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Faculty News



Joan Kahn recently completed her first year as Associate Director of MPRC. Dr. Kahn has been a Faculty Associate since the Center's founding in 2001. As Associate Director Dr.

Kahn helps to set the goals and priorities of the Center. In addition to her leadership of the student training program she is deeply involved in the development of the Immigration Working Group, strengthening ties with immigration scholars from across campus and helping to develop collaborative research efforts.



Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman, in collaboration with colleagues at India's National Council of Applied Economic Research, have published a landmark book on

the social landscape of India. Released in March 2010, *Human Development in India* presents initial findings from the most extensive nationwide survey yet conducted in India. The India Human Development Survey, organized by the authors, involved a nationally representative, multi-topic survey of 41,554 households in 1,503 villages and 971 urban neighborhoods across India.



Mark Duggan and Karen Woodrow-Lafield will serve on the 2011 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods for Continued on page 2

Center Meeting

Join us on Monday, September 13, 2010, at 12:00 noon, for lunch and a conversation about MPRC's goals for the coming year.

Note from the Director, Fall 2010

Welcome back to Maryland and the Maryland Population Research Center !

In this newsletter we update you on activities for the fall. We also feature four new projects that are getting underway and highlight our new faculty.

A reminder: our annual meeting for MPRC faculty associates will take place on Monday September 13 at noon in our conference room. This is a chance to get together to welcome the new school year, catch up on activities at MPRC, and ask questions. All in no more than one hour! Lunch is provided.

Semester overview

Our first seminar for Fall 2010 will be held at noon, Monday, September 27, featuring Bob Hauser talking about "IQ, Gender, and Mortality in the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS)." Bob is a well-known sociologist and demographer who has conducted numerous sociological studies of the intergenerational transmission of social status. He will update us on recent research and activities of the WLS.

This semester we are also featuring research by immigration researchers from across the country as part of our Immigration Working Group (IWG), headed by the troika of Joan Kahn, Karen Woodrow-Lafield, and Judith Freidenberg. Our first seminar on September 2 will feature our own Karen Woodrow-Lafield talking about her research on naturalization. These meetings will be held Thursdays at noon, and a complete schedule of IWG meetings to date is provided on page six.

Research funding

During calendar year 2009 MPRC faculty submitted 87 investigator-initiated research proposals totaling some \$58.4 million. Faculty are often frustrated when their efforts to gain funding are not realized because of the lengthy review cycle and the low funding line at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) today. However, projects are being funded. In this newsletter we feature four new NIH-funded projects. The first is the Transition to Adulthood project funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and headed by Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman, Sociology. The second project is Project DISRUPT, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and headed by Assistant Professor Maria Khan, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. The third project is a renewal of the Rochester Intergenerational Youth Study, a long-term longitudinal project headed by Terence Thornberry, Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Finally, a proposal by Judy Hellerstein, Professor, Department of Economics, and her former student, Melinda Sandler Morrill (North Carolina State University), to study Macroeconomic Conditions and Marital Dissolution appears to have a good chance of being funded.

International focus

The importance of studying global issues has certainly been emphasized at Maryland over the past several years, and international work through MPRC has increased dramatically. Besides the continuation and expansion of the major project in India summarized in this newsletter, researchers at MPRC are doing important theoretical and applied international research. All have received Seed grants from MPRC to get their research off the ground. Raymond Guiteras, Assistant Professor, Economics, studies the effectiveness of the market in allocating health goods Continued on page 6



the Social Security Advisory Board.

This is the fourth in a series of such panels, which have met every four years, beginning in 1999. According to the Advisory Board, "[t]he Panel of expert actuaries, economists and demographers ... is charged with providing technical assistance to the Board by reviewing the assumptions specified by the Board of Trustees ... and the methods used by the Social Security actuaries to project the future financial status of the funds.

Mark Duggan also recently completed a posting as Senior Economist for Health Care Policy on the White House Council of Economic Advisors.



Judith Hellerstein became a member of the Technical Review Committee of the Bureau of Labor Statistics National Longitudinal Surveys Program.



Sandra Hofferth served as Vice President of the Population Association of America. She also was acknowledged as one of the University of Maryland's Outstanding Faculty by the Provost and Vice President for Research.

Research Profile

Terence Thornberry

"Intergenerational Transmission of Risk for Drug Use," NIDA



This study examines the intergenerational transmission of risk for drug use in a three-generation prospective design. The children of the initial subjects of the Rochester Youth Development Study are focal subjects of this long-term study, allowing for examination of two general issues. The first is to describe intergenerational continuity and discontinuity across the generations for drug use and related problem behaviors, including delinquency, depression, and health-risking behaviors for HIV / AIDS. The second is to identify mediating processes to explain both intergenerational continuity and intergenerational discontinuity in drug use and co-morbid behaviors.

Because the initial sample included both males and females, these issues can be examined for fathers as well as mothers. Nesting this intergenerational study within a long-term panel study enables significant broadening of the range of the explanatory variables used to investigate drug use. The research team will capitalize on developmental data collected since 1988 from both the parents and grandparents of these focal subjects; combining these data with the prospective data collected in the intergenerational study provides an opportunity to examine how the parent's own developmental course influences their transition to adulthood and their behavior as parents which, in turn, can be used to explain the onset and development of the child's drug use and related problem behaviors. In Year 1 (1999) researchers selected G3 children 2 years of age and older ($n=371$) and have continued to add new 2-year-olds each year. As of Year 12, a total sample of approximately 487 has been aggregated. Annual interviews are conducted with parents who have been a member of the Rochester Youth Development Study since 1988, the child's other primary caregiver, and the G3 child (age 8 and older). For three assessments, dyadic interactions between the child and each of these caregivers are observed. Data are collected from teachers, schools, and other agencies. Measures include the young parent's structural position and stressors, drug use and problem behaviors, pro-social bonds, peer friendship networks, and parenting behaviors.

Jinhee Kim received the Mid-Career Award from the American Council on Consumer Interests.



Joseph Richardson received an Early Career Scholar award from the Ford Foundation Scholars Network on Masculinity and the Well-Being of African-American Men.



Sally Simpson is President of the Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice. She was named Outstanding Woman of the Year by the President of the University of Maryland last Spring.



Katharine Abraham chairs the Board of Overseers of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics and leads efforts to foster research on time use through development of ATUS-X.



Melissa Milke was named chair of the Committee on Publications, Mental Health Section of the American Sociological Association.

Welcome New Faculty Associates

We welcome the following new Faculty Associates and Faculty Affiliates who recently joined MPRC.

Associates

Christine Bachrach. Dr. Bachrach served as Acting Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health during 2008-2010, and as Chief of the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development during the years 1992-2008. She joined the Maryland Population Research Center in February, 2010. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the Social Science Research Institute at Duke University.

Olivia Denise Carter-Pokras. Dr. Carter-Pokras is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She has conducted health disparities research in the Federal government and academia for three decades and has an extensive history of ensuring that the community has a voice in research conducted at the national and local levels. The previous Director of the Division of Policy and Data in the DHHS Office of Minority Health, Dr. Carter-Pokras has been recognized by the Surgeon General, Assistant Secretary for Health, and Latino Caucus of the American Public Health Association for her career achievements to improve racial and ethnic data and develop national health policy.

Rada Dagher. Dr. Dagher is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Services Administration. Her research interests are focused on women's health and health services use as well as the impact of work policies on health outcomes and health services expenditures. Her dissertation, "*A longitudinal analysis of postpartum depression among employed women*," was nominated for the University of Minnesota Dissertation Award in 2008.

Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz. Professor of Sociology Patricio Korzeniewicz's work focuses on inequality, stratification, and social mobility. He asserts that one's understanding of such phenomena changes fundamentally once the relevant unit of analysis is shifted from the nation-state to the world as a whole. For example, his recent book *Unveiling Inequality* (co-authored with Timothy Moran) makes the case that the same institutional mechanisms through which inequality historically has been reduced within some nations often have accentuated

ated the selective exclusion of populations from poorer countries, thereby enhancing a high inequality equilibrium between nations.

Manouchehe (Mitch) Mokhtari. Dr. Mokhtari is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Science. His research interests include economic development, fiscal reform, survey design and analysis, family economics, and health economics

Mia Smith-Bynum. Dr. Smith-Bynum is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Science. Her research interests include parenting in ecological context; African American mental health; adolescent mental health; African American family process; and racial identity.

Affiliates

Christin Hilgeman. Christin Hilgeman joined the Industry and Occupation Statistics Branch of the U.S. Census Bureau in 2007 after completing her Ph.D. in sociology at the University of California, Irvine. Her primary research areas include: 1) women's employment; 2) social policies and their effect on women's fertility and employment decisions; 3) work hours and employment regulations; and 4) occupations.

John Hisnanick. Dr. Hisnanick is a Ph.D. economist with a broad range of technical expertise in applied microeconomics, labor and demographic economics and econometric modeling, with an emphasis on using longitudinal and cross-sectional national surveys to test various research hypotheses. He currently serves as Supervisory Statistician in the Longitudinal Income Statistics Branch of the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division at the U.S. Census Bureau.

Student News

Katya Vasilaky (Agriculture and Resource Economics) spent a good portion of the last year in Uganda working on randomized control trials for the World Bank and Harvard School of Public Health. The RCTs involve agricultural extension in cash crop production and marketing for females and bringing rapid diagnosis for malaria to remote areas of Uganda. Both studies focused on social networks and information diffusion via female social networks and drug shops' social / productive networks.

Katya also presented her paper: "Institutional incentives for information exchange: Information games in rural Uganda," which was the result of information games that she conducted with focus groups of females in the agricul-

MPRC / CRGE special event explored mixed methods research

The Center, in tandem with the Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity, hosted noted scholars Linda Burton (Duke University) and Andrew Cherlin (Johns Hopkins University) during the Spring semester in a special colloquium dedicated to "Mixed Methods and the Three City Study" an examination of their seminal mixed-methods research project.

An animated group of faculty, students, and staff crowded into a large room in the Adele Stamp Student Union to hear the pair detail the dialectic between quantitative and qualitative approaches to fundamental research questions.

The study involved both household surveys and structured ethnographies rolled out in low-income communities in Boston, Chicago, and San Antonio. In a "tag-team" style presentation, Drs. Cherlin and Burton described how questions drawn from quantitative theory could help to generate a meaningful structure for ethnographic work and how the ethnographic results could provide a meaningful filter for a next generation of survey questions.

Christine Bachrach, former acting Director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at NIH and an MPRC Faculty Associate, provided remarks as the discussant.

The Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity is an MPRC associated center. Its Director, Dr. Ruth Zambrana, is a member of the MPRC Executive Committee.



Greater than the Sum of its Parts : Mixed Methods and The Three-City Study. Linda Burton and Andrew Cherlin (right) with (l to r) Discussant Christine Bachrach, CRGE Director Ruth Zambrana, and MPRC Director Sandra Hofferth.

Research Profile

Melinda Morrill and Judith Hellerstein

"Macroeconomic conditions and marital dissolution," NIA



Morrill

The investigators propose to use event history analysis to examine the relationship between macroeconomic factors and marital dissolution using data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics and state-level Vital Statistics data. This pending grant from the National Institute on Aging will examine the association between economic recession and marital stability, in particular, whether divorce rates might decline in times of economic recession. This will shed light on the factors leading to or preventing divorce, including the interaction between macroeconomic conditions and family characteristics. Melinda Morrill was an MPRC trainee in 2008-09 and is now Research Assistant Professor at North Carolina State University.

tural study. The paper was presented at 2010 World Meeting of the Economic Science Association for Experimental Economics.

Ndidi Amutah-Hardrick (Family Science) completed her dissertation, "Neighborhood Level Poverty, Race/Ethnicity and Infant Mortality in Washington DC" this summer. She will start a post-doctoral fellowship with the Kellogg

Foundation conducting community-based participatory research and health disparities research in Baltimore City.

Kriti Vikram (Sociology) presented a single-authored paper at the annual meeting of the American Sociology Association at a Regular session on "Fertility: The Role of Social and Cultural Capital in Fertility Preference." She also presented at the PAA Annual Meeting.

Research Profile

Sonalde Desai / Reeve Vanneman

"Transition to Adulthood in India," NICHD

Researchers from the University of Maryland, the National Council of Applied Economic Research of India and an interdisciplinary team of collaborators have received funding to field 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. These households were first surveyed in 2004-2005. The project will have, therefore, a rich background of data on their schooling, human capital, family backgrounds, and local contexts.



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: 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. Specifically, the project will address the following questions:

- How has the traditional, closely monitored, Indian transition to adulthood helped protect adolescents and young adults from risky behaviors?
- How is the transition to adulthood changing in response to structural changes in Indian society – in particular to increases in wage labor, migration, secondary schooling, later ages at marriage, a growing middle class, and greater exposure to global culture?
- How are the personal characteristics of the individuals – their human capital, social and emotional skills, and cultural capital – linked to behaviors which enhance protection from risky behavior?
- How do families balance the competing demands of allowing adolescents enough independence to nurture these personal characteristics without exposing them to situations in which risky behavior (for both social and health risks) are more likely?

The cultural, social and economic diversity of India provides a unique laboratory within which these issues can be studied. Gender and kinship patterns vary tremendously across India with consequent differences in the transitions to adulthood. India's dramatic economic growth is also regionally concentrated, so the demands of new economic roles are not felt equally across the country. Locating personal development – education, self efficacy, gender role ideologies, communication ease, and other life skills – within this diversity will allow the team to trace the relationships from institutional contexts through personal characteristics to individual outcomes.

Recently funded Seed Grants

Sunmin Lee (2010)

"Improving Quality of Life in Chinese and Korean Breast Cancer Patients or Survivors: Pilot Study"

Although researchers have developed some intervention programs to improve quality of life in breast cancer patients or survivors (BCPS), there have been no intervention studies targeted to improve quality of life in Asian American BCPs. The researchers will conduct a pilot study to develop a randomized study testing the effectiveness of an intervention program to

improve the quality of life in Chinese and Korean BCPs.

Joseph Richardson (2010)

"Exploring the Nexus of Exposure to Violence, Psychological Stressors and Criminal Justice Involvement among Victims of Violent Injuries in Baltimore City"

As of 2009, homicide continues to be the leading cause of death for African-American males (16-34). This study examines the nexus of exposure to violence, psychological stressors and previous histories of incarceration among African-American male victims of violence in Baltimore.

Gniesha Dinwiddie (2009)

"Life Course Perspectives on Bio-Social Risk: Understanding Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease"

The study seeks to test the implications of SES, racial/ethnic group affiliation, and age cohort on biological susceptibility to better understand variations in cardiovascular disease (CVD) outcomes at critical stages of the life course for young adulthood (24-32 yrs) and older ages (45+ years).

Raymond Guiteras (2009)

"Clean Water, Health and the Market Mechanism: How Effective is the Market at Allocating Health Goods?"

The project investigates how effectively the market mechanism allocates health goods. It studies the extent to which charging for health goods leads to screening – allocating health goods towards those who stand to benefit the most – versus selection – allocation towards those with more resources, independent of potential benefit.

Vivian Hoffman (2009)

"Reducing HIV Stigma: Measuring the Effectiveness of Various Interventions"

The study aims to use a truth-revealing bidding mechanism to measure subjects' willingness to accept or purchase food and other items from HIV-positive individuals and evaluate the effect of interventions designed to reduce stigma on these outcomes. This research will elucidate the causes of HIV stigma and provide evidence on how manifestations of stigma can be reduced.

Sangeetha Madhavan (2009)

"The Role of Fathers in the Transition to Adulthood for Young Men in Urban South Africa"

This research develops an NIH proposal to examine how young men's relationship to their fathers over the life course influences their transition to adulthood in urban South Africa. The study uses multiple methods to examine how life course relationships with fathers influence young men's decisions about schooling, employment, union formation and childbearing as well as selected health outcomes.

Karoline Mortensen (2009)

"The Effects of a Natural Disaster on Health Care Utilization: An Evaluation of the Hurricane Katrina 'TexKat' Medicaid Waiver"

After Hurricane Katrina, Medicaid was expanded to cover Displaced Louisiana Residents (DLRs), enabling them access to necessary health care services. The study evaluates the largest of these waivers, the TexKat waiver in Texas, and uses an innovative approach to examine health care utilization of DLRs enrolled in the TexKat waiver. This could aid policymakers in shaping future waivers.

John Haltiwanger named Distinguished University Professor



As we went to press word was released that Faculty Associate John Haltiwanger, Professor of Economics, has been named a Distinguished University Professor.

Research Profile

Maria Khan

"Relationship Disruption during Incarceration and HIV Risk in African American Men," NIH / NIDA

African American men released from prison face disproportionate HIV risk. Preventing HIV sexual risk behavior and drug use in this group is critical to reducing the race disparity in HIV. However, research on the factors that drive and protect against HIV risk among African American male releasees is limited. Returning to a committed partner after release may be an important protective factor during reentry. Incarceration, however, destabilizes committed relationships. Upon release, loss of a partner may lead men to seek multiple, new partners to meet companionship needs or may lead to distress and, in turn, self-medication with drugs or sex. No prior study has evaluated the degree to which partner loss during incarceration influences post-release HIV risk.



This research will describe the pathways through which relationship dissolution may work to influence HIV risk. The researchers will recruit 400 African American male inmates who are scheduled to be released from a North Carolina prison and who were in stable, intimate heterosexual relationships at the time of prison entry. Pilot work suggests that approximately 50% of relationships will have ended during the incarceration. Follow up with the men in their communities for one year after their release will assess whether post-release adverse mental health outcomes, sexual risk behaviors and drug use, and STI / HIV are higher among men whose relationships ended during incarceration versus men whose relationships remained intact.

Study findings may highlight the need for criminal justice policies that reduce network disruption and may inform HIV prevention interventions.

Grant Submissions

Center scholars have been busy during the first part of the year. So far, MPRC Administrative Core personnel have helped Principal Investigators and their collaborators to propose over \$12 million in new funding.

Katharine Abraham, PI

Workshop on the Future of Observatories in the Social Sciences, NSF

Feinian Chen, PI

Race/Ethnic Differentials in the Health Implications of Grandparents Caring for Grandchildren, NICHD

Feinian Chen, PI

Multidimensional Pathways to Healthy Aging among Filipino Women, NICHD (subcontract with UNC)

Feinian Chen, PI

Grandparents Caring for Grandchildren, NIH/NICHD

Sonalde Desai, PI

Transition to Adulthood in India: Role of Social Geography (Admin Supplement), NICHD

Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman, PIs

India Human Development Survey Recond Round, NICHD

Raymond Guiteras, PI

The Impact of Health Insurance on Health and Financial Outcomes in Northern Ghana, NICHD

John Haltiwanger and Judith Hellerstein, PIs

2010 Census Research Data Center Annual Research Conference, NSF

John Ham, PI

Innovation in an Aging Society, NIA (via NBER)

Judy Hellerstein, PI

Macroeconomic Conditions and Marital Dissolution, NICHD (via NCSU)

Sandra Hofferth, PI

Understanding Effects of Multiple Deployments and Promoting Resiliency in Families and Children of Deployed Service Members, Army Contracting Command

Sandy Hofferth; Maria Khan, Amanda Berger, PIs

Linking Knowledge to Utilization of Contraception: Racial/Ethnic and Gender Differences, National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Sandra Hofferth and Ruth Zambrana, PIs

Family and Community Origins of Health Disparities in Youth, NCMHD

Meredith Kleykamp, PI

Finding Work after War: The Role of Military Experience in Civilian Hiring, NSF

Melissa Milkie, PI

Collaborative Research: Parent-Child Time Together and Children's Well-being from Late Childhood to Young Adulthood, NSF

Kevin Roy, PI

Transition to Fatherhood: Fatherhood Trajectories and Consequences for Men, NICHD (via Cornell)

John Sandberg, PI

The Niakhar Social Networks and Health Project, NICHD

The most up-to-date information about Center activities can always be found on the website : www.popcenter.umd.edu

Working Groups and Workshops

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

Immigration Working Group

Contact : Joan Kahn, jkahn@socy.umd.edu or Judith Freidenberg, jfreiden@anth.umd.edu
Schedule : Sep. 2, Sep. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 16, Dec. 2; 12:00 noon. See complete listing on page 6.

Mentored Grantwriting Workshop

Contact : Sandra Hofferth, hofferth@umd.edu; Christine Bachrach, chrisbachrach@gmail.com
Schedule : TBD

Attention : Fall proposals

If you plan to submit a grant through MPRC, please give us a head start by filling out the form on our website. It's quick and easy !

www.popcenter.umd.edu/services/intent-to-propose

Immigration Working Group Meetings

The Immigration Working Group steps up the pace this semester with meetings about every two weeks. Emphasis is given to promoting faculty engagement with data sources and data collection on immigration and immigrant populations.

September 2 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Karen Woodrow-Lafeld, Maryland Population Research Center, UMD
"From Migrants to Citizens: Explaining the Transition"

September 30 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Guillermina Jasso, Dept. of Sociology, New York University
"Studying Immigration with the New Immigrant Survey"

October 7 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Olivia Carter-Pokras, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UMD
"Lessons Learned from Community Based Participatory Research with Latino Communities in Maryland"

November 16 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Enrico Marcelli, Dept. of Sociology, San Diego State University
"Legal and Unauthorized Migrant Happiness in the United States: A Test of the Life-Domain Satisfaction Model"

December 2 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Peter Reuter, School of Public Policy / Criminology, UMD
"Modeling the Budget Implications of Illegal Immigration Enforcement"



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Center Seminars — Fall 2010

This Fall's Seminar Series will focus on a small selection of topics seen to be most relevant to population current research. Following are listings available at press time. The most recent information is always available on the Center web site : www.popcenter.umd.edu/events.

Monday, September 27 - 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

"IQ, Gender, and Mortality In the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study"

Robert M. Hauser, Vilas Research Professor Emeritus, Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin-Madison
MPRC Conference Room, 0124B Cole Student Activities Building

Monday, October 4 - Special Symposium - 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

"The New Media Generation : Implications of Computer and Video Game Use for Parents and Teachers"

Allison Druin, iSchool; Director, Human Computer Interaction Laboratory

Sandra Hofferth, School of Public Health; Director, MPRC

Melanie Killen, College of Education

MPRC Conference Room, 0124B Cole Student Activities Building

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in Northern Ghana. He is interested in examining how the price of a water filter influences the willingness to purchase it. The ultimate objective is to use this information to determine how the purchase and use of the filter affects the health of household members. Ken Leonard, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, has been involved in measuring the effectiveness of regular monitoring of physicians (with feedback) as an intervention to improve the quality of health care in Tanzania. Vivian Hoffman, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, is examining the effectiveness of various interventions to reduce HIV stigma in rural India. This stigma prevents at-risk individuals from getting tested and treated. Finally, Sangeetha Madhavan, Assistant Professor of African American Studies,



Sangeetha Madhavan (left) doing research in Africa

The Center will host an informal meeting on international research in October.

examining young men's decisions about schooling, employment, union formation and childbearing, and selected health outcomes.

The Center will host an informal meeting in October to discuss the international research that is being conducted by MPRC members, to see what synergies can be gained from what we are learning across research projects, and to see what difficulties researchers are facing. The meeting will include members of the Madieu Williams Center for Global Health Initiatives from the School of Public Health as well as MPRC researchers. *Please contact me if you wish to be involved in this initiative.*

Finally, we are pleased that Christine Bachrach, former Acting Director of the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research has been leading our **mentored grantwriting workshop**. The new workshop will start in late September / early October for the new academic year. Please note that it takes at least *three to four months* to develop an NIH proposal. The goal is to develop proposals to submit in February or June 2011. *Please contact me if you are interested in participating.*

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 : hofferth@umd.edu.

- Sandy Hofferth