Welcome New Researchers, Staff, and Students to the PSC

Please welcome the following new additions to our center:

The new students entering the Graduate Group in Demography Ph.D. program at the Population Studies Center are Peter Fleming, Rachel Margolis, Mikko Myrskyla, Caroline Sten, and Allison Sullivan.

New postdoctoral researchers and visitors to the PSC are Dawn Alley (Ph.D., Gerontology, University of Southern California, 2006), J. David Hacker (Ph.D., History, University of Minnesota, 1999), Vida Maralani (Ph.D., Sociology, UCLA, 2006), Douglas McKee (Ph.D., Economics, UCLA, 2006) and Michelle Poulin (Ph.D., Sociology, Boston University, 2006).

Shaun Carlin and Sara Sieteski have joined Social Sciences Computing (SSC) as Assistant Support Specialists this Fall. Contact information: 304 McNeil / 215-898-6454 / POPS-LSP@ssc.upenn.edu

J. Adelaide Fuller (Addie) has joined the Demography Library as the new Information & Dissemination Assistant. Addie comes to us from the Paul Robeson Library at Rutgers University’s Camden Campus, and brings many years of library experience.

Julia Crane has joined us as PSC Associate Director. Julia’s experience includes clinical and research management as Program Administrator for the Alzheimer’s disease Center here at Penn. She brings 15 years of hands on know-how in preparing grant proposals, budgets, grants administration, including centers and multiple performance sites. She is also well versed in research database management for administration and research. She has a Bachelor’s in Business Administration from Penn State. Julia and her family live in University City and she is an avid gardener and cook.

Tech Note: PennTags

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Upcoming Workshops & Events

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News & Events

The PSC has launched the PSC Working Paper Series online at: http://repository.upenn.edu/psc/. PSC Research Associates, Affiliates and Students are encouraged to submit working papers reflecting their research to the Director for review. All papers go through a peer review process. See the first working paper in the series: “Mortality of American Troops in Iraq,” by Samuel H. Preston and Emily Buzzell (PSC Working Paper Series 06-01).

IRB & Human Subjects Consulting
Researchers at the Population Studies Center should consult Jan Jaeger, RN, MBe, Ph.D., the PSC’s IRB Consultant at, jajaeger@ssc.upenn.edu or at 215-573-8104, for information regarding an IRB submission or questions about human subject research. For more information on Human Subjects protocols and IRB guidelines see: http://www.pop.upenn.edu/resources/IRB.htm

Photo Day Nov. 6—If you need to have your picture taken or updated for the wall in the PSC office, please stop by the Demography Library. Can’t make it? Email Addie to set up an appointment.

PSC Colloquium Upcoming Speakers:

- November 6: John R. Wilmoth
- November 13: David Hacker
- November 20: Job Talks
- November 27: Michel Guillot
- December 4: Duncan Thomas

All PSC colloquia events are held on Mondays from Noon to 1:00 PM in 103 McNeil, for details see: http://www.pop.upenn.edu/news/news-colloq.html
New Books on GIS


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Useful Software

Social Sciences Computing (SSC) maintains a list of useful free software “freeware” that they have found useful and that is relevant to members of the Penn Community. Their list includes links to SSH (Secure SHell) tools such as WinSCP, Security tools such as TrueCrypt, lists of add-ons for the internet browser Firefox and the email client Thunderbird, links to Statistical Computing software, such as the R project and to File Synchronization and Backup tools, such as SyncToy. SSC staff will continue to add links to other useful freeware as they come across them.
http://www.sas.upenn.edu/computing/ssc/useful/

New Books on Using SAS


New Books on Using R


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