For many sociologists, nothing quite says summer like the annual pilgrimage to the American Sociological Association Meetings. Perhaps, you mark the Spring by the PAA meetings, but August means the ASA. This year (August 17-20) we are in Denver, the mile-high city we don’t get to visit nearly enough. If you need a reminder on why this city calls to sociologists, check out Paula Fomby’s article in this newsletter. As a local, Paula shares some fascinating places to visit in Denver—all within walking distance of the conference hotel.

The Section on the Sociology of Population promises to lure you out of the air-conditioned conference venue for an “off-site” reception, held jointly with the Sociology of Family Section. Stroll over to the historic and charming Ellie Caulkins Opera House. You’ll find the reception at Kevin Taylor’s in The Chambers Grant Salon, “an extraordinary space enclosed in the original sandstone walls forming the foundation of the historic Newton Auditorium.” Accessed via “a stunning glass and terrazzo staircase” from the main lobby of the Opera House (or less stunningly via stairs or elevator from the valet parking entrance on 14th Street), the Chambers Grant Salon is the place to be Sunday, August 19, 6 to 8 pm. Please join us for friendly fellowship, to say goodbye to the outgoing council members, Lori Hunter and Jennifer Van Hook. We also look forward to the announcement of the 2012 winners of the section awards.

This level of elegance, fine food and drinks, and brush with history do not come cheap. The upward creep in reception catering prices may be welcome as a leading economic indicator, but it makes our receptions less and less affordable. Thus, we are grateful to the generosity of the institutions that have stepped up to co-sponsor this reception. This year our special thanks go out to the Department of Sociology at Vanderbilt University, the Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin, the UC Berkeley Population Center, Duke Population Research Institute, UNC’s Carolina Population Center, the Maryland Population Research Center, and the University of Pennsylvania’s Population Studies Center.

The section program is where we celebrate the rich intersection of sociology and demography. Our Section Day is Saturday, August 18. You’ll find the details in the pages below.

In this newsletter, Charlie Nam and Dudley Poston remind us how and why our section got its name—not the Population Section, not the Section on Population, but the Section on the Sociology of Population. This year’s program reflects this theme. Organized by Katharine Donato, the paper session, Disciplines and Demography: Finding the Sociology in Population Processes, showcases demographic research inspired with the sociological imagination. John Iceland organizes a session that goes to the core of sociological concerns—Demographic Approaches to Inequalities and Disparities. Lori Hunter brings us innovative papers which highlight research on Population, Environment, and Context. We also partner with the Sociology of Family Section for a valuable session, organized by Wendy Manning, on New Demographic Data and Research Approaches to Studying Families.

Section roundtables include not only research presentations, but also mini-workshops on professional socialization, especially geared to graduate students and young professionals. Rebecca Clark, Cassandra Dorius, Lori Hunter, John Iceland, and Dan Lichter facilitate the discussions on securing grants, finding jobs, setting a research agenda, and getting published. Thanks to the section’s graduate student representatives, Jennifer Buher Kane and Jessica Cohen, and to roundtable organizers, Anthony Paik, for their work. Be sure to check out the roundtables and then stay for the section business meeting that follows.

Let me also welcome the incoming officers. In the interest of suspense, I am not going to tell you who they are. You are going to have to scroll down through the newsletter for the election results!

This is also the place to thank out-going council members, Lori Hunter and Jennifer Van Hook. Note that Secretary-Treasurer, Kyle Crowder, steps down following three years of service to the section. Section Chairs come and go, but the Secretary-Treasurer is the institutional memory and Most Valued Player of the section, keeping us on schedule, on budget, and always informed. We owe much more than this newsletter to Kyle’s exceptional efforts, so do take a moment to congratulate him at the section reception.

See you in Denver!

– Judy Treas, Section Chair
**Section Election Results**

Following some very close races, the membership of the Section on the Sociology of Population has elected several new officers to begin terms in 2012. On behalf of the section, we extend our highest appreciation to an extraordinarily strong set of candidates who all agreed to volunteer their time for section leadership posts. Without your willingness to serve, the section simply does not run.

Congratulations go out to two newly-elected members of the Section Council, Kate Cagney of the University of Chicago and Hans Peter Kohler of the University of Pennsylvania. Drs. Cagney and Kohler will both start three-year terms on the council following the annual meeting in Denver.

Also starting a three-year term in August is the section’s new Secretary-Treasurer, Peter Brandon of the State University of New York at Albany. Dr. Brandon will take over responsibility for section reception planning, budgeting, newsletter production, and coordination of other section activities. He can be contacted via email at pbrandon@albany.edu.

Finally, the section’s new Chair-elect is Dr. Kelly Raley of the University of Texas - Austin. Dr. Raley, currently the Training Director at Texas' Population Research Center, will serve with the section council over the next year and begin her one-year term as section chair in August 2013.

Please take the time to congratulate all of our newly-elected officers, and to thank outgoing Section Council members, Lori Hunter and Jennifer Van Hook, and Chair Judy Treas for their fine leadership of the section over recent years.
**Things To Do in Denver**

One of the best things about the annual ASA meetings is the opportunity to explore a new city, or rediscover a familiar one. With that in mind, section member, Paula Fomby of the University of Colorado - Denver, provides some ideas about things to do in the Mile-high City when you are not attending section events (listed on the next page).

Downtown Denver has a variety of venues to interest population scholars. The sites below are within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency and Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

The Denver branch of the U.S. Mint is one of only two facilities producing circulating coins. (The other is in Philadelphia.) Coins produced here are demarcated with the letter D and are distributed west of the Mississippi River. Use those marks to contemplate the migration of the coins in your pocket! Free tours of The Mint in downtown Denver are available weekdays on the hour from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are required and may be made at http://www.usmint.gov/mint_tours/. Book well in advance and be sure to come empty-handed – no bags, purses, or strollers allowed.

The new History Colorado Center provides a lively introduction to the region with a clear-eyed assessment of Colorado’s achievements and downsfalls. Visit a southeastern prairie town settled by homesteaders in the 19th century, take a ride down the Silverton mine shaft to detonate your own explosives, and experience a dramatic retelling of The Sand Creek Massacre. Interactive exhibits make this a great destination for sociologists traveling with children.

One in every three cowboys was African-American, according to the curators of the Black American West Museum and Heritage Center. (3091 California St., Denver, open Thursday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Call to confirm at 720-242-7428. At the time of writing, the museum’s web site was not working). The museum describes notable people, places and events in the black history of the West. It is located in Five Points, one of Denver’s oldest neighborhoods. Explore this neighborhood and others on foot with Denver Story Treks, downloadable audio files that provide you with your own personal tour guide.

The Museo de las Americas is the only museum in the Rocky Mountain Region focusing on the art, history, and culture of Latinos in the Americas from ancient times to the present. The museum is located in the Santa Fe Arts District, home to over 60 galleries, restaurants and shops highlighting local artists and entrepreneurs. Su Teatro, also in the Arts District, has a national reputation for its homegrown productions that speak to the history and experience of Chicanos. See the theater’s schedule of events at their web site. (Note: the arts district is about two miles from the conference site).

The Denver Art Museum houses two impressive galleries of Western art. The Betsy Magness Gallery features 19th century landscape painting, representations of dueling cowboys and Indians (some by artists who never visited the frontier), and captivating depictions of the Hispanic southwest. The Dietler Gallery of Western Art includes more recent canvases and sculptures that comment on land use, encroaching urbanization, and the enduring grandeur of the Centennial state.

Colorado prides itself on being one of the healthiest states in the nation, and residents take fitness and outdoor living seriously. Measure your own fitness and learn about the effects of Denver’s high elevation on your physiology at the Expedition Health exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science located in City Park (about 3.5 miles from the conference site). See Denver athletes in action at Confluence Park, where the Cherry Creek and the South Platte River meet. Cyclists, runners, and kayakers converge here on weekend mornings. Take a dip in one of the rivers or stroll or ride a rented B-Cycle bicycle along the many multi-use paths that radiate out from the park. Alternatively, grab a cup of coffee at the Starbucks inside the flagship REI store located in the restored Denver Tramway Building and put your feet up to enjoy the action. (You can also do some indoor rock climbing at REI on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. [call (303) 756-3100 extension 2140 to confirm that the wall is open].

Links for more information on these and other activities:

- Denver Arts Museum:

- History Colorado Center:

- Denver Story Treks:

- REI:

- Denver Museum of Nature and Science:

- Museo de las Americas:

- Su Teatro:
  [http://suteatro.net/](http://suteatro.net/)

- Confluence Park:
Section Sessions for 2012 Meetings

Once again, the Sociology of Population Section is sponsoring three great sessions at the annual ASA meeting in Denver, all scheduled for non-overlapping times on Saturday, August 18. On that same day we have a great line-up of roundtable sessions organized by section council members Jennifer Buher Kane (UNC—Chapel Hill) and Jessica A Cohen (St. Mary’s University), along with section member Anthony Paik (University of Iowa). For the first time, these roundtable sessions include several focused on professional development topics. The roundtables will be followed by our section Business Meeting. Finally, our traditional joint session with the Section on the Sociology of the Family is scheduled for Sunday, August 19. Mark your calendars!

Saturday, August 18, 8:30 am
SESSION 175. Disciplines and Demography: Finding the Sociology in Population Processes
Location: Hyatt Regency Denver, Room TBA
Session Organizer and Presider: Katharine Donato, Vanderbilt University
Discussant: Mariano Sana, Vanderbilt University
- “Contextualizing Financial Strain in the Older Latino Population.” Carlos Diaz-Venegas, University of Texas-Austin; Karl Eschbach, University of Texas-Medical Branch; Jacqueline L. Angel, University of Texas-Austin
- “How do Parents’ and One’s Own Education Accumulate to Shape Adult Health?” Jennifer Karas Montez, Harvard University
- “Veteran Status, Onward and Return Migration in the All Volunteer Force Era.” Amy Kate Bailey, Utah State University

Saturday, August 18, 10:30 am
SESSION 211. Demographic Approaches to Inequalities and Disparities
Location: Hyatt Regency Denver, Room TBA
Session Organizer: John Iceland, Pennsylvania State University
Presider: Michael D.M. Bader, American University
Discussant: Matthew Hall, Cornell University
- “Assimilation, Schooling, and Context.” Michael J. White, Brown University
- “Discrete Choice Analysis of the Intergenerational Transmission of Neighborhood Racial Composition.” Pat Rubio Goldsmith, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; William Velez, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Maureen Pylman, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- “Family Structure and Young Adult Poverty during the Great Recession.” Sheela Kennedy, University of Minnesota; Christopher Wimer, Stanford University

Saturday, August 18, 12:30 pm
SESSION 246. Population, Environment, and Context
Location: Hyatt Regency Denver, Room TBA
Session Organizer and Presider: Lori M. Hunter, University of Colorado-Boulder
Discussant: Thomas G. Safford, University of New Hampshire
- “Natural Disasters and Local Demographic Change in the United States.” Jessica A. Schultz, University of Oregon; James R. Elliott, University of Oregon
- “The Effect of Natural Disaster Exposure on Prenatal Health and Birth Outcomes.” Sarah Crittenden Fuller, Duke University
- “Where It's Easier Being Blue: The Second Demographic Transition and IVF Utilization in the United States.” David Michael McClendon, University of Texas-Austin
- “Childlessness and Mental Well-being in a Global Context.” Kimiko Tanaka, James Madison University
Section Sessions for 2012 Meetings (continued)

Saturday, August 18, 2:30 PM

SESSION 282. Section on Sociology of Population Refereed Roundtables
Location: Hyatt Regency Denver, Room TBA

Session Organizers: Anthony Paik, University of Iowa
Jennifer Buher Kane, University of North Carolina
Jessica A Cohen, St. Mary's University

Table 1. Reproduction
Table Presider: Laurie Elizabeth Hawkins, University of Colorado-Boulder
“Emergency Contraception among Ghanaian Women.” Lori Hale, University of Akron; Baffour K Takyi, University of Akron
“Fertility Decline, Women’s Well-being, and Gender Gaps in Well-being in Poor Countries.” Kathryn M. Yount, Emory University; Sarah Zureick-Brown, Emory University; Nafisa Halim, Boston University; Kayla La Villa, Emory University
“Social Norms and the Reproductive Life Course.” Laurie Elizabeth Hawkins, University of Colorado-Boulder
“Early Marriage among Ever-married Women in Ghana.” Loretta Bass, University of Oklahoma; Morgan Anne Richards, University of Oklahoma

Table 2. Parenthood and the Life Course
Table Presider: Pablo Gracia, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
“Father’s Child Care Involvement and Children’s Age: Education, Bargaining, and Gender Roles.” Pablo Gracia, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
“The Effects of Early Motherhood Experience on Second Births.” Seung-won Choi, Pennsylvania State University
“Trajectories of Fertility Expectations: The 1963 Birth Cohort Women of NLSY79.” Sam Hyun Yoo, Arizona State University

Table 3. Inequality
Table Presider: Kristen Schultz Lee, State University of New York-Buffalo
“Slavery and African American Family Stability, 1860-1880.” Deirdre Bloome, Harvard University; Christopher Michael Muller, Harvard University
“The Effect of First Interbirth Interval on Women’s Poverty at Midlife.” Amanda Jean Stevenson, University of Texas-Austin

Table 4. Models and Methods
Table Presider: Yuri A. Frantsuz, University of Humanities and Social Sciences
“Adjusted Dependency Ratios and Community Characteristics in Metropolitan America: Data from the 2010 ACS.” Thomas File, U.S. Census Bureau; Robert Kominski, U.S. Census Bureau
“Short-term Fluctuations in Fertility: Theoretical and Methodological Issues of Studying the Impact of Societal Instability.” Yuri A. Frantsuz, University of Humanities and Social Sciences

Table 5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Tips for Successful Grant Writing
Table Presiders: Cassandra J. Dorius, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Rebecca L. Clark, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Table 6. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Finding Jobs/What to Expect in Your First Year on the Job
Table Presider: John Iceland, Pennsylvania State University

Table 7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Selecting and Establishing a Long-term Research Agenda
Table Presider: Daniel T. Lichter, Cornell University

Table 8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Getting Published
Table Presider: Lori M. Hunter, University of Colorado-Boulder
Section Sessions for 2012 Meetings (continued)

Saturday, August 18, 3:30 pm
SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF POPULATION BUSINESS MEETING
Location: Hyatt Regency Denver, Room TBA (same as section roundtables)

Sunday, August 19, 4:30 pm
SESSION 426. New Demographic Data and Research Approaches to Studying Families (co-sponsored session with the Section on the Sociology of the Family)
Location: Colorado Convention Center, Room TBA
Session Organizer: Wendy Diane Manning, Bowling Green State University
Presider: Jessica A. Cohen, St. Mary’s University
Discussant: Sarah M. Kendig, University of Texas-Austin
• “Gendered Work Characteristics and Mothers’ and Fathers’ Time Spent in Child Care.” Carrie L. Alexandrowicz Shandra, Hofstra University
• “Measuring Maternal Multi-partnered Fertility with the NLSY79.” Cassandra J. Dories, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
• “Similarity of Siblings’ Family Formation.” Jani Erola, University of Turku; Anette Eva Fasang, Humboldt University-Berlin; Alexi Karhula, University of Turku; Marcel Raab,
• “The Educational ‘Penalty’ of Teen Childbearing: Comparisons across OLS, Instrumental Variables, and Propensity Score Matching Models.” Jennifer Buher Kane, University of North Carolina; Kathleen Mullan Harris, University of North Carolina; S. Philip Morgan, Duke University; David Guilkey, University of North Carolina

Section Reception and Awards Ceremony

Sunday, August 19, 6 to 8 pm
Location: Chambers Grant Salon in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House
Join us for hors d’oeuvres, drinks, section awards, and good conversation.
Reception held jointly with the Section for the Sociology of the Family
Reception sponsored by:
Carolina Population Center
Department of Sociology at Vanderbilt University
Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin
Duke Population Research Institute
Maryland Population Research Center
UC Berkeley Population Center
University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center
Directions to the Ellie Caulkins Opera House from the Hyatt Regency and Convention Center (7 minute walk):
⇒ Head northwest on 15th St (toward California St) for 3.5 blocks
⇒ Turn left onto Curtis St. and travel 1 block Opera House will be straight ahead at 14th and Curtis.
⇒ Chambers Grant Salon is accessed via a staircase from the main lobby of the Opera House, or via stairs or elevator from the valet parking entrance on 14th Street.
Announcements and Opportunities

**JOB CHANGES and AWARDS**

Susan L. Brown has been awarded the prestigious Olscamp Research Award by the Office of the Provost at Bowling Green State University in recognition of her scholarly productivity, her role in the success of the National Center for Family & Marriage Research (NCFMR), and her dedication to student scholarship.

Jim Raymo has been appointed director of the Center for Demography and Ecology at the University of Wisconsin

Matthew Weinshenker has earned tenure in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Fordham University.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Department of Sociology at The University of Texas at Austin invites applications for a senior social demographer at the rank of full professor with tenure starting in Fall 2013. The position will include an affiliation with the Population Research Center. All areas of specialization within social demography are open. Duties will include undergraduate and graduate teaching, research, publication, and service. Successful candidates must have a PhD in hand and an outstanding record of innovative scholarship, publication, external funding, and teaching. Applications will be screened until the position is filled.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of introduction, Curriculum Vita, a writing sample, evidence of teaching excellence, and the names of three references to: Professors Jennifer Glass and Mark Hayward, Social Demography Search Committee Co-Chairs, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, via SOCPRCfac@austin.utexas.edu.

The Department of Sociology at the University of Utah invites applications for a tenured Associate Professor or tenure-track advanced Assistant Professor to begin July, 2013. We are seeking a sociologist who will contribute to the Department’s specialty in Population and Health (description available at www.soc.utah.edu/graduate/ description.html). The successful applicant will have a strong record of success in research, including extramural funding and an accomplished record of scholarly publication. Preference will be given to candidates whose research focuses on medical sociology, family sociology, fertility, population aging, migration, social epidemiology, statistical methods in population research, or other areas which complement current faculty interests. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to teaching and mentoring students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Full consideration will be given to applications received by October 5, 2012. Applications will be accepted at http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/16629 and will include a cover letter, research and teaching statements, a curriculum vita, samples of scholarly work, and contact information for three individuals who will provide letters of recommendation. Position availability is contingent on final budgetary approval.

Opportunity for New Research Groups at the Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/OAW, WU) in Vienna

“New Frontiers Groups (NFG)” (Austrian Academy of Sciences). The NFG program aims at investigator driven innovative research in order to promote promising academic careers. Applicants must hold a doctoral degree which conferred no more than 7 years prior to the submission deadline (July 15th) and have the ability to lead an independent research group. Candidates with interdisciplinary interests and experience are particularly welcome. Each group will be granted 1.2 – 4 million Euros for 5 years. More information:

http://www.oeaw.ac.at/nfg/

How to apply: http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/new-frontiers-groups/index.html

CALLS for PAPERS

Population Research and Policy Review is accepting submissions for a special issue entitled, “New Findings from the 2010 Census.” Submissions are open to all, and research notes as well as full-length manuscripts will be accepted for this issue. Only completed work can be considered, and manuscripts will be peer reviewed.

Our intent with this special issue is to highlight empirical and theoretical manuscripts that make a novel contribution to scholarship in this area of study. In particular, we are interested in papers that describe and investigate the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of LGBT populations, as well as papers that explore how sexual minority status relates to health status, behaviors, mortality, and medical care use; family structure and interpersonal relationships; stigma, discrimination, and violence; and other population-related issues that readers of PRPR would find of interest.

Only completed papers will be considered, and all submitted papers will go through the standard peer review process for PRPR submissions. Papers may be empirical or theoretical in nature. The call for papers will close on November 1, 2012. For all inquiries on this special issue, please contact Bridget Gorman (bkgorman@rice.edu) and Justin Denney (justin.denney@rice.edu).

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Population Reference Bureau has provided timely and objective population data and analysis for more than 80 years. On the PRB website (www.prb.org), you’ll find hundreds of web-exclusive articles and reports, along with ready-made PowerPoint graphics, customized maps and charts, webcasts of presentations and seminars, and blogs about current events. Our materials for educators are designed to build the demographic knowledge of students at both secondary and university levels. In particular, here are five resources that may be of interest to you and your students:

1. Distilled Demographics (www.prb.org/journalists/DistilledDemographics.aspx), PRB’s educational video series, explains key demographic concepts such as fertility, mortality, and migration in concise and nontechnical language accompanied by easy-to-understand graphics.

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2. PRB's DataFinder website (www.prb.org/DataFinder.aspx) is a recently-expanded, searchable database of hundreds of population and health indicators for thousands of U.S. and international locations. Users can easily create custom maps, tables, and charts to print, download, and share without any fees or registration requirements. The website includes a huge easy-to-access database of indicators from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 Census, American Community Survey, as well as UN indicators and estimates, and the entire database from PRB's popular 2011 World Population Data Sheet. Search results can be downloaded or shared via e-mail or Facebook.

3. PRB's Population Handbook, 6th edition (http://www.prb.org/Reports/2011/prb-population-handbook-2011.aspx), a reference guide to the basic concepts of demography, has been used by tens of thousands of teachers and students in fields such as sociology, geography, and urban studies over more than 30 years. The handbook explains how to calculate and use major ratios, and other measures from the birth rate to the life table. Available for download, it also includes tips on interpreting population data.

4. The Lesson Plan (www.prb.org/Educators/LessonPlans/2012/2011WorldPopulationDataSheet.aspx) for the 2011 World Population Data Sheet is a step-by-step guide to introduce students to major demographic concepts using the wealth of data on the world, regions, and individual countries.

5. Publications (www.prb.org/DoingResearch.aspx) such as Population Bulletins, World Population Data Sheets, and special reports and policy briefs provide data and analysis on a wide range of population, health, and environment topics. All publications are available in full text and free of charge on the website.

CONFERENCES

National Survey of Family Growth
2012 National Research Conference
October 17 – 18, 2012

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) announces the 2012 Research Conference on the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG). The conference will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 17 and 18, 2012, at NCHS located in Hyattsville, Maryland, just outside Washington, DC. The purpose of the conference is to present and discuss original, unpublished analyses of the National Survey of Family Growth and will highlight the 2006-2010 NSFG data (based on interviews with 22,682 men and women aged 15-44 years). About 20 papers will be presented. Topical sessions will be organized around the themes represented by the accepted papers. Previous conferences included sessions on:

- Marriage and Cohabitation
- Non-marital Fertility
- Contraception and Fertility
- Teens and Reproductive Health Services
- Men and Fatherhood
- Reproductive Health and Medical Services
- Methodological Issues

Registration for the conference will open in August. An announcement will be sent to the NSFG listerv and posted on the NSFG web page. www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm. For further information, please contact the NSFG staff at nsfg@cdc.gov or (301)458-4222.

The Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR) and the National Center for Family & Marriage Research (NCFMR) co-sponsored the symposium "Parental Well-Being in Contemporary Families" at Bowling Green State University in March. The symposium addressed growing diversity in parenthood and how the experience of parenting affects adults' economic, psychological, and relationship well-being in the contemporary context. Distinguished scholars Maureen Perry-Jenkins, Kristi Williams, and Kevin Roy showcased their research on this topic and highlighted challenges and opportunities related to new research on parental well-being. To see videos of their talks, click on the "View Webcast" link under each speaker's name at http://www.bgsu.edu/organizations/cfdr/page34614.html

NEW PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE

Special issue of Population and Environment (Volume 33 Number 4) is now available on SpringerLink. Contact Lori Hunter (Lori.Hunter@colorado.edu) if you would like 1 or 2 PDF copies of articles below and don't have access.

- "Demographic change and shifting views about marine resources and the coastal environment in Downeast Maine.” Thomas S. Safford & Lawrence C. Hamilton.
- "Soil and its influence on rural drought migration: insights from Depression-era Southwestern Saskatchewan, Canada.” Robert A. McLeman & S. Kate Ploeger.
- "Experiencing ‘drought and more’: local responses from rural Victoria, Australia.” Meg Sherval & Louise E. Askew.
- "Household dynamics and fuelwood consumption in developing countries: a cross-national analysis.” Kyle W. Knight & Eugene A. Rosa.

NEW DATA AVAILABLE

How Couples Meet and Stay Together is a longitudinal study of 4,002 American adults, funded by the National Science Foundation. PI is Michael J. Rosenfeld, Stanford University. The study over-samples self-identified gay, lesbian, and bisexual adults. Wave 1 in 2009 gathered detailed information about how respondents met their current spouse or romantic partner. Waves 2 and 3 in 2010 and 2011 followed up with the couples identified in 2009 to determine if they were still together as a couple. Future waves are planned for 2012 and 2014. The public data and documentation can be accessed at http://data.stanford.edu/hcmst, or via ICPSR, study #30103.
A Short History of the ASA Section on the Sociology of Population
By Charles B. Nam and Dudley L. Poston, Jr.

In the early 1970s, the American Sociological Association enabled within the association the development of "sections," which the ASA defined as "officially-recognized assemblies of ASA members who share interests in a specific sociological topic." At that time several members of the ASA (not including the above authors) formed a "Section on Population." The members were primarily demographers and sociologists with strong ties to the Population Association of America (PAA). The program sessions they developed almost always emphasized topics and interests that were central to demography per se.

After a couple of years, a motion was made at the "Section on Population" business meeting that the Section be terminated on the grounds that it duplicated programs at PAA. The motion passed and the Section was disbanded. For several years, thus, the ASA did not have a specific section focused on demography. And those were the years when sections grew in number and importance within ASA.

In 1977, a group of demographers (including the above authors) met informally and agreed that the earlier "Section on Population" had failed because it did not emphasize satisfactorily sociology’s link to population. This ad-hoc group, headed by Charles Nam, thus moved to begin a new section for demographers in ASA, one that specifically focused on the relationships and links between sociology and demography, i.e., "sociological demography" or "social demography," if you will. Old-timers will remember the distinction made in 1959 by Philip Hauser and Otis Dudley Duncan between "demographic analysis" and "population studies." Our thinking when the section was reorganized was that we would focus much more on "population studies" than on "demographic analysis." Therefore, we proposed that the section be named the "Section on the Sociology of Population."

This ad-hoc group and the section officers for the first few years included the above authors and such other social demographers as Kingsley Davis, Paul Glick, Michael Micklin, Daniel Price, Linda Waite, Reynolds Farley, Harriet Presser, Mary Powers, Valerie Oppenheimer, Wendy Baldwin, Monica Boyd, Larry Bumpass, Mary Kritz, Marta Tienda, Basil Zimmer, Arland Thornton, Larry Long, Teresa Sullivan and Judy Treas.

Nam was elected as the first chair (1978) of the newly organized Section on the Sociology of Population; the chairs of the Section for the next few years were Dan Price (1979), Reynolds Farley (1980), Valerie Oppenheimer (1981), Larry Bumpass (1982), Harriet Presser (1983), Dudley Poston (1984), and Mary Powers (1985).

When the new Section was approved in 1978, the ad-hoc group insisted that it be named the Section on the Sociology of Population, and the purpose and by-laws indicated this Section focus. Subsequently, we have been reminded that on at least two occasions since 1978, the ASA staff has inadvertently dropped “the Sociology of” part of the title; but the staff has been reminded by Section members why it had to be there.

For nearly thirty-five years now, the Section on the Sociology of Population has functioned well and has expanded its member base to over 500. From time to time program planners have occasionally lost sight of the main purpose of the Section, but in the whole it has been true to its purpose.

The purpose of the Section on the Sociology of Population is to foster the development of the study of population within the context of sociology.

As of July 1, 2012, the section has 465 members, including 89 student members.

Access section information online at: www2.asanet.org/population/