SHIFTING GEARS
New community members    Program moves & construction    Technology change
It’s the beginning of a new academic year and, in addition to changes in personnel and incoming and outgoing trainees, the Center has been affected by shifting spaces for programs and offices – largely the result of anticipated and ongoing ISR construction – as well as the recent migration to Google for email, calendaring, and other web-based applications.

On page 7, we introduce new and recently added Center researchers. One addition, Kristin Seefeldt, has a past association with the Center as a former trainee. Others, like Kelli Stidham-Hall and Fabian Pfeffer, are fairly new to the University.

On page 12-13, we present recently incoming and departing Center trainees, both pre-doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows.

And here we take a look at some recent space changes that affect Center staff and researchers, and that will probably remain in effect until construction is complete on the new wing of the Institute for Social Research.

On the following page, we offer a quick take on our recent migration to Google and provide some resources for ongoing support.

The need for more office space along with ISR Wing 4 construction issues have prompted the relocation of several ISR units connected to PSC. Here are some changes to note.

The **PSC Library** windows will very soon be covered in a fire wall extending 1.5 feet into the room. While no change is expected for the north end book shelves or public computing area, the south end of the library will be eventually transformed into a hallway into the new atrium, with a glass partition separating the remaining library space. Across this future hallway will remain the door to the PSC Data Services bay, which will also have their floor to ceiling windows covered over in drywall. While this means Lisa Neidert stands to lose the distinction of having the “best office in ISR,” all walls and office locations will remain unaffected for DS and Library staff.

The **Family Demography Program** is moving to the south side of their 2nd floor bay in ISR-Thompson’s Wing 2. Offices along the north wall will have windows overlooking the trees replaced with firewall or, in the case of Arland Thornton’s office, be demolished for a future hallway. While a few non-Fam-Dem folks have moved out of the bay, the roughly 30 members of the program will remain. The move has “impacted us quite heavily,” according to Judy Baughn, who will remain in her newly fire-walled office for the year. They expect about a two-year run while the construction rumbles a few feet away.

The **Survey Methodology Program** staff have moved across the hall from the 4050 bay to the 4006 bay at ISR-Thompson. The sweeping treetop views from the 4050 bay will also be covered over with dry wall in September and the space will be occupied by students.
Google Migration
by Ricardo Rodriguiz

During the summer 2011, most of the Health and Retirement Study faculty, students, and administrative staff moved to the 4th floor of Michigan Square, 330 E Liberty, above SPARK. They are now occupying the entire floor. Cathy Liebowitz reports folks are generally happy. While they do have great amenities such as a kitchen sink, Cathy says we shouldn’t be jealous as they also have some issues with leaks when it rains. Mary Beth Ofstedal, Miles Kimball, Charlie Brown, Margaret Levenstein, and some other HRS personnel will remain at ISR-Thompson, although Mary Beth has moved to the east side of the building.

The Quantitative Methodology Program completed their move on Aug 9 to a second floor suite at 777 N. University Ave. The entrance is located directly adjacent to Panera’s. About 18 members of the program are in the new space with expansion room for visiting scholars. Rhonda Moats anticipates a two-plus year stay in the temporary space before moving back to ISR-Thompson, likely near the Fam-Dem program offices.

ISR Human Resources staff have also moved out from the wrecking ball’s path and joined the SRC HR staff in bay 1350 at ISR-Thompson, while the ISR mail room is now in the basement, room 201.

Phone numbers have generally followed people to their new desks and mailing addresses remain at ISR – the mail room runs a daily courier to the remote sites.

Google Migration
As part of the University’s broader NextGen Michigan initiative, U-M migrated the bulk of its mail and calendaring services to Google Apps for Education over the summer. On August 20, ISR made the switch to Google.

The migration for ISR was largely successful (with a few worrying moments). As with any significant change in work processes and supporting technologies, we’re seeing a range of responses as people adjust to new ways of performing routine tasks and discover additional capacities – in this case via apps in the Google package.

(Longtime Center folks will remember similar adjustments after our 1994 migration away from the old mainframe email package MessageSystem, as well as our 1999 migration to Exchange and Outlook from our Unix-based Pine mail client.)

The Center’s Google Guides (Lee Ridley, JP DeWitt, and Violet Elder) and Computing Staff (Mark Sandstrom, David Sasaki, and Ricardo) continue to help users with the transition and remain available as a resource for learning the new Google environment.

In addition, there are the University’s Google resource web pages (http://google.umich.edu) and ISR’s Google help and resource pages (http://compute.isr.umich.edu/Google/ISR-Google.htm).

Folks can also get help from the ITS Computing Help desk at 4-HELP (764-4357 or http://its.umich.edu/help/).
Fabian Pfeffer, on how preschool exposures influence educational outcomes. NPR (“The Problem with Growing Up Poor”), 7/9/2012.

“Middle class children are exposed to many, many more words than working class children... There's already a gap when they come into school. So this is inequality in educational outcomes that has been established before they even enter schools.”


“Even in the earlier years of the European surveys, drinking and smoking by American adolescents was quite low by comparison [to European adolescents]... however the use of illicit drugs is quite a different matter.”

Ren Farley, discussing “black flight” from America’s Rust Belt cities. Al Jazeera, 7/9/2012.

“We are still a manufacturing nation. But we use relatively few workers to produce products anymore. The inner cities are being left with a population that is poorer and less highly educated.”

Sheldon Danziger, on child poverty rates in developed nations. Huffington Post, 5/30/2012.

“Among rich countries, the U.S. is exceptional.... in our tolerance of poverty. Basically, other countries do more. They tend to have minimum wages that are higher than ours. The children would be covered universally by health insurance. Other countries provide more child care.”

Yu Xie, on why Asian Americans are the fastest-growing racial group in the U.S. Christian Science Monitor, 6/19/2012.

“Native-born Americans do not do well in acquiring technical skills to field the jobs that are demanded by the US economy. So some of that demand is met by foreign students and immigrant scientists.”


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Martha Bailey, on how access to the Pill helped increase wages for women since 1960. Slate, 3/29/2012.

“As the pill provided younger women the expectation of greater control over childbearing, women invested more in their human capital and careers... Most affected were women with some college, who benefitted from these investments through remarkable wage gains over their lifetimes.”

PSC News Archive: http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/events/archive/news.html
Frank Stafford, on his study with Bob Schoeni and Bing Chen showing the percentage of US families in debt is growing even while the average savings is also increasing. New York Times, 5/10/2012.

“People who were precarious are in even worse shape, while people who are in good shape see the turmoil and decide to save more.”

Patrick Wightman, on his work with Bob Schoeni showing parents play favorites in financially supporting their young adult children. Science Daily, 5/3/2012.

“Basically, this finding shows that parents are more inclined to provide extra support to children whom they perceive as more positive and outgoing. They’re more likely to help those who, even at a young age, help themselves.”


“[Although] IRS data overstate inequality because much income received by low income families is not included in Adjusted Gross Income (for example, cash welfare, food stamps)….only the IRS data have large enough samples to focus on the very rich.”


“Generally, a rising global sense of freedom in the last quarter-century has eclipsed the contribution of pure economic development to happiness.”

Martha Bailey, on men lagging women in educational attainment in the U.S. Bloomberg News. 4/11/2012.

“For young women and men living in the same family, the sisters are going on to outperform their brothers on average. That is the puzzle.”

Helen Levy, on the year she spent in DC working as a senior economist on the Council of Economic Advisors in the Obama Administration. AnnArbor.com, 2/29/2012.

“There aren’t that many opportunities in adult life to do something like that. It applies learning but in a totally different, day-to-day way…. Everyone [on the Council] is on academic leave from their ‘real’ jobs. They’re not jockeying for a position within the administration because they’re going back to their tenured position at their universities. This makes us free to say what we want and speak our minds.”

Pamela Smock, on how cohabitation before marriage affects divorce rates among marrying couples. The Daily Beast, 4/18/2012.

“Some of the most recent studies are finding no effect on the likelihood of divorce, even along racial and class lines. Cohabitation may actually be keeping divorce rates steady by weeding out couples who would have been more likely to get divorced had they not lived together and realized they weren’t compatible.”

Media Citings
1. First job? After college, I moved to Graz, Austria, for three years and worked as an English language assistant, teacher and translator, which talked me into being an economist.


4. First music you ever bought? Whitney Houston’s first LP.

5. If you could choose another career other than economist? Constitutional Law. I really like my projects that involve legal research.

6. Current favorite vacation destination? Lake Michigan’s beaches in the summer!


8. What ticks you off? Stereotypes, especially gender stereotypes.

9. If you had a time machine, where and when would you visit? The deliberations of the Warren Court.

10. If you could have any three dinner companions? Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Matt Damon, and Lady Gaga.

11. If you could trade places with any other person for a day? Taylor Swift.

12. What super power would you like to have? Infinite kindness and generosity.


15. Mind you’d most like to read? My daughters’ Eve (3 and a half) and Ella (18 months)—there is so much more to their thoughts than they can articulate!

16. Best award you ever won? The “Styrian Panther” for my musical adaptation of the Wizard of Oz performed by my Austrian elementary school pupils. (Styria is the Austrian province where I lived.)

17. If money were no object, what would you finance? My own vineyard.

18. Favorite room in home? Kitchen. I love to cook!


20. What do you like about your work? I get to work on questions that I find important and exciting.

21. Where do you see yourself in ten years? At a lot of my daughters’ sports events.
**Philippa J. Clarke**
Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center
PhD, Social Science and Health, University of Toronto
Research interests: social epidemiology, social gerontology, life course perspectives, models of disability, population health. She uses U.S. census data and GIS information to show how housing density and mixed-use neighborhoods affect individual experience of disability.

**Lydia W. Li**
Faculty Associate, Population Studies Center
PhD, Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Research Interests: issues related to elder care in the United States and China. In particular, she is interested in psychosocial factors and interventions affecting physical and mental health outcomes of frail elders living in the community.

**Mary McEniry**
Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center
Director, Data Sharing for Demographic Research, ICPSR, Institute for Social Research.
PhD, Industrial Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Research interests: the demography of aging, cross-national comparisons of early life conditions and older adult health, and health and mortality in U.S. Hispanic populations and developing country populations. Her current research examines early life conditions and older adult health in low, middle and high income countries.

**Fabian T. Pfeffer**
Faculty Associate, Population Studies Center
Faculty Research Fellow, Survey Research Center.
PhD, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Research interests: social stratification and social mobility; comparative sociology; labor market and welfare state research; quantitative methods.

**Kristin Seefeldt**
Assistant Research Scientist, Population Studies Center
Assistant Research Scientist, Population Studies Center.
PhD, Sociology and Public Policy, University of Michigan
Research interests: how low-income individuals understand their situations, particularly around issues related to work and economic well-being. Currently, she is conducting research on families financial coping strategies during an economic downturn and is a Principal Investigator of a survey examining the effects of the recession and recovery policies on individuals well-being.

**Kelli Stidham-Hall**
Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center
Research Investigator, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.
PhD, Interdisciplinary Research/Maternal Child Health Nursing, Columbia University
Research interests: population-based and clinical research projects examining psychological and social influences on adolescents’ contraceptive behavior, family planning outcomes and reproductive health service use. Currently, she is investigating the role of mental health stigma and discrimination on young women’s reproductive health care experiences and family planning outcomes.

PSC researchers: [http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/people/um-researchers.html](http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/people/um-researchers.html)
Recent Journal Articles by PSC Affiliates


Recently Funded Projects at PSC

Martha Bailey

**Have U.S. Family Planning Programs Improved the Economic Circumstances of Children?**

University of California-Davis (P=Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – SAMHSA)

3/1/2012 - 9/29/2012

$20,000

Recent Congressional budget deliberations have included proposals to cut all funding for Title X of the Public Health Service Act—legislation which has funded U.S. domestic family planning programs since 1970. Although proponents of these cuts often justify them in terms of the immediate cost savings, understanding their longer-term impact on costs and well-being are crucial to weighing these proposals. The proposed project uses restricted Census data to examine the longer-term effects of family planning programs on the material well-being of children and persistence of poverty.

Jennifer Barber

**The Role of Research in Enhancing Family Planning and Pregnancy Prevention for Teens**

William T. Grant Foundation

11/1/2011 - 10/31/2013

$199,784

In this project, Jennifer Barber will spend time at two youth service organizations: a teen pregnancy prevention center and a Planned Parenthood facility. Her objective is to help close the gap between research and practice in regard to teen pregnancy. The project includes a variety of activities at each host site, including participation in organizational design and implementation of on-site activities, program facilitation, and clinical settings.

John Bound

**Modeling How the US Labor Market for Scientists and Engineers Responds to Immigration**

National Bureau of Economic Research (P=Alfred P. Sloan Foundation)

11/1/2011 - 7/1/2012

$18,007

The objective of this research is to apply economic models and available data from multiple sources to understand the different channels of adjustment that determine the flows of individuals from overseas and from within the U.S. into the S&E workforce. In particular, our research focuses on the link between the labor market and university education for both U.S.-born and foreign-born workers and incorporates decisions of U.S. students to pursue training in S&E fields, the supply side of U.S. colleges and universities, and the roles of post-secondary training abroad and U.S. immigration policies.

Pamela Smock

**Social Science Training in Population Studies**

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

5/1/2012 - 4/30/2013

$598,690

This funding is for a five-year renewal for the Population Studies Center’s training program in demography, which currently includes 11 pre-doctoral and 2 post-doctoral trainees. The training program, conducted in collaboration with units in economics, public health, sociology, and public policy, combines the doctoral requirements of specific disciplines with additional specialized training in demography through a combination of formal coursework, informal seminars, and a research apprenticeship program.

David Lam

**IZA Discretionary Funding Agreement**

Forschungsinstitut zur Zukunft der Arbeit GmbH (IZA)


$10,000

David Lam will support IZA with administrative and scientific services related to the program of Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries Program. These funds will support research costs such as research assistance, conference calling, and software and hardware.

Jennifer Barber

**Scholars in Health Policy Research Program**


8/1/2011 - 7/31/2012

$15,264

This funding is to support the Scholars in Health Policy Research Program with the following goals: (1) To provide an interdisciplinary curriculum and resources to identify critical health policy issues in need of research from social science disciplinary perspectives. (2) To provide research support and mentorship to design and implement salient research projects. (3) To provide mentoring on professional development. (4) To assist in securing positions for Scholars.

Pamela Smock

**Population Research Infrastructure Support**

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

12/22/2011 - 11/30/2012

$922,641

This is a five-year renewal for the Population Studies Center’s research infrastructure grant, which provides support for activities that enhance the research capabilities of PSC population scientists. The support will allow the Center to continue building on its strengths while enhancing research contributions to population science. Support will cover four existing research service cores: administrative, computing, information services, and methodology, plus a new developmental core.

Pamela Smock

**Community Care for All? Health Centers’ Impact on Access to Care and Health**

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

7/24/2012 - 5/31/2013

$377,549

Since 1965, CHCs have delivered primary and preventive health care at free or reduced cost to disadvantaged and uninsured Americans. Over the last decade, federal funding has increased significantly for CHCs. This project will generate nationally representative, shorter- and longer-term estimates of CHCs’ effects on health and economic outcomes and health care utilization by age group and race.

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NARAYAN SASTRY was elected to the 12-member Board of Directors of the Population Association of America. His three-year term begins January 1, 2013.

TANYA BYKER won a 2012 dissertation fellowship to study the impact of fertility timing on labor force outcomes in the US, Peru and South Africa. The two-year fellowship is awarded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Institute of International Education.

LAUREN NICHOLAS, DAVID WEIR, KENNETH LANGA, & THEODORE IWASHYAN received the 2012 article-of-the-year award from Academy Health for their JAMA article “Regional Variation in the Association Between Advance Directives and End-of-Life Medicare.” The annual award recognizes the best scientific work that the fields of health services research and health policy have produced and published.

JAMES HOUSE was named the Henry Russel Lecturer for 2013 by the U-M regents. The award is given each year in recognition of exceptional achievements in research, scholarship or creative endeavors, and an outstanding record of teaching, mentoring and service.

MICK COUPER, REYNOLDS FARLEY, MARIA KRYSAN, & TYRONE FORMAN received the Oliver Cromwell Cox Award from ASA’s Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section. The award, which recognizes the best research article in the sociological study of race and ethnicity during the prior three years, is for their 2009 AJS article “Does Race Matter in Neighborhood Preferences?”

JENNIFER BARBER won a William T. Grant Foundation Fellowship for 2011-2012 for her work with clinic and service organization administrators on teen pregnancy prevention. Research sites include Planned Parenthood of Mid and South Michigan and Teen HYPE.

PAMELA SMOCK was elected president of the Association of Population Centers for a two-year term. The APC is an independent group of university- and research organization-based centers that work together to foster collaborative demographic research and data sharing, disseminate research findings to policy makers, and support training in population studies.

MARTHA BAILEY was named co-winner of the 2011 Best Published Work using IPUMS-USA/IPUMS-CPS data, awarded by the Minnesota Population Center. The award is for her 2011 paper (with William Collins): “Did Improvements in Household Technology Cause the Baby Boom? Evidence from Electrification, Appliance Diffusion, and the Amish,” in the American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics.

MYRON GUTMANN was one of 14 U-M faculty members recently elected as fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Election as a fellow is made by AAAS members in recognition of “scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications.”

FRED CONRAD succeeds James Lepkowski, the founding director, as head of Michigan’s Program in Survey Methodology. The unit provides graduate-level training in conducting scientifically sound surveys, one of only three programs in the U.S. to do so.

DAVID LAM was appointed director of a European research program to study economic growth and labor markets in low-income countries. The £10 million program is funded by the United Kingdom Department for International Development and the German Institute for the Study of Labor. The funds will support peer-reviewed research projects around the world.

PSC Honors/Awards Archive: http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/events/archive/honors.html
Encyclopedia of the U.S. Census: From the Constitution to the American Community Survey  
Edited by: Margo J. Anderson, Constance F. Citro & Joseph J. Salvo  
CQ Press. 2012.  
PSC Catalog Record  
Publisher Information

Darwin’s Conjecture: The Search for General Principles of Social & Economic Evolution  
Geoffrey M. Hodgson and Thorbjørn Knudsen  
PSC Catalog Record  
Publisher Information

Applied Longitudinal Analysis, Second ed.  
Garrett M. Fitzmaurice, Nan M. Laird, and James H. Ware  
Wiley. 2011.  
PSC Library Record  
Publisher Information

Whither Opportunity? Rising Inequality, Schools, and Children’s Life Chances  
Edited by: Greg J. Duncan and Richard J. Murnane  
PSC Catalog Record  
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Divergent Social Worlds: Neighborhood Crime and the Racial-Spatial Divide  
Ruth D Peterson and Lauren Joy Krivo  
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Persistence, Privilege, and Parenting: The Comparative Study of Intergenerational Mobility  
Edited by: Timothy M Smeeding, Markus Jäntti, and Robert Erikson  
PSC Catalog Record  
Publisher Information

From Parents to Children: The Intergenerational Transmission of Advantage  
Edited by: John Ermisch, Markus Jäntti, and Timothy M Smeeding  
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Explaining Divergent Levels of Longevity in High-Income Countries  
Eileen M. Crimmins, Samuel H. Preston, and Barney Cohen  
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Public Opinion in the Middle East: Survey Research and the Political Orientations of Ordinary Citizens  
Mark Tessler  
Indiana University Press. 2011.  
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Constance F. Citro, Graham Kalton, and Panel on the Functionality and Usability of Data from the American Community Survey  
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Robert Hauser, Maxine Weinstein, Robert Pool, and Barney Cohen  
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Yu Xie and Alexandra A. Killewald  
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PSC Catalog Record  
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Michael N. Mitchell  
Stata Press. 2012.  
PSC Catalog Record  
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Applied Missing Data Analysis  
Craig K. Enders  
Guilford Press. 2010.  
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Aging in Asia: Findings from New and Emerging Data Initiatives  
James P. Smith and Malay Majmundar  
PSC Catalog Record  
Publisher Information

SAS Statistics by Example  
Ronald P. Cody  
PSC Catalog Record  
Publisher Information

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http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/dis/infoserv/catalog/
The following predoctoral students and postdoctoral fellows have recently joined the Center.

PREDOTORAL STUDENTS

Aditya Aladangady, Economics
PSC Mentor: Matthew Shapiro
Research Interests: Housing markets, household balance sheets, and consumption.
UM Admission Year: 2008
Prior Degrees: BA/BS University of Texas, Austin

Olga Malkova, Economics
PSC Mentor: Martha Bailey
Research Interests: Labor force participation, retirement and aging, inter-generational transfers, public policy and fertility
UM Admission Year: 2009
Prior Degrees: BA 2008, University of California, Berkeley

Aresha Martinez-Cardoso, Public Health
PSC Mentor: Arline Geronimus
Research Interests: Understanding how social context, structural conditions, and immigration experiences influence the risk for substance abuse and unintended pregnancy among Latina/o adolescents
UM Admission Year: 2012
Prior Degrees: BA 2010, MSPH, 2012, UCLA

Elizabeth Mosley, Public Health
PSC Mentor: Arline Geronimus
Research Interests: The impact of sex and gender inequality on the reproductive health of vulnerable populations, including family planning and maternal health services in developing nations and impoverished communities in the US
UM Admission Year: 2012
Prior Degrees: BS 2008, MPH 2010, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Tong Yob Nam, Economics
PSC Mentor: John Bound
Research Interests: The portfolio rebalancing behavior of retirees in the presence of housing; macroeconomics; economics of aging
UM Admission Year: 2009
Prior Degrees: BS 2007, Seoul National University

Anh Nguyen, Sociology
PSC Mentor: Jeff Morenoff
Research Interests: Social inequality, urban sociology, and race/ethnicity
UM Admission Year: 2011
Prior Degrees: BA 2010, Carleton College

Nelson Saldana, Sociology
PSC Mentor: Jeff Morenoff
Research Interests: Inequality/social stratification, urban sociology, health and illness, biomarkers, neighborhood change
UM Admission Year: 2011
Prior Degrees: BS 2005, UCLA; MPH 2008

Bryan Stuart, Economics
PSC Mentor: John Bound
Research Interests: Labor, public, and urban economics – more specifically household location decisions and local public finance
UM Admission Year: 2011
Prior Degrees: BA 2011, Indiana University

Jeffrey Swindle, Sociology
PSC Mentor: Arland Thornton
Research Interests: The influence of NGOs in international development
UM Admission Year: 2012
Prior Degrees: BA 2011, Brigham Young University
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Amelia Karraker, NIA
Postdoc
PSC Mentor: Sarah Burgard
Prior Degrees: PhD 2012, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Sociology
Dissertation Title: “Feeling Poor and Being Sick: Social Status, Psychosocial Processes, and Health”
Research Interests: Dr. Karraker’s research focuses on how different measures of social status (education, income, subjective socioeconomic status, race, gender) impact health and well-being, particularly in later life. One current project examines how employment conditions confer psychosocial resources (such as environmental mastery) that individuals can employ to generate and protect health. Another project looks at the role of cognitive and noncognitive human capital in explaining educational gradients in health behaviors.

Emily Marshall, NICHD
Postdoc
PSC Mentor: Arland Thornton
Prior Degrees: PhD 2012, Princeton University, Sociology and Demography
Research Interests: Dr. Marshall’s research examines how cultural and social contexts shape understandings of family and fertility. She is particularly interested in the use of innovative methods to study culture and fertility. In her dissertation, she used multiple methods to examine how strikingly similar national fertility trends were interpreted very differently in Great Britain and France from the end of World War II to the end of the twentieth century.

Javier Rodriguez, NICHD
Postdoc
PSC Mentor: Arline Geronimus
Prior Degrees: PhD 2012, UCLA, Political Science
Dissertation Title: “The Effects of Mortality and Health Inequalities over Disparities in Political Behavior”
Research Interests: Dr. Rodriguez’s research analyzes the political causes and consequences of socioeconomic mortality selectivity and racial disparities in health (with an emphasis on health-related mortality and infant mortality). He studies how policies enacted by the party in power affect reproduction, survival, and physiological dysregulation in humans, and how these, in turn, affect socio-political processes like electoral outcomes and the distribution of resources.

The following PSC trainees have recently taken leave of the Center for other pursuits

DEPARTING TRAINEES

Paul Burns, former NIA Postdoc, currently on the job market
David Diego Torres, Sociology PhD, currently NSF Postdoc at Rice University
Jess Gregory, Economics PhD, currently Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Margaret Gough, Sociology PhD, currently ASA/NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship at Harvard University
Yoonsun Han, Sociology PhD, currently Postdoctoral Fellow in Adolescent Development, Department of Human Development & Family Sciences; Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin
Brad Hershbein, Economics PhD, currently economist at W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
Yang Jiang, Sociology PhD, currently on the job market

PSC Predoc Trainees: http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/people/trainees.html
PSC Postdoc Trainees: http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/people/postdocs.html
Supporting Research through Small Grants

From analyzing the effects of cash stipends on job searches in South Africa to examining the factors influencing successful social reentry for older American parolees, small grants at the Population Studies Center have supported a range of research projects and related activities among research affiliates, post-docs, trainees, and alumni.

The newest source of funding – the PSC Pilot Grant – will award up to two $20,000 grants to foster innovative research in demography.

To explore various sources of potential PSC small grant funding and get information on projects that have been successful in gaining support, please visit the PSC website.

Questions? Contact Kerri Cross: kerris@umich.edu

PSC Small Grants Summary Information

**Freedman Fund**
- **Theme:** Fertility, family planning, and family dynamics in developing countries
- **Activities:** Pilot projects, workshops, postdoctoral visits and travel for collaboration
- **Region:** Developing countries
- **Eligibility:** PSC Research Faculty, Affiliates, post-docs, and PhD alumni in developing countries

**Hermelin Fund**
- **Theme:** Continuing education, new interactions between demography and other fields
- **Activities:** Short-term training, short-term residencies at PSC for researchers from other fields
- **Region:** Any
- **Eligibility:** PSC PhD alumni, with preference for those in developing countries

**Mueller Fund**
- **Theme:** Research and training in demography and economics.
- **Activities:** Pilot projects, data collection and research training
- **Region:** Any
- **Eligibility:** All PSC researchers, with preference given to PSC junior faculty, post-docs, and graduate students

**Marshall Weinberg Endowment Fund**
- **Theme:** International population activities
- **Activities:** Pilot projects, data collection, travel for collaboration
- **Region:** Any
- **Eligibility:** PSC junior faculty, graduate students, post-docs, and foreign colleagues

**Marshall Weinberg International Travel Fund**
- **Theme:** Educational and learning experiences abroad
- **Activities:** Travel and education expenses
- **Region:** International
- **Eligibility:** PSC predoctoral trainees

**PSC Initiatives Fund**
- **Theme:** Domestic research projects and training
- **Activities:** Pilot projects, data collection, and research training
- **Region:** Domestic projects
- **Eligibility:** Open to all PSC researchers, with preference given to PSC junior faculty, post-docs, and graduate students

**PSC Pilot Grant Competition (New)**
- **Theme:** Innovative research in demography
- **Activities:** Pilot research, especially collaborative
- **Region:** Any
- **Eligibility:** PSC researchers with affiliation as of Sept 1, 2012

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