants should send a letter of application, a Curriculum Vitae, and samples of written work to: Craig St. John, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Applicants should have three references send letters directly to the same address. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by December 31, 2005. The University of Oklahoma is an Equal Employment Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

TEXAS, DALLAS 75083. Faculty Position for Human Geographer/**Demographer** With Geospatial Analytic Skills.

The University of Texas at Dallas invites applications for a tenure track position from persons specializing in human geography/demography, with the ability to apply geospatial analytic techniques. Rank is open, salary is competitive. Candidates need a Ph.D. degree and a strong record of teaching, research and public service, or the potential to develop such a record. Teaching responsibilities would primarily be in the geography (undergraduate) and geospatial information sciences (masters and Ph.D.) programs, but with the possibility of also contributing in other programs including Public Affairs (masters and Ph.D.), Public Policy and Political Economy (Ph.D.) and Applied Sociology (masters). This is an exceptional opportunity for an individual energized by a multi-disciplinary environment to further the development of several newly established programs.

The School of Social Sciences functions in a unique interdisciplinary environment without departmental units, with a variety of degree programs at the doctoral, masters and undergraduate levels. A Ph.D. program in Geospatial Information Sciences, offered jointly by the School of Social Sciences, the Department of Geosciences, and the Department of Computer Science in the Eric Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, commenced in Fall 2005. The university is located in the suburbs of north Dallas amid one of the largest and most vibrant high-technology concentrations in the nation. For more information, go to the School's web site at: <http://www.utdallas.edu/dept/socsci>, and the Program's web site at: <http://www.gis.utdallas.edu>.

Inquiries regarding the search may be directed to Dr. Ronald Briggs, Program Director for Geography and Geospatial Science. Nominations and applications should be sent to the address below. NOV 05-302.

Apply: Academic Search #393, The University of Texas at Dallas, P. O. Box 830688—AD 23, Richardson, TX 75083-0688, and should include a curriculum vitae and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of five references. Indication of sex and ethnicity for affirmative action statistical purposes is requested as part of the application but not required. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, with file reviews commencing December 1, 2005. UTD is an AA/EO employer and strongly encourages applications from candidates who would enhance the diversity of the university's faculty and administration.

University of Washington. ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography invites applications for a tenure track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor with a specialty in geographic information science (GIScience) and geographic information systems (GIS). We seek candidates who will further strengthen the teaching, research, and service programs of the Department. The ideal candidate would have a substantive emphasis on human-environmental interaction/change or a related field such as population and/or health.

Applicants should submit: 1) a cover letter for the application, 2) a complete curriculum vitae, 3) reprints of published works, and 4) the names and addresses (including e-mail and fax) of three to five referees.

Candidates are encouraged to explore the background and interests of faculty within the Department as well as relevant programs around campus (See <http://depts.washington.edu/geog>). The University is committed to building a culturally diverse educational environment. Applicants should include in their application letter information about how they will further this diversity goal.

Ph.D. is required by date of appointment.

Priority will be given to applications received before December 15, 2005.

The University of Washington is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. The University is building a culturally diverse faculty and staff and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and covered veterans.

Apply to: Dr. Timothy L. Nyerges, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Geography, University of Washington, Box 353550, Seattle, WA, 98195. Questions to Dr. Nyerges at phone: (206) 543-5296, fax: (206) 543-3313, e-mail: nyerges@u.washington.edu.

Ad appears at: <http://www.washington.edu/admin/eoo/ads/aa1109-dec15-05.html>

Winthrop University. Assistant Professor of Sociology. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites applications for a tenure track position to begin August 2006. Primary specialization is **Population/Demography**. Mail or email a letter of application along with (1) a current Curriculum Vitae, (2) a sample of representative written work (article- or chapter-length), (3) evidence of teaching excellence and commitment to student learning, (4) three letters of reference, and (5) all graduate transcripts. The successful candidate will teach a variety of courses, including statistics or research methods, demography, stratification, race and ethnic relations, and an interdisciplinary course in the university's General Education program; will participate in departmental, college, and university service (including advising) and will engage in research in areas of interest. PhD in sociology is required for appointment as an assistant professor. A successful candidate still ABD at the time of employment would receive a non-tenure track appointment as an instructor. The department has eight tenure track faculty serving over 130 majors. We have a liberal arts orientation, a commitment to undergraduate students, and an exceptional level of research productivity for a BA program. Contact Jonathan Marx, Interim Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC 29733; (803)-323-4657; email Marxj@winthrop.edu. Winthrop is a state-supported, comprehensive university in the Charlotte, NC)metro area. It is among U.S. News and World Report's top public southern universities, and several buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. More information is available at www.winthrop.edu. We will begin reviewing applications on December 16, 2005. Equal Opportunity Employer.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

- ✓ The 3rd International Conference on
- ✓ Population Geographies
- ✓ RGS/IBG Population Geography Research Group
- ✓ 19-21 June 2006
- ✓ Department of Geography, University of Liverpool, UK
- ✓ Conference Organising Committee:
- ✓ Darren P. Smith, Phil Rees, Paul Norman, Seraphim Alvanides, Paul Boyle

Event

The 1st and 2nd International Conference on Population Geographies were both held in St Andrews in 2002 and 2004. These were successful meetings attracting over 200 participants from more than 20 countries. The range of papers on various issues relating to migration, fertility and mortality were impressive and we hope that the participants enjoyed the occasion as much as the organisers.

Participants

Although designed for geographers, contributions are welcome from those who would not regard themselves as population geographers, but are working in pertinent research areas. For example, we would welcome speakers from other disciplines including Demography, Sociology, Economics, Social Anthropology, who are interested in broadly geographical aspects of population. Postgraduates are also encouraged to attend and offer papers and there will be a Postgraduate prize for the best one. Attendance does not require the presentation of a paper, but we would strongly encourage people to submit papers.

Papers

The remit for papers is intentionally broad and papers should be submitted on any topic relevant to population geography. Please ensure that you send abstracts of papers to Darren Smith (see below) before 21st December 2005. Those who wish to organise themed sessions are encouraged to contact Darren Smith or Phil Rees (see below). The organising committee will decide the strands of the conference once they have received the abstracts. Papers will be 20-25 minutes long, allowing for 5-10 minutes discussion in ½ hour slots.

Registration

The deadline for registration is *31 January 2006*. A copy of the registration form and booking accommodation will soon be available from the PGRG website: <http://www.geog.leeds.ac.uk/groups/pgrg/>. This site will be updated regularly as more details about the programme become available.

Further Information

For further details about the academic content of the meeting, contact:

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Email p.h.rees@leeds.ac.uk

EUROPEAN POPULATION CONFERENCE, LIVERPOOL 2006

Population challenges in ageing societies

21-24 June, 2006

The next European population conference of the European Association for Population Studies will be hosted by the Department of Geography in The University of Liverpool, from Wednesday 21st June to Saturday 24th June, 2006. The broad theme for the conference is Population challenges in ageing societies, and Professor Ian Diamond will be the plenary speaker.

The working sessions of the conference will be held on the city centre campus of the University. Accommodation will be in downtown hotels and hostels, all within walking distance of the conference facilities. Full details of accommodation, registration arrangements, etc., will be available in the First Conference Information Bulletin, due in October, 2005

Liverpool is easily accessible from all parts of Europe, directly through Liverpool airport, a hub for low-cost carriers, EasyJet, Ryanair, Whizz (together now over 30 European destinations, from Riga to Alicante), less directly through Manchester Airport and a frequent 1 hour train link to Central Liverpool.

The call for papers has closed. For any further information or queries about local and administrative arrangements for the conference please contact the local organisers at epc2006@liv.ac.uk.

CALL FOR PAPERS -- "The Privatization of Cities"

Critical Planning, Journal of the UCLA Department of Urban Planning

Critical Planning, the Journal of the UCLA Department of Urban Planning, aims to provide in-depth, innovative and critical analysis of topics pertaining to the planning field. Volume 13, "The Privatization of the City," explores the wide range of issues involving the growing participation of the private sector in urban affairs.

Over the past two decades, with limited economic resources and within a political climate less hospitable to public management, cities have increasingly turned to the private sector to provide subsidized housing, water, sewer and transportation infrastructure, and many core social services. Volume 13 invites contributions that speak to both the positive and negative impacts of privatization on cities today. With its wide reach, privatization touches upon virtually all of the fields of planning – environmental regulation, transportation, housing and economic development, urban design and the built environment, international development and social welfare. Critical Planning also welcomes submissions from other disciplines. Articles may use any method – cases or comparative, historical or contemporary, qualitative or quantitative.

Submissions will be reviewed anonymously and must conform to the following requirements:

- Feature article submissions should not exceed 6,000 words. Shorter articles, such as research briefs or student research notes, should not exceed 1,000 words.
- References should follow the standards of the Chicago Manual of Style, 15th Edition.
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