





**New Associate Director Joan Kahn will lead efforts to add health and aging emphases to the Center portfolio.**

providing adolescents with sufficient personal skills to cope with potentially risky situations while at the same time minimizing the likelihood that they are exposed to these risks.

**David Segal** has been awarded a major grant by the U.S. Army Research Institute entitled, "Social Trends and Social Change in the United States: Impact on Army Manpower, Personnel and Operations." The proposed research, which builds upon work Segal has done under contract to the Army Research Institute over the past 13 years, will examine quantitative and textual data on social trends and social changes in America and their impact on the Army. The data, interpreted in the context of sociological theory, will reflect changes in the demographics of the American population, labor force, and armed forces.

MPRC has actively promoted research on Crime and Population and on Time Use through sponsorship of workshops and conferences for researchers.

The **Crime and Population Dynamics Workshop** was held June 1-2, 2009 at the Maritime Conference Center near the Baltimore / Washington International airport again this year. Seventy-four faculty and students from across the U.S. participated in the conference, which was cosponsored by MPRC and the Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

A third **American Time Use Research Conference**, attended by more than 90 faculty and students, was held on the University of Maryland campus on June 25-26, 2009, to continue to provide a venue for scholarly work on aspects of time. Cosponsored by the Joint Program on Survey Methodology (as well as NICHD, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Economic Research Service, and the Minnesota Population Center), it followed a

workshop to train new researchers on analysis of time use data. This highly successful conference highlighted new U.S. work in family and household sociology, demography, economics, and psychology that has been developing as a result of the availability of data from the American Time Use Study (ATUS) and the Panel Study of Income Dynamics Child Development Supplement.

**Coming Events**

We have some exciting activities planned this coming academic year.

We plan to start our **Mentored Grant-writing Workshop** again in September. This workshop met regularly last year and led to several new grant proposals. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested in joining our group. We will set dates once I find out participant schedules. If you are interested in submitting a grant proposal, please submit the form available on our web site to give Center Administrator Barbara Hillinger plenty of lead time to help with your plans.

**Working groups** in the areas of Health; Immigration; and Gender, Work, and

Family will again meet throughout the year. Meetings of the working group on Immigration are scheduled for September 17, October 22, November 19, all from 12 to 2 p.m. The first organizational meeting for the Gender, Work, and Family working group will be held Thursday September 24 at 12 noon.

Last fall we hosted a planning meeting for a **workshop on fathers** to be held in early 2010 in the Washington DC area. Themes focusing on employment, family, and health will form the basis for a two-day workshop to discuss findings and to develop an agenda for future research and public policy issues. Jeff Evans at NICHD is the lead on this project, which also involves Linda Mellgren, Department of Health and Human Services, and Vivian Gadsden, National Center on Fathers and Families at the University of Pennsylvania. MPRC will cosponsor this workshop along with the National Center for Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University and NICHD.

This fall we will have a **set of seminars** by leading demographers who are visiting campus from across the U.S. and abroad,

**Mission**

- Draw together leading scholars from diverse disciplines to support, produce, and promote interdisciplinary population-related research of the highest scientific merit.
- Encourage scholars from allied fields to engage in population-related research through research support, training, and mentoring.
- Train new population scholars by providing a rich intellectual environment for cross-disciplinary training of graduate students from a number of academic departments.
- Capitalize on our proximity to Washington DC to develop strong ties with the Federal statistical and policy community, thus enabling scholars to access under-utilized or restricted-use government data in their research.

**MPRC's research focuses on four broad areas :**

1. gender, work, and family – including marriage, parenting and inter-generational relationships;
2. social and economic inequality;
3. health processes and aging; and
4. data and methods for population research.

**Executive Committee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>
Sandra Hofferth, Director	Family Science	Sep 2008 - Jun 2012
Joan Kahn, Associate Director	Sociology	Sep 2009 - Aug 2012
Melissa Kearney	Economics	Sep 2008 - Aug 2011
Sangeetha Madhavan	At Large	Sep 2009 - Aug 2011
Melissa Milkie	Sociology	Sep 2008 - Aug 2010
John Rust	Economics	Sep 2009 - Aug 2010
Terence Thornberry	Criminology	Sep 2009 - Aug 2010
Ruth Zambrana	At Large	Sep 2009 - Aug 2011

*The ATUS conference drew over 90 faculty and students and focused on U.S. interdisciplinary work in time use*

starting with John Hisnanick of the U.S. Census Bureau and Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman of the Department of Sociology at Maryland.

We are also planning a number of occasional methodological seminars suited especially for graduate students and junior faculty. Last year Kevin Roy (Family Science) gave a seminar on qualitative research and Yeats Ye (MPRC) gave a workshop on multiple imputation using SAS. Please contact me if you have ideas for methodological seminars.

*Our Center is funded by an infrastructure grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Center funding is designed to support grant recipients in their research. Please see me if you have suggestions for activities that can better help you submit a successful grant application or that can support funded research. You can reach me by e-mail at any time : hofferth@umd.edu.*

*- Sandra Hofferth*

## Russell Sage Foundation announces US2010 project

The Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) is inviting selected researchers to participate in an initiative to “take stock of the key social, economic, and demographic changes in American society” on the occasion of the 2010 decennial census. The project will combine RSF’s traditional scholarship on demographic trends with key features of the American Communities Project developed by Dr. John Logan (Brown University). Logan will lead a team charged with creating a series of reports on specific topics which will be published both as an RSF edited volume and, in shorter versions, as elements of the RSF website or releases to the media. As many as 14 of these papers will be produced in areas ranging from Aging and international relations to domestic migration, housing, education, economic inequality, labor force composition, and segregation. Contact Sandra Hofferth if you are interested in participating.

## Working Groups and Workshops

Working groups meet regularly during the academic year in the Center conference room, 0124B Cole Student Activities Bldg.

### Gender, Work, and Family Working Group

Contact person : Sandra Hofferth, hofferth@umd.edu  
Schedule : September 24, 12:00 noon

### Immigration Working Group

Contact : Joan Kahn, jkahn@socy.umd.edu or Judith Freidenberg, jfreiden@anth.umd.edu  
Schedule : September 17, October 22, November 19; 12:00 noon

### Mentored Grantwriting Workshop

Contact person : Sandra Hofferth, hofferth@umd.edu  
Schedule : TBD

**The most up-to-date information about Center activities can always be found on the website : [www.popcenter.umd.edu](http://www.popcenter.umd.edu)**

## Grant Submissions

Center scholars have been busy during the first part of the year. So far, MPRC Administrative Core personnel have helped to propose over \$11 million in new funding.

### Sonalde Desai, Sociology, PI; Reeve Vanneman, Sociology, Co-investigator

India Human Development Survey, NICHD

### Gniesha Dinwiddie, African-American Studies, PI; Ruth Zambrana, Womens Studies, Co-investigator

Does Stress "Get Under the Skin" Differently by Social Status ? Identifying Essential Bio-Social Pathways, NIH

### Judith Hellerstein, Economics, PI

Macroeconomic Conditions and Marital Dissolution, NICHD

### Sandra Hofferth, Family Science, PI

Multilevel Models of Childhood Obesity with G X E Interactions, NICHD

Admin Supplement : Family Processes, Intergenerational Learning, Involved Fathering, NIH

### Sandra Hofferth, Family Science, PI; Ruth Zambrana, Womens Studies, Gniesha Dinwiddie, African-American Studies, John Ham, Economics, Sunmin Lee, Sociology, Carolyn Voorhees, Public and Community Health, Co-investigators

Childhood Origins of Health Disparities in Young Adulthood, NIH

### Ginger Jin, Economics, PI

Family Structure, Parent-Child Interactions and Teen Risk-Taking Behavior, NICHD

### Melissa Kearney, Economics, PI

Income Receipt and Short-Term Mortality, NICHD

### Jeanne LaFortune, Economics, PI

Access to Emergency Contraception and Unintended Pregnancies, NICHD

### Melissa Milkie, Sociology, PI; Sandra Hofferth, Family Science, Hanno Petras, Criminology, Co-investigators

Young Adult Consequences of Childhood Health and Time Use, NICHD

### Julie Park, Sociology, PI

Admin Supplement: U.S. Minority Migration and Metropolitan Change, NICHD

### Peter Reuter, Public Policy and Criminology, PI

The Consequences of the Aging of the Cocaine and Heroin Dependent Populations, NIDA

### Kevin Roy, Family Science, PI; Natasha Cabrera, Family Science, Co-investigator

Development of Father Prenatal Involvement Questionnaire, NICHD

### Bo Xie, Information Studies, PI

Improving Older Adults' e-health Literacy with Collaborative versus Individualistic Computer Training, NIA

Older Adults' Preferences for Health Information and Decision-Making in the Internet Age, NIA

Learning to Use Internet Health Information Collaboratively: A Cognitive Intervention for Older Adults, NIA

### Ruth Zambrana, Womens Studies, PI

Stress for Success: The Impact of Occupational Stressors on the African American & Latino Professoriate, NIOSH

### Attention : Fall proposals

If you plan to submit a grant through MPRC, please let us know by filling out the new form on our website :

[www.popcenter.umd.edu/services/intent-to-propose](http://www.popcenter.umd.edu/services/intent-to-propose)

## Seed Grant Opportunities

With funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Maryland Population Research Center invites proposals for projects that will enhance research activity bearing directly on the Center's population research mission. All Faculty Associates are eligible to apply. The proposal must discuss how the project will lead to increased competitiveness in obtaining extramural funding. Applicants who request funding are expected to prepare and submit a grant application within 12 months of the end of seed grant funding. Seed grant projects will be for a 1-year period, and project budgets cannot exceed \$15,000 in direct costs. Investigators may request support for any activity that directly relates to the successful conduct of the project. Highest priority will be given to proposals submitted by November 1, 2009. Proposals submitted at another time during the year will be reviewed as received. *You are encouraged to contact Center Director Sandra Hofferth about your idea prior to submission.* For complete details, please review the proposal solicitation online at:

[www.popcenter.umd.edu/resources/seed-grant-program](http://www.popcenter.umd.edu/resources/seed-grant-program)

## Recently funded Seed Grants

### Improving Older Adults' E-health Literacy: A Pilot Study

Bo Xie, Information Studies, PI

### Errors in Housing Unit Listing and their Effects on Survey Estimates

Frauke Kreuter, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, PI

### Measuring the Link Between Medical Effort and Patient Outcomes in a Low-Resource Health Setting

Kenneth Leonard, Agricultural and Resource Economics, PI

## Research Opportunities

### Population Association of America

#### Call for Papers

Deadline : September 21, 2009

The PAA Annual Meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, 15-17 April 2010. Paper proposals can be submitted via the PAA website at : <http://paa2010.princeton.edu>.

### Institute for Social Research

#### Call for Papers

Deadline : October 16, 2009

ISR is seeking papers for a conference on "Connections between Health and SES Using PSID Data" to be held in September 2010 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Between 10 and 20 papers are expected, and travel support will be provided for one author per paper.

Contact : *Patty Hall, pathall@umich.edu*

### Russell Sage Foundation

#### Group Project

Deadline : September 28, 2009

RSF is sponsoring a group project entitled "US2010 : America in the First Decade of the 21st Century" that will "focus on changes in American society, looking back over the last decade or even longer." An edited volume will be published at the end of the project, and shorter versions of the research will be made available through the RSF website.

Contact : *Sandra Hofferth, 301-405-6352, hofferth@umd.edu.*

## Center Seminars — Fall 2009

This Fall's Seminar Series will be augmented by presentations in the Department of Sociology related to a search for a sociologist specializing in demography (marked \*). With the exception of these talks, seminars will be held in 0124B Cole Student Activities Building. Be sure to double check the location. The most recent information is always available on the Center web site : [www.popcenter.umd.edu](http://www.popcenter.umd.edu)

### Thursday, September 10 \*

*Feinian Chen, North Carolina State University; "Social Change and Socioeconomic Disparity in Health over the Life Course in China: A Cohort Analysis"*  
Sociology Conference Room, 1101 Art-Sociology Building

### Tuesday, September 15 \*

*Becky Pettit, University of Washington; Title TBA*  
Sociology Conference Room, 1101 Art-Sociology Building

### Monday, September 21

*John Hisnanick, U.S. Census Bureau; "Comparing and Contrasting U.S. National, Regional and State-Level Income Inequality, 2000-2006"*

### Thursday, October 8

*Lingxin Hao, Johns Hopkins University; Title TBA*  
Sociology Conference Room, 1101 Art-Sociology Building

### Thursday, October 15 \*

*Kyle Crowder, University of North Carolina; Title TBA*  
Sociology Conference Room, 1101 Art-Sociology Building

### Monday, October 19

*Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland; "Youth Supplement to the India Human Development Survey"*

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