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CALL FOR PAPERS

October 15-18, 2014
Peabody Hotel
Memphis, Tennessee



You are invited to submit abstracts for posters and/or papers for the 2014 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA). You are also invited to suggest topics for panels and poster sessions. For the first time since 1996, the SDA conference will return to Memphis, with the local arrangements organized by Wesley James from The University of Memphis. The 2014 conference will hold the opening reception on Wednesday, 10/15 and conduct the two main days of scientific sessions on Thursday, 10/16 and Friday, 10/17.

Presentations of research in both applied and academic demography are welcome as are related topics in economics, sociology, geography, political science, public health, epidemiology, and psychology. Though SDA is known for regional emphases and membership, the Association encourages the membership and participation of individuals from any region of the country or world. The structure of presentations is flexible; potential contributors are encouraged to not only send abstracts for individual research papers, but also for posters, complete sessions, thematic sessions, panel discussions, software demonstrations, and more!

Presentations by (or co-authored with) students are especially welcome; they can offer a student a significant first professional meeting experience. SDA also awards cash prizes to the best undergraduate and to the best graduate student paper (see details next page).

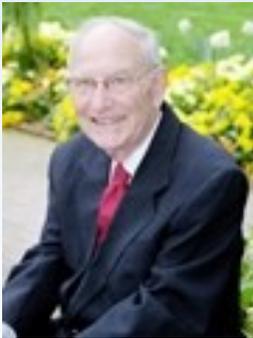
All proposals and abstracts should be submitted by **June 15, 2014**, through the SDA web site <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2014.php>. The SDA web site will ask you for your name, the name(s) of any co-authors (or other presenters if you are proposing a session), descriptions of paper(s) or poster(s)/topics of proposed session(s), institutional affiliation(s), and complete contact information (email address, telephone number, fax number, and mailing address).



SDA PAPER AWARDS

The SDA makes awards for the following types of papers presented at the annual meeting:

Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award



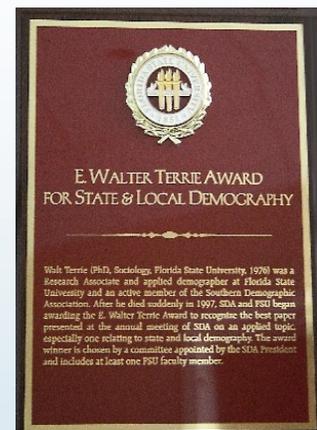
SDA presents an award for the best *graduate student* paper delivered at the annual meeting. The winning student receives a cash prize and a certificate, both of which are presented at the annual business meeting. Please send your complete paper in electronic format to studentawards@sda-demography.org by September 1, 2014.

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award

SDA presents a cash prize and a certificate for the best *undergraduate paper* presented at the conference. The award is given at the annual business meeting. Please send your complete paper, in electronic format, to studentawards@sda-demography.org by September 1, 2014.

E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography

Walt Terrie was a faculty member and applied demographer at Florida State University and an active member of the Southern Demographic Association. After he died suddenly in 1997, SDA and FSU began awarding the Walt Terrie Award to recognize the “best paper presented at the SDA Annual Meeting on an applied topic, especially one relating to state and local demography.” The award is chosen by a committee appointed by the SDA President and including at least one FSU faculty member. For consideration for the E. Walter Terrie Award, email your submission to Isaac W. Eberstein at ieberstn@fsu.edu no later than October 15, 2014. Submissions for the award should only be made after the paper has been submitted for program consideration through the SDA website <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2014.php>. The Terrie Award consists of a \$400 cash prize and an appropriate certificate.



IMPORTANT: Submission of a paper for one of these awards should only be made after the paper has been submitted for program consideration through the SDA website: <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2014.php>.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE REGARDING THE 2014 SDA MEETING

Wow! For 44 years the Southern Demographic Association has served as a forum for demographers to share research, ideas and collaborations. We continue to be a vibrant organization with an active and well-respected publication, *Population Research & Policy Review*. I want to extend many thanks to the current editors, Stephanie Bohon and Bridget Gorman, as their editorial term ends. Our annual conference draws on average 100 paper presentations and posters. The conference is well-known for being a student-friendly venue for presenting. In fact, mark your calendar now for the next meeting in Memphis, Tennessee on October 15-18, 2014.

I want to draw particular attention to three presentation awards that SDA sponsors every year. The E. Walt Terrie Award for State and Local Demography is awarded to an outstanding applied demography paper. It is one of the few vehicles to recognize applied work in our discipline and the award is open to all academic levels and practitioners in the field. The Everett S. Lee Graduate Student paper and the SDA Undergraduate Paper are open to enrolled students for solo-authored papers. The awards include both recognition and a cash prize. I urge you as demographers and mentors to encourage peers and recruit students to these awards competitions.

The call for papers will be issued later this semester and will include details on deadlines for papers and awards competitions. I look forward to seeing colleagues, peers and old friends (I mean they have been friends for a while, not that they are old!) in Memphis in October.

-Ron Cossman, President (2014)

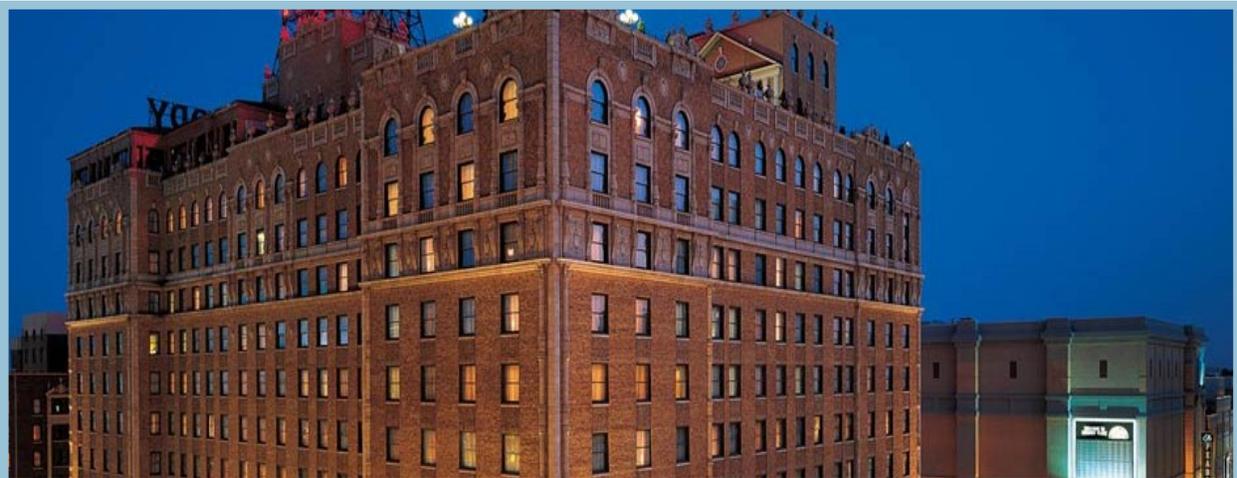
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MEMPHIS HOTEL AND VISITOR INFORMATION

The 2014 annual meeting will be held at the historic Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis. The Peabody is one of Memphis' most popular attractions. The Peabody Ducks march to and from the Grand Lobby daily at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in a time-honored tradition dating back to 1933. The hotel features guest rooms with picturesque views of downtown or the Mississippi River. In-room amenities include weekday newspaper delivery, high speed internet access, iron with full size ironing board, in room coffee/tea service, hairdryer, electronic voicemail, and access to the Peabody Athletic Club.

The SDA room rate is \$179 per night plus local taxes of 15.95%. The Peabody Hotel boasts 464 rooms and has a fitness room and pool. The hotel also has 2 full service restaurants, 2 bars and 24-hour room service. For more information about the hotel or to make reservations, please call (901) 529-4000 or check out the hotel's website at: <http://www.peabodymemphis.com>, click the Reservations link, and enter code 141015SOUT.



Not only will SDA attendees stay in fine accommodations, we will also have many local activities and attractions of potential interest to members. Downtown Memphis is home to the world famous Beale Street, the location of many bars, restaurants, and great local music. Other nearby attractions include the Memphis Rock N Soul Museum, Gibson Guitar Factory, Fed-Ex Forum, National Civil Rights Museum, Sun Studio, Orpheum Theatre, Mud Island River Park, and the Memphis Cook Convention Center. For those interested in getting outdoors, several of the attractions are within blocks of the hotel and many parks are found throughout downtown and on the banks of the Mississippi River. Art museums, shopping, and fine dining also await visitors. For more information on the city, see <http://www.memphistravel.com/>.

MEMPHIS TRAVEL INFORMATION

Memphis is accessible for many SDA members by automobile. Interstates 40 (for those coming from the east and west) and 55 (for those coming from the north and south) run through Memphis. For others, the Memphis International Airport has commercial air service operated by the following carriers: Delta, US Airways, American, Southwest, Frontier, and United. Should you choose to fly to Memphis, numerous ground transportation options are available including car rentals, taxis, and shuttle services.

For more information on air service to Memphis, see <http://www.mscaa.com/>.



MEMBER NEWS

SDA mourns the recent loss of long time members and friends:

Bob McCann of Tallahassee, FL, passed away on December 29, 2013. Bob directed the Florida State University Pop Center Library before retiring a few years ago. Bob was a staple at the SDA meetings for many years.

The Reverend Michael S. Jarrett of First Presbyterian Church of LaFollette, TN, and the husband of SDA member Stephanie Bohon, passed away April 5, 2014.

Our deepest sincerities go out to their families and friends.

PRPR SPECIAL ISSUES

Please be aware of two exciting special issues in Population Research and Policy Review. The most recent issue of *PRPR* is a special issue on first union formation, guest edited by Andrew Cherlin. Having Dr. Cherlin edit the special issue is exciting for us!

This year we will also have a special issue on sexual minorities. That issue will include the amicus brief that Wendy Manning wrote for the American Sociological Association that was considered by the Supreme Court in the defense of marriage act (DOMA) challenges.

We hope you enjoy these special issues and please keep *PRPR* in mind as you seek outlets to publish your research in the future!

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“First Union Patterns Around the World: Introduction to the Special Issue” by Andrew Cherlin

“A Characterization of World Union Patterns at the National and Regional Level” by Jose Antonio Ortega

“Marriage Squeeze, Never-Married Proportion, and Mean Age at First Marriage in China” by Quanbao Jiang, Marcus W. Feldman, Shuzhuo Li

“Who Marries Whom? Changing Mate Selection Preferences in Urban India and Emerging Implications on Social Institutions” by Ravi Prakash, Abhishek Singh

“Marriage in Sub-Saharan Africa: Trends, Determinants, and Consequences” by David Shapiro, Tesfayi Gebreselassie

“Normative Groups: The Rise of the Formation of the First Union Through Cohabitation in Quebec, a Comparative Approach” by Benoit Laplante

“Cohabitation Expectations Among Young Adults in the United States: Do They Match Behavior?” by Wendy D. Manning, Pamela J. Smock

“Erratum to: The Great Recession and the Changing Geography of Food Stamp Receipt” by Tim Slack, Candice A. Myers

ACS DATA USERS CONFERENCE

ACS Data Users Conference

Register now for the inaugural American Community Survey (ACS) Data Users Conference, to be held May 29-30, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Capitol, in Washington, D.C. A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved at a special conference rate of \$224 so please **book by April 14** to ensure your reservation. The ACS Data Users Conference is being organized by Sabre Systems and the Population Reference Bureau in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau. Space at the conference is limited and registration is on a first come/first served basis. The final deadline for registration is Thursday, May 22, 2014. For more information and to register for the conference, visit: www.acsdatausers.org/Events.aspx.

JOBS: OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Oregon Institute of Technology is conducting a national search for a full-time, tenure-track, 9-month faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor. Primary responsibilities will be teaching undergraduate courses, as well as assisting with curriculum development and promotion of Oregon Tech's emergent applied medical sociology program. Oregon Tech offers competitive salaries and an excellent benefits package. Salary is commensurate with experience. Typical appointments are for nine months (September 16 through June 15). Additional opportunities to teach summer and online may be available and professional consulting is supported. Start date will be September 2014.

The Population Health Management B.S. degree is interdisciplinary, with a foundation in sociology, and housed within the Humanities and Social Sciences department. As new career paths emerge within healthcare that require a social science background, Oregon Tech is developing an applied/medical sociology degree designed to train the next generation of health professionals.

Qualified candidates will have a doctoral degree in Sociology from an accredited college or university, with a specialization in applied and/or medical sociology. Master's-level degrees may be in sociology or a related field such as public health, demography, or medicine. Qualified candidates will have demonstrated the ability to teach a wide range of sociology topics which may include social theory, research methods, medical sociology, sociology of gender, sociology of health, and statistics.

The ideal candidate for this position has an understanding of sociology as it applies to health and healthcare, and has an interest in working for an institution that is committed to providing a well-rounded education that also prepares students for their future career. Given the program's nature we seek a candidate with an interest and commitment to applied research/community outreach.

Review of applications will begin April 4, 2014 and continue until the position is filled.

To apply, send a letter of application, curriculum vita, a statement of your teaching philosophy, copies of student evaluations (if available), a sample syllabus, and three letters of reference electronically to oithr@oit.edu for position #14-66012. Application materials may also be mailed to Oregon Tech Office of Human Resources, 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 or faxed to (541) 851-5200.

For further information, contact Dr. Sophia Lyn Nathenson, Search Committee Chair, at (541) 885-1532, sophialyn.nathenson@oit.edu, or visit Oregon Tech's website at www.oit.edu.

JOBS: TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, FELLOWSHIP POSITION

The Department of Sociology at Texas A&M invites applications for a one year Postdoctoral Research Associate Position to begin July 1, 2014. The position involves working in the Kaplan Secure Data Laboratory, and teaching a course during the year.

The Kaplan Secure Data Laboratory is tasked with the upkeep, dissemination, and development of future directions of the Kaplan Longitudinal and Multigenerational Study (KLAMS). Responsibilities include:

- Grant writing;
- Serving as principal or co-principal investigator on grants and other externally funded research;
- Designing and managing new research avenues;
- Supervising graduate and undergraduate research assistants;
- Providing on-site training and technical assistance;
- Data collection, processing, and analysis;
- Writing of technical publications, newsletters and reports.

Minimum Qualifications: An earned PhD in the Social/Behavioral Sciences or a related field conferred by the time of employment AND demonstrated knowledge in some combination of the following areas: social psychology, deviant behavior, medical sociology, demography, longitudinal analysis, and survey research.

Preferred Qualifications: Working knowledge of Howard B. Kaplan's Theory of Self-Referent Behavior; experience writing grants in the fields of health or general social sciences; a publication record in the field of sociology; ability and willingness to mentor graduate and undergraduate research students; experience working with quantitative research methods including Structural Equation Modeling, and skills with statistical software (SPSS, STATA, Mplus, etc).

Please send a Letter of application, CV., and a list of 3 references to Dr. Jane Sell at j-sell@tamu.edu (Please indicate Postdoctoral Research Associate in the subject line of the email). Applications are due by April 30th, 2014. Salary varies between \$45,000 and \$55,000 depending on qualifications.

JOBS: THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS, INSTRUCTOR POSITION

The Department of Sociology at the University of Memphis invites applications for a one-year Instructor position starting in August, 2014. The position will have the possibility of renewal for additional years. Responsibilities include teaching five undergraduate courses/sections per semester in various subject areas covered by the department. Applicants must upload a letter of application, a curriculum vita, a statement describing teaching philosophy, interests and experience, evaluations of past teaching, and contact information for two professional references.

Minimum qualifications are a masters' degree in Sociology from an accredited university and teaching experience is required.

It is a full-time, benefits eligible position with a salary between \$30,000-\$34,000.

Applicants should contact the Department of Human Resources at The University of Memphis or to apply online visit <http://workforum.memphis.edu/postings/6424> .

NEWS RELEASE

Access to Health Care Differs Dramatically by Insurance Type in Mississippi

Only 50% of primary care physician practices are currently accepting new patients with Medicaid insurance, a new MSU study finds. Only 64% of Mississippi primary care practices are currently accepting new patients with Medicare insurance. Finally, only 78% are accepting new patients with Blue Cross & Blue Shield health insurance. The peer-reviewed study was published in the February issue of the Southern Medical Journal.

“Having health insurance does not guarantee access to primary health care. Unfortunately that guarantee is a basic assumption in much of the debate about changes in the health care system,” said Dr. Ronald E. Cossman, Director of the Mississippi Center for Health Workforce (MCHW) at the Social Science Research Center (SSRC). The study’s findings are consistent with numerous studies in other states.

“These findings tell us two things. First, some individuals with health insurance cannot obtain an appointment to see a primary care physician, who is the main source of preventative care and treatment. The second finding is that policy makers need to shift their focus and ask what it would take for these primary care practices to accept these new patients.”

Outright decline to accept the individual as a new patient ranged from 7% for Blue Cross & Blue Shield, to 15% for Medicare-insured new patients to 38% for Medicaid-insured patients. A third category, other, were unresolved requests for appointments, pending a call-back or, interestingly, a pre-acceptance visit with the physician prior to acceptance. Given that between 12% and 21% of calls for appointments were unresolved, the decline rate may actually understate barriers to access to primary health care in Mississippi.

The survey contacted 678 primary care practices in Mississippi between May and December 2012. Of those, 489 were “core” primary care offices (general practice, family practice and internal medicine), 99 were OB/GYN and 90 were pediatric practices. The average primary care practice in Mississippi consists of three physicians. A total of 580 offices were successfully contacted, for a completion rate of 86% of all primary care practices in the state. Clinics that would accept walk-in regardless of insurance status were excluded from the study (for example, county health clinics, hospital emergency rooms and acute care clinics).

The study’s authors were Ronald E. Cossman, PhD; Jeralynn S. Cossman, PhD; Sarah Rogers, BA; David McBride, BA; La’Mont Sutton, BS and Megan Stubbs-Richardson, BS. The study was internally funded by the MCHW and the SSRC at Mississippi State University.

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COMMENTS FROM THE NEW EDITOR

Hi SDA Members,

I'm excited to be the new editor of the Southern Demographic News! I'd like to thank our long time editor, Carla Alphonso, for her tremendous work over the years and also for helping me get started in this position. I wanted to briefly introduce myself but more importantly encourage everyone to contact me of any news worthy of being included in future editions of the newsletter. You can contact me via email at news@sda-demography.org, or by phone at (901) 678-1631.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Memphis in October!

Thanks,

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