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New Faculty Associates

The MPRC roster has grown to 62 Faculty Associates, bolstered by 20 new associates who joined the Center during the last academic year. The three new associates listed below joined the Center during the Spring 2009 semester.

Mady Segal

Mady Segal is Professor, Department of Sociology, and Associate Director of the Center for Research on Military Organization. Her recent research has focused on military personnel issues, with particular attention to military women, military families, and race / ethnicity in the military. Along with David Segal, Mady is a pioneer in research on military families in the U.S. A full biography is available in her listing in the MPRC People section of our website.

Jinhee Kim

Jinhee Kim is Associate Professor, Department of Family Science and Family Finance Specialist with the Maryland Cooperative Extension. Her research focuses on family consumption and financial education. A recent paper focuses on financial socialization of children using new data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics. For more information visit her entry in the MPRC People section of our website.

Terence Thornberry

Terence Thornberry, Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, comes from the University of Colorado where he headed the Problem Behavior Program, Institute of Behavioral Science. He is well-known for a long-term study of intergenerational transmission of antisocial behavior called the Rochester Youth Development Study.

Center Meeting

Join us on September 14, 2009, at 12:00 noon, for lunch and a conversation about MPRC's goals for the coming year.

Note from the Director, Fall 2009

Welcome back to Maryland and the Maryland Population Research Center !

I am pleased to announce that Joan Kahn, Associate Professor of Sociology, has been named Associate Director of MPRC. Dr. Kahn received her PhD in Sociology from the University of Michigan in 1985. She joined the University of Maryland in 1987 after spending two years as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She has been affiliated with MPRC and its predecessor, the Center on Population, Gender and Social Inequality, since they each were formed – in 2002 and 1988, respectively.



Kahn's main areas of interest are in the fields of social demography, aging and the life course, and work-family dynamics. Much of her earlier work examined fertility behavior in the United States, especially among teenagers and immigrants. More recently, her work has focused on health disparities, caregiving, and the long-term impact of work and family careers on well-being at older ages. Joan will take responsibility for the training activities in MPRC, including the Demography Certificate and the Interdisciplinary Training Program in Population Studies (with Judy Hellerstein, Economics). Joan will be working with Judith Freidenberg to lead the Working Group on Immigration. She will also lead efforts to develop emphases on health and aging in the Center. Please contact her directly if you have interests in these areas.

New Associates

As a result of adding 20 new Faculty Associates in 2008-09, the MPRC roster has grown to include 62 Faculty Associates, 11 Faculty Affiliates, and 42 Student Research Affiliates drawn from the Departments of Agriculture and Resource Economics, African-American Studies, Anthropology, Criminology, Economics, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Family Science, Human Development, Information Studies, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, Public and Community Health, School of Public Policy, Sociology, Urban Studies and Planning, and Women's Studies.

Research

MPRC Faculty Associates submitted 45 investigator-initiated research proposals totaling almost \$19 million during calendar year 2008, and about \$1.8 million in new funding was procured on these proposals.

Two major research grants led by MPRC faculty were funded in 2009 :

Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman have been awarded a new grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) for a project entitled, "Transition to Adulthood in India." Desai and Vanneman, in collaboration with the National Council of Applied Economic Research in New Delhi, completed a multi-sectoral survey of 40,000 households across India that provides a rich resource for research on the relationship between poverty, gender inequality and public policy, on the one hand, and human development on the other. The researchers will develop a youth supplement to the India Human Development Survey (IHDS-Y) focusing on a nationally representative sample of about 17,000 adolescents aged 14-18 across India. The substantive innovation of this research comes from a focus on adolescent life transitions during which families and communities must balance two competing and sometimes conflicting demands:

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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

Name	Department	Term of Office
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

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

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

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



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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

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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