Plans for our 50th anniversary celebration have taken shape, email invitations have gone out, and we’ve had RSVPs from many of our alums.

**PROGRAM & POSTER SESSION**
The program component of the event – “Honoring the Past and Preparing for the Future” – will focus on trends in and the socioeconomic implications of marriage and fertility behavior, children’s outcomes, and well-being in the middle and older years (Friday); as well as trends and challenges in data and methodology, especially for international work (Saturday).

Bob Groves will provide the keynote address at the banquet on Saturday evening.

A poster session will be held in the Michigan League on Saturday evening before and during the banquet, allowing banquet goers to sip cocktails while strolling through the exhibits.

**OTHER EVENTS**
Former PSC students, post-docs, faculty and staff can participate in planned social events as well.

Offerings include a guided tour of the campus and the new Michigan stadium, a PSC Happy Hour in downtown Ann Arbor, and a Main Street Crawl on Friday night.

**Check Out the 50th Anniversary Website:**
http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/fifty/

RSVP (and see who else is coming), get information on the program and hotel accommodations, and see updates on alumni, including ‘Then & Now’ photos, alumni features, and In Memoriam.

**CALENDAR**
**Friday, October 21 to Saturday, October 22, 2011**

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Sharpen Your Axe

Training at the library

“If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I’d spend six hours sharpening my axe.”
-- Abraham Lincoln

Spend some time this summer to sharpen your axe! We have scheduled 2 demo sessions each for EndNote X5 and NIH MyBibliography. Select the date that’s best for you. Feel free to contact us to discuss your needs. If you have always wanted to get all your references into a bibliographic management tool, we can help!

EndNote X5 Demo: 2 Sessions
▷ Wed, Aug 10, 1:00-2:00 pm
▷ Thurs, Sept 1, 9:30-10:30 am

MyBibliography and other NIH Bibliographic Management Tools: 2 Sessions
▷ Wed, Aug 10, 2:30-3:30 pm
▷ Thurs, Sept 1, 11:00-12:00 am

- Life cycle of an NIH funded paper: acknowledgement, deposit, and appear in NIH RePORTER.
- Use MyBibliography to manage publications in eRA Commons
- Use MyBibliography to manage NIH public access compliance
- Establish publication-grant association
- View PubMed Central access statistics
- Add publications to results tab in NIH RePORTER

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Lee or Yan: psc-library@umich.edu

Bringing Social Science Data to the Masses

The Social Science Data Analysis Network (SSDAN) is a small office in PSC of student research assistants and programmers led by JP DeWitt and Bill Frey. SSDAN develops materials aimed at helping educators improve quantitative literacy in the classroom and making census data more accessible to the general public.

This summer, SSDAN has been developing an update to their popular CensusScope website, an online interactive look-up tool that will enable users to explore social topics through interactive maps and dynamically updated graphs and charts utilizing the most recent American Community Survey and 2010 Census data. The SSDAN staff hopes to launch the new site in the upcoming months.

SSDAN recently released the third edition of its textbook, Investigating Change in American Society. The book is supplemented by an interactive online tool that students use to conduct simple data analysis.

SSDAN is also continuing to collaborate with Cathy Sun and the Brookings Institution to analyze the available 2010 Census data, and is looking forward to launching the newest version of its website in early August.

SSDAN activities have been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE), the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Public Data Queries, Inc., and the U.S. Census Bureau.
Recently Funded Projects at PSC

Martha Bailey
**An American Experiment in Public Medicine: Community Health Centers and Mortality under the War on Poverty**
University of Washington (P=DHHS/ASPE)  
10/01/10 - 5/31/11  
$15,000

This project evaluates the mortality effects of the Neighborhood Health Center program (NHC), established under the War on Poverty, using data on grants made by the OEO and information on county-level mortality from 1959-1988. In addition to making estimates of the effects of NHCs on national mortality, we examine regional heterogeneity in NHCs effects by race, age and cause of death.

Martha Bailey
**Neighborhood Health Centers and Use of Care under the War on Poverty**
University of California – Berkeley (P=NIH/NIA)  
12/01/10 - 11/30/11  
$30,900

Neighborhood Health Center (NHCs) were established under the War on Poverty to complement Medicare and Medicaid by reducing nonfinancial barriers to health care and providing more comprehensive care. This project examines who used NHCs by race, sex, age, and insurance and poverty status, and how disease burden, health behaviors, insurance status, care availability, and care utilization changed in U.S. communities receiving NHCs relative to the nation as a whole.

Sarah Burgard
**The Michigan Recession and Recovery Survey: Wave Two Data Preparation and Initial Analysis of Prospective Wave 1/Wave 2 Data**
UM/SPH (P=Robert Wood Johnson Foundation)  
10/01/10 - 7/31/11  
$12,869

The goal of the broader research project to which this proposal contributes is to better understand how the recession that began in 2007 and subsequent ARRA spending are affecting the health of Americans. This funding supports data cleaning and analysis of the second wave of the Michigan Recession and Recovery Study (MRRS), collection, scheduled to be completed in summer of 2011.

William Frey
**Demographic Research with Brookings Institution**
Brookings Institution  
9/1/2010 - 8/31/2011  
$25,000

This project will support programming, data analysis, and research assistance for William Frey on census-related and other demographic analysis.

David Harding
**Disconnectedness and the Well-being of Former Prisoners**
UM/ Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy (P=NIH/ASPE)  
9/15/2010 - 5/31/2011  
$21,280

This project, a mixed-method study of former prisoners in Michigan, uses data from longitudinal qualitative interviews of former prisoners, and administrative records on individuals released from prison in 2003 and followed through 2009. The study explores how former prisoners re-enter society -- the challenges encountered and supportive mechanisms used -- and which former prisoners are at highest risk for failure to reconnect.

David Harding
**Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Young Adults**
NSF  
$130,645

This project addresses critical gaps in the research on prisoner reentry by investigating how two key contexts – neighborhoods and households – affect the transition to adulthood among formerly incarcerated young people. It investigates the effects of these contexts on outcomes such as employment, schooling, substance use, and further criminal justice system involvement.

Yasamin Kusunoki
**Neighborhood Context, School Context, and Romantic Relationships**
NIH/NICHD  
3/21/2011 - 1/31/2012  
$77,584

This project uses Add Health data to examine how neighborhood and school contexts structure the romantic and sexual relationships formed during adolescence. It gauges the effects of the sociocultural characteristics of these contexts on the selection of partners and the types of relationships formed during adolescence.

Jeffrey Morenoff
**Using Michigan Sentencing Guidelines to Estimate Effects of Incarceration and Probation on Reoffending and Employment**
NSF  
$163,914

The causal effects of incarceration are difficult to estimate because the differences in outcomes between offenders sentenced to prison vs. probation, even for the same offense, may be due to pre-existing and unmeasured differences between these groups that affect both sentencing and outcomes. This study replicates and extends quasi-experimental research on the effects of incarceration, collecting/archiving a unique data set and using Multiple Identification Strategies and other analytic advances.

Arland Thornton
**Television and International Family Change: A Randomized Experiment**
Pennsylvania State University (P=NIH/NICHD)  
9/1/2010 - 5/31/2011  
$20,028

To study the causal impact on family attitudes and behaviors, this study uses an experimental design in which 14 remote, rural, unelectrified villages will be stratified into 7 matched pairs, with one village in each pair randomly selected for the introduction of television.

Arland Thornton
**Supplement for Funds to Prepare an Edited Volume**
Eastern Michigan University  
10/1/2010 - 9/30/2011  
$10,000

This funding is to organize, compile, and edit papers presented at a workshop held in Cairo, Egypt in May 2010.

For a list of PSC proposals submitted Oct 2010 to April 2011, see the [PSC intranet](#).
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Staff Profile: Ricardo Rodriguiz

Ricardo began at the Center in 1992 as a Research Assistant working in Data Services. In 1997 he assumed his current position as Director of Computing. In this capacity he helps manage the Center’s computing operations and staff.

shared infrastructure, including networking, e-mail, and network security. And he has worked with the ISR Director’s Office to help advise on IT and infrastructure aspects of the new wing of ISR about to begin construction.

“My work as a computer consultant for the Political Science Department and as a system administrator for the Center convinced me that I was much better at IT than academic research – though my Political Science training, particularly in research methods, has proven invaluable in supporting researchers at the Center.”

Past experience

Ricardo came to Michigan as a graduate student in Political Science, earning his Master’s degree in 1988 and achieving Candidacy for the PhD in 1992. He was a computer consultant for the Political Science Department before coming to the Center and also worked for four years on the computing staff for the ICPSR Summer Program.

Outside interests

Ricardo has been active at Saint Mary Student Parish for more than 20 years. As part of this work, he completed the Lay Ministry Formation Program, earning a second Bachelor’s degree in Theology and Religious Studies from Siena Heights University in Adrian. His academic interests in Theology include Liturgy and Systematic Theology, particularly Christology.

Ricardo also continues to read widely on domestic and international politics, American and world history, astronomy and space science, and baseball. While he started out as a pro football fan, he became a Michigan football fan on his arrival in Ann Arbor and a Detroit Tigers fan since (many thanks to Ren Farley and Lisa Neidert for that epiphany).

Job responsibilities

After working as a research assistant and a Unix system administrator at the Center, Ricardo Rodriguiz succeeded Al Anderson as head of computing in 1997. In addition to various oversight duties, Ricardo also serves as the Center’s System Administrator, managing all of the servers for the Center, including our new virtualization cluster and the virtual desktop infrastructure.

He also works with SRC Computing Support to help manage the Institute’s shared infrastructure, including networking, e-mail, and network security. And he has worked with the ISR Director’s Office to help advise on IT and infrastructure aspects of the new wing of ISR about to begin construction.

“I must have done something right, since I have been offered several academic positions at other universities. But my family was located in Ann Arbor, so I chose to stay at the University of Michigan.”

In early June, Director of PSC Data Services Lisa Neidert attended the annual IASSIST conference (International Association for Social Science Information Service & Technology) in Vancouver, BC.

Neidert made two presentations that reflect the breadth of PSC Data Services.

1. Canadian census long-form controversy. The Conservative government of Canada decided to divorce the long-form questionnaire from the census, making it voluntary rather than mandatory, with the likely result of decreased data quality. Neidert’s talk was based on work conducted by the US Census Bureau on the American Community Survey (voluntary vs. mandatory responses), as well as Bob Groves’ work on non-response bias.

More on the controversy can be found in the PSC Info Blog.

2. PSC’s Restricted Data Contract system. Neidert, along with PSC staffers Rhonda Moats and Michael McIntyre, has been developing a proprietary contract system for restricted data over the past year. Neidert publicly presented the system for the first time – with its quick comparison grid, report builder, examples, and inspection checklists – and fielded comments (and compliments) from audience members.

PSC researchers with restricted data contracts can expect to be contacted by Neidert later this summer with a reminder about contract and security conditions.

Given the lovely conference location and time of year, Neidert (seen here in the Olympic Rain Forest) squeezed in a side trip to Washington State.
Hosting International Visitors

Due to recent staffing changes and shortages at the International Center, visa paperwork for hosting an international visitor must be submitted to the IC at least 8 weeks before the intended arrival date.

Therefore, if you are planning to host an international visitor, please let Laura Krinock know as soon as possible to avoid any delays and complications.

Laura will contact your visitor directly and compile all necessary paperwork.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laura.

lkrinock@umich.edu
763-1414

FileMaker Training

Michael McIntyre, PSC’s database developer, will offer several lunch-time FileMaker database training sessions in the coming months, based on expressed community interest in the following:

- Navigating the databases, data entry, and viewing data
- Finding stuff, including complex and saved queries
- Exporting data for manipulation and reporting
- Sending data-snapshots and email from your database
- Increasing productivity: tips and tricks

The first hands-on session, held on July 28th, covered how to “find stuff” in our database system. This included basic search concepts, query structures, multi-criteria/multi-request queries, constraining and extending found sets, viewing indices, saving queries, and more.

Based on interest selections, McIntyre will organize more group or informal sessions; advanced training topics may arise from these initial sessions as well.

The goal of this training is to enhance productivity with PSC’s databases and garner specific requests for system improvements.

More information: psc-communications@umich.edu

Design Contest: PSC’s 50th Anniversary

The Center will make t-shirts and mugs available through CafePress for alums and attendees of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Send us your designs and/or taglines focused on demography, the 50th anniversary, population studies, etc.

The winner(s) will be immortalized in cotton and ceramic and featured on CafePress.com and at the Celebration in October 2011.

For more information or to enter the contest, contact NE Barr or psc-communications@umich.edu
RECENT AWARDS

Arland Thornton received the Irene B. Taeuber Award at the 2011 annual meetings of the Population Association of America. This biennial award, jointly sponsored by PAA and the Office of Population Research, is given in recognition of either an unusually original or important contribution to the scientific study of population or an accumulated record of exceptionally sound and innovative research.

Ronald Inglehart and colleague Pippa Norris won the 2011 Johan Skytte Prize in political science, awarded annually by Sweden’s Skytte Foundation at Uppsala University for the most valuable contribution to political science. In making the award, the committee cited Inglehart’s and Norris’s “innovative ideas about the relevance and roots of political culture in a global context, transcending previous mainstream approaches of research.”

Dave Harding is among three faculty researchers selected to receive the University of Michigan’s 2011 Henry Russel Award, one of the highest honors given to junior faculty. Harding’s research focuses on connections between social contexts and the reproduction of inequality, especially the sources of poverty and disadvantage rooted in community characteristics.

RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES


“U.S. Will Have Minority Whites Sooner, Says Demographer” – NPR, June 27, 2011. Bill Frey’s recent analysis of census and demographic data shows that minorities now comprise a majority of babies in the U.S. Here Frey discusses what the trend means, and whether predictions that the U.S. will become a “minority majority” by 2050 are too conservative.

“Degrees of Democracy” – The Economist, June 23, 2011. Social scientists have long posited that education promotes pro-democratic and secular attitudes in less developed countries. Rebecca Thornton and colleagues Willa Friedman, Michael Kremer, and Edward Miguel challenge this assumption in an April 2011 NBER paper.


“More job seekers give up, reducing unemployment” – Associated Press, June 2, 2011. John Bound posits that the long-term decline in men’s labor force participation is tied to decreasing demand for low-skill jobs, especially in manufacturing.

“Is the U.S. entering a population slump?” – CNN, May 26, 2011. David Lam sees America’s slow down as a logical outcome of the baby boomers aging out of their childbearing years, and not cause for alarm.

“Extra Pounds Prove Costly to Women in the Workplace” – LiveScience, May 23, 2011. Edward Norton says new findings on employment disadvantages for overweight women (but not men) are not surprising since “there is something in Western society that seems to penalize women for being overweight.”


“New Census Finds China’s Population Growth Has Slowed” - New York Times, April 28, 2011. Results of China’s 2010 census show a more urban, educated, older, and slower growing population. Yu Xie comments on how the increase in college-educated Chinese will enhance China’s position for international economic growth.

“High-schoolers who work less likely to finish college” - USA Today, April 28, 2011. Jerald Bachman found that students who work more than 15 hours a week in high school tend to have lower rates of college completion. Other variables linked to working longer hours may also be factors, says Bachman.

“Many Moms Have Kids With Different Dads, U.S. Study Finds” - Bloomberg Businessweek, April 1, 2011. Cassandra Dorius analyzed data from nearly 4,000 women in the NLSY. She found that 28 percent of the women with two or more children had children by different fathers. The rate was highest among black mothers (59 percent), followed by Hispanic mothers (35 percent) and white mothers (22 percent).

“The 10 most segregated urban areas in America” – Salon, March 29, 2011. Newly released Census 2010 data provide a sobering reminder of urban segregation. Here, JP DeWitt maps residential segregation for American Indians, Asians, blacks, Hispanics, and whites in the 10 most segregated U.S. metropolitan areas (> 500,000 population).

“Disabled, but Looking for Work” - New York Times, April 6, 2011. This piece looks at a new program to help steer disabled workers back into jobs, in part to cut rolls of those who receive disabled worker benefits. John Bound comments on the inability of many DI beneficiaries to return to work and the need to avoid blaming the disabled for federal fiscal problems.
The Center said goodbye to the following trainees in 2010.

These former students and post-doctoral fellows have gone on to a variety of interesting positions and activities, as indicated below.

**Danya Keene**, NIA Postdoctoral Trainee 2009-2011 (Public Health).
PSC mentors: David Harding and Jeff Morenoff, with Arline Geronimus.

**Sasha Killewald**, Predoctoral Trainee 2006-2011 (Public Policy & Sociology).
PSC Mentor: Yu Xie.

**Deborah Lowry**, NIA Postdoctoral Fellow, 2008-2010 (Sociology).
PSC Mentor: Al Hermalin.
What’s Next? Assistant Professor, University of Montevallo.

PSC mentors: Rachel Snow and Barbara Anderson.
What’s Next? On the market for a postdoctoral fellowship in the U.S. or abroad.

PSC Mentor: John Bound.
What’s Next? Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

**Meeta Pradhan**, Predoctoral Trainee, 2005-2011 (Sociology).
PSC Mentor: Bill Axinn.
What’s next? Research Associate, Institute for Social and Environmental Research, Nepal, and independent consultant.

PSC Mentor: Arline Geronimus.
What’s Next? President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, UCLA School of Public Health.

**Cecelia Tomori**, Predoctoral Trainee, 2000-2011 (Anthropology).
PSC Mentor: Tom Fricke.
What’s Next? Applying to postdoctoral positions and lecturer positions in anthropology as well as in public health and medical humanities programs in the Baltimore area.

**Emily Weimers**, PSID/ PSC NIA Postdoctoral Trainee, 2009-2011 (Economics).
PSC Mentor: Bob Schoeni.
What’s Next? Assistant Professor in Economics, University of Massachusetts, Boston.