



CPP AFFILIATE NEWS - Friday, April 18, 2008

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SEMINARS

CPP-Sponsored Seminars

Friday, May 2nd (12:00-1:00PM in Room 153 MVR Hall)

Zhenchao Qian, Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University

Status Exchange?: Marriage to a U.S. Citizen (and Access to Green Card)

Other Population-Relevant Seminars at Cornell

Monday, April 21st (4:15-5:30PM in Room 115 Ives Hall)

Emmanuel Saez, Professor of Economics, University of California at Berkeley

Uncovering the American Dream: Inequality and Mobility in Social Security Earning Data since 1937 (joint with Wojciech Kopczuk & Jae Song)

Tuesday, April 22nd (3:30PM in Rushmore Conference Room, 114 MVR Hall)

Mark Stabile, Associate Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, University of Toronto

Does Family Income Affect the Wellbeing of Children? Evidence from Canadian Child Benefit Expansions

Thursday, April 24th (2:30-4:00PM in Room G08 Uris Hall)

Blair Rutherford, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University

The Uneven Terrain of Struggles for Democracy: Party Politics, Citizenship, and Farm Workers in Zimbabwe

WORKSHOPS

Cornell Workshops

Law, Markets, & Social Equity Workshop

Friday, April 25, 2008 from 9:00AM-5:00PM in 146 Myron Taylor Hall (ISS Conference Room). Leading scholars from China, Japan, Israel, and the United States explore a broad range of new approaches to markets and their regulation. Recent reforms in China present an opportunity to take stock of new approaches to the relationship between market and social equity around the world. For more information, please visit

http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/international/clarke_program/conferences/April-2008-Conference.cfm

Introduction to SAS Enterprise Guide: The SAS for Non-Programmers

Friday, April 25, 2008 from 2:00-5:00PM in Stone Lab, Mann Library. SAS Enterprise Guide is the point-and-click interface of Base SAS. Designed for anyone who expects to use SAS as a research tool. For more information, visit <http://ciser.cornell.edu/ASPs/workshops.aspx>.

External Workshops

Maryland Population Research Center 4th Annual Summer Workshop

The Maryland Population Research Center is pleased to announce the fourth annual summer workshop bringing together criminologists and other population scientists working on related topics. The workshop was originally intended to increase the exchange between criminologists, sociologists who study crime and economists. We seek to continue this successful exchange while encouraging presentations and attendance from a broader set of population scientists. This year's feature talk is by Kathy Edin on Crime and Fathering in the Inner City. There are also several talks on marriage and crime, and the effect of incarceration on crime, death and family formation. We are also featuring two sessions on the relationship between immigration and crime. Please see the following link for the tentative schedule.

The workshop, which takes place on June 2nd and 3rd near Baltimore, MD, costs \$200 to register. This fee includes registration, hotel room for Monday night, and 2 meals each day of the conference. Day registration is also available. For more details, please visit the workshop website at:

<http://www.popcenter.umd.edu/criminologyandeconomics/workshop2008/index.shtml>

Those wishing more information can email conference organizers Peter Reuter (preuter@umd.edu) or Shawn Bushway (sbushway@albany.edu)

Call for Papers: International Seminar on Human Fertility in Africa: Trends in the Last Decade and Prospects for Change, Accra, Ghana, September 16-18, 2008 Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Growth and Human Welfare in Africa, in collaboration with the Regional Institute of Population Studies (RIPS) at the University of Ghana, Legon. This seminar will draw together evidence on the fertility situation in Africa during the last decade and future prospects for fertility reduction in the next two decades. Papers are invited that address the following:

1. Fertility levels and trends by geographical region, including intra-national decompositions, and explanations for differences;
2. Changes in micro and macro-level determinants of fertility;
3. Explanations for high desired and actual fertility;
4. Linkages between levels of mortality and fertility preferences and outcomes;
5. Explanations for plateauing of fertility in Ghana and Kenya;
6. Prospects for fertility decline in the next twenty years;
7. Analyses of the United Nations population projections and the likelihood of realizing their assumptions;
8. What should African Governments do to speed up the decline in fertility in the

region?

The IUSSP panel on Population Growth and Human Welfare in Africa invites researchers in the above field to submit a detailed 500-1000 word abstract (and if the author(s) wish, a full paper which must be unpublished) and fill out the online submission form before 30 April 2008 directly to the IUSSP website at:

<http://www.iussp.org/Activities/popgrowth/submissions/login.html>

If the paper is co-authored, please indicate the names of co-authors at the end of the abstract. Submission should be made by the author who will attend the seminar. A full announcement and description of this seminar is available at <http://www.iussp.org/Activities/popgrowth/call08.php>

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Applicants will be informed whether their paper is accepted by 1 June 2008. Participants must submit their complete paper by 15 August 2008. For further information, please contact Dr. Cheikh Mbacke Email: cmbacke@gmail.com.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

External Funding Opportunities

AFL Research Funding Opportunity Announced

OPA has posted a new funding opportunity announcement for one cooperative agreement in Adolescent Family Life (AFL) research. The purpose of this two-year cooperative agreement is twofold: 1) review Title XX (AFL) funded research since the start of the AFL program, systematically developing a summary and assessment of what has been learned and 2) develop options for a future research agenda that builds on past work and is more applied in addressing research topics that will inform interventions and programs that serve adolescents, most particularly Title XX demonstration projects. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2008. See the OPA website, <http://www.hhs.gov/opa/grants/index.html>

Research Grants on African American Marriage and Health

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation within the Department of Health and Human Services has contracted Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (MPR) to commission a series of research briefs examining the link between marriage and health in the African American community.

MPR plans to fund up to six proposals at \$10,000 per award. Proposals are due April 30, 2008.

Priority will be given to proposals that explore one or more of the following research topics:

- How the relationship between marriage and health varies among African Americans by gender, socioeconomic status, ethnic background, or rural/urban status.

- The changing relationship between marriage and health over the life cycle.
- The relationship between marital quality and mental health issues, such as depression or stress.
- The causal pathways connecting marriage and chronic health conditions, especially cardiovascular disease and diabetes, including an examination of the link between marriage and behaviors that may affect these health conditions, such as exercise and eating habits.
- The links between marriage and HIV/AIDS, with a particular focus on the role of marriage as 1) a protective/risk factor in exposure to HIV and 2) an influence on the health status among those living with HIV/AIDS.

For the full RFP, see <http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/amhr/index.asp>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Service Fellowship in Demography/Epidemiology, The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

The Associate Service Fellow, working closely with the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) Team, will contribute to all aspects of conducting the survey and disseminating the survey data. The NSFC Team is responsible for collecting, processing, and disseminating data on a variety of topics related to birth and pregnancy rates; contraception and fertility; marriage, divorce, and cohabitation; sexual activity; and HIV risk behaviors. Under the guidance of other members of the NSFG Team, the Associate Service Fellow will develop and formulate questionnaire specifications and review training materials; plan and conduct methodological and evaluation studies related to data collection; provide technical consultation and advice to users of the data; and prepare reports of survey activities and results for NCHS reports and scientific journals. These reports include discussion of statistical methods.

Applicants must have successfully completed a masters degree or higher in demography, survey methodology, epidemiology, public health, or a related field (e.g., sociology, medicine, biological or health sciences, etc.). Experience and/or applied coursework in sampling; collecting, computing, and analyzing statistical data; and applying statistical techniques such as simple and multiple correlation, regression modeling, analysis of variance, and significance testing is highly desirable. Skill in using SAS, STATA, SPSS, SUDAAN, or other statistical software for complex survey data is also expected. The Associate Service Fellow will be offered an initial 13 month appointment, which may be extended up to 10 years by mutual agreement. A starting date will be determined by mutual agreement. Applications will be accepted through April 30, 2008. An initial salary of \$48,108-\$90,698 will be offered based on education and experience. Interested applicants should submit their curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all graduate and undergraduate credits, and three reference letters to Stephanie Ventura, Chief, Reproductive Statistics Branch, Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 7418, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Inquires or questions regarding this fellowship can be directed to Mrs. Ventura

at sventura@cdc.gov.

Demographic Directorate, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce 2008 Summer Internship Program The U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, is accepting applications for its 2008 Summer Internship Program. Internships are available throughout the Census Bureau including the Demographic Directorate. The Demographic Directorate 2008 Summer Internship Program consists of a paid, ten-week core program. Candidates selected for participation in the Demographic Directorate Summer Internship Program will begin their employment on or about June 1, 2008. Internships with the Demographic Directorate offer qualified applicants an opportunity to work in one of the following areas: Demographic Surveys Division, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, and Population Division. Selected interns will have the opportunity to work on a variety of topics such as survey design, population distribution, educational attainment, poverty, housing, family relationships, population estimates, as well as with new data on multiple racial and ethnic identification, immigration, child care, economic status, and HIV/AIDS. Some of the topics above will also be addressed in a global context through internships in the International Programs Center of the Population Division.

All of these opportunities represent a chance to investigate a wide variety of social, demographic, and economic conditions for very detailed geographic and demographic categories. The Demographic Directorate Summer Internship Program consists of a combination of substantive work and a series of technical and substantive training seminars. We seek individuals at all levels (BA, MA, PhD) that are self-starters and highly motivated with excellent analytic, quantitative, computer, and communication skills. For more information about the opportunities within the Demographic Directorate, please contact Tallese Johnson at 301.763.2449, or via E-mail: tallese.d.johnson@census.gov. To apply directly, visit the Census Bureau website: <http://www.census.gov> < <http://www.census.gov/> > and click on Jobs@Census, Student and Research Opportunities, and then Student Temporary Employment Program. The Department of Commerce and the U.S. Census Bureau are Equal Opportunity Employers and encourage applications from all sources.