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2020 SDA CANCELLATION

First, I hope all of you are staying healthy during this challenging time. The SDA board of directors met on Friday, April 24th, and determined **it is best for us not to hold a face-to-face annual meeting in October 2020**. This decision was made to keep everyone healthy, to consider broader economic considerations, and to allow for an annual meeting that can appropriately honor and celebrate the 50th anniversary of our organization.

Currently, **we are planning on hosting our 50th anniversary meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee in October 2021**. The board is also discussing ways we can offer a virtual roundtable discussion for our membership to engage together this October 2020. More information on that, memberships, and elections will follow.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns, and thank you for understanding the need for this decision at this time. Stay healthy!

Best,

Johnelle Sparks
SDA President



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients

*The NIH is deeply concerned for the health and safety of people involved in NIH research, and about the effects on the biomedical enterprise in the areas affected by the HHS declared **public health emergency for COVID-19**. Due to the potential exceptional impact, we want to assure our recipient community that NIH will be doing our part to help you continue your research.*

This is a rapidly evolving situation and we will provide updated guidance and information as it becomes available; **but please see links below for current information.**

- Please click the following link for **more information**:
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters/corona-virus.htm
- Please click the following link for an **instructional video**:
[“PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information Form Walk-Through”](#)

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POPULATION RESEARCH AND POLICY REVIEW CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SPECIAL ISSUE

Deadline: December 1, 2020

Population Research and Policy Review (PRPR) welcomes proposals for its next Special Issue. *PRPR* typically publishes one Special Issue (SI) each year. The next SI will include around five empirical papers together with an introductory editorial that provides a more overarching synthesis of the individual contributions.

Submission of proposals

The proposal for the SI should be made by the expected guest editor(s) and submitted to the editors-in-chief of *PRPR* (Kara Joyner: kara.joyner@utsa.edu and Corey Sparks: corey.sparks@utsa.edu). The proposal must include:

- the title of the special issue
- the names and affiliations of the guest editor(s)
- the names and affiliations of the contributing authors
- a one-page summary of the theme, overarching aim, timeliness and innovativeness of the SI for publication in *PRPR*. It should be shown that the different papers fit together as a coherent SI.
- all titles and (half page) abstracts of the SI paper contributions

Procedure and responsibilities of the guest editor(s)

The SI proposals will be evaluated by the Editors and Editorial Board of *PRPR*. If the proposal is selected, the process of evaluating the contributions will follow the regular review procedure of *PRPR*; however, the guest editor(s) will take the responsibility of editor(s) of the SI manuscripts. Depending on the number and quality of the SI proposals that are submitted in this call, the editorial team may decide to accept one or more proposals. However, in case the editorial team judges that none of the proposals meets the quality standards of the journal, it can also be decided that none of the suggested proposals will be accepted for further development and production.

Once the editorial team of *PRPR* approves the proposal, the guest editor(s) will be informed of the time line for the production process. The guest editor(s) will from then on be the primary contact person(s) for the contributors to the SI and should inform them about deadlines for submission and further procedures. The full papers for the SI should be uploaded in Editorial Manager (the online submission system) and handled from there by the guest editor(s) who is(are) expected to manage the review process. The editorial office of *PRPR* will assist if needed.

Each paper for the SI will be evaluated by three anonymous reviewers. The guest editorial will not be sent out to external reviewers, but will be evaluated by the editorial team of *PRPR*. After the reviewers' reports have been received, the guest editor(s) decide(s) on the manuscript, inform(s) the authors of the decision, and set(s) the deadline for the revised manuscript. It may occur that one or more of the papers is rejected based on the reviewer reports. At this stage the editors-in-chief will be informed of the outcome and, if necessary, make a joint decision on how to proceed. The guest editor is responsible for ensuring that all papers are of sufficiently high quality and form a coherent set of papers for the SI.

If you have any further queries, please contact *PRPR* editors-in-chief Kara Joyner and Corey Sparks.

MEMBER NEWS

David A. Swanson (University of California Riverside) penned numerous articles answering the question “How Can Demographers Contribute to Alleviating the COVID-19 Pandemic and Researching It?”

See Part I here: <http://www.sda-demography.org/news/8867531>

See Part II here: <http://www.sda-demography.org/news/9064294>

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS

Hi **SDA Members**,

We would like to encourage everyone to contact us with any news items worthy of being included in future editions of the newsletter. These items could include professional accomplishments, pictures from SDA events, conferences and workshops, job opportunities, and more! For time sensitive information, we can also post to the [SDA website](#) under the [News](#) section.

You can contact us via email at news@sda-demography.org, or contact **Wes** by phone at (901) 678-1631.

Thanks,

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