

POPULATION STUDIES CENTER NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events



PSC presents:
Alexandra (Sasha)
Killewald "Mother's
Employment
Patterns and
Consequences for
Adolescent
Outcomes"
December 4
103 McNeil
12-1 pm



Penn Economics
presents:
Catherine Wolfram
"Experimental
Evidence on the
Economics of
Rural
Electrification"
December 6
3730 Walnut
Huntsman Hall
room G65
12-1:30 pm



Penn Sociology
presents: Robert
J. Sampson
"Poisoned
Development"
December 6
103 McNeil
12-1 pm



2018 Grad Ben Talks

Grad Ben Talks is an afternoon of TED Talk-style presentations by Penn Arts and Sciences graduate students representing the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and professional master's programs. Judges select winners in each of the four categories for a \$500 cash prize. There will also be a \$500 prize for the overall Audience Choice Winner selected by online votes. The event

is open to the Penn community and the general public. And there's plenty of delicious food throughout the day! The talks will take place on Friday, February 23, 2018 12:30 – 4:30 p.m in the Irvine Auditorium. If you are a currently enrolled student in any of the Penn Arts and Sciences' graduate groups, or professional master's programs, please fill out the [2018 Grad Ben Talks Entry Form](#) below no later than close of business on **Friday, January 26, 2018**.

Users of R: Meet in the Library!

[The Price Lab for Digital Humanities](#) sponsors informal R learning group for members of the Penn community meets on Fridays from 10am until 11:30am in the WIC Seminar Room (Van Pelt 124.) No experience is required. Feel free to come every week, or to drop in as you are able. We welcome faculty, staff, postdocs, graduate students, undergraduate students, and anyone else who is part of the University community. We especially welcome real-life data problems for group consultation. For the topic schedule, blog and details see the [Use-R Group website](#).



PSC Colloquium Series: Corinne Low

Last week [Corinne Low](#) spoke to a full room of PSC researchers about the effects assets have on marital stability, child investments, and marriage selection. Watch the whole talk on the [PSC Youtube channel](#).

IPUMS

[IPUMS](#) provides census and survey data from around the world integrated across time and space and there is new data!

R: Let's give a warm welcome to the ipumsr R package, which helps researchers use IPUMS data in R. The package imports data from microdata projects using the DDI file and NHGIS data from the csv extracts. It also makes it easy to use the value labels and other metadata provided with IPUMS, including the geographic boundary files. Look for R-related updates to our website soon!

CPS: The latest [IPUMS-CPS](#) data released include 2017 ASEC data, updated with tax and poverty variables, and basic monthly data through September 2017. Check our revisions page for added and corrected variables as well as other news.

USA: 2016 ACS 1-year data are available from [IPUMS-USA](#). Look closely at changes in computer and internet access variables.

Health Surveys: [IPUMS Health Surveys](#) released corrected and new data for the 2016 sample. The release included the corrected 2016 sampling weights, Imputed Income variables, and more than 200 variables from the 2016 supplements on Balance, Diabetes, Vision, and Tobacco and E-cigarette use.

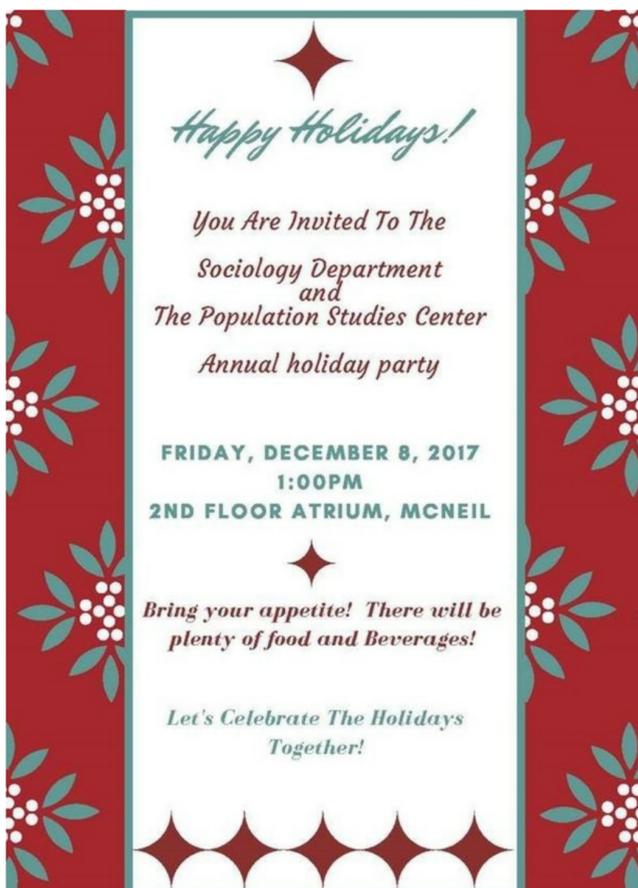
TERRA: [IPUMS Terra](#) has recently released the following data:

- Climate Reference Unit Time Series data—Monthly climate data spanning 1901-2013.
- Additional microdata from IPUMS International—24 new samples, including 3 new countries.
- Additional second-level boundaries for 24 countries.

Together, the new climate data and finer-scale boundaries will enable detailed studies of changes in climate and human populations over time.

DHS: [IPUMS-DHS](#) has new variables on the environmental and social context of survey participants, calculated from sources outside the DHS. Data on physical environment, population, and agriculture are available as a downloadable CSV files for all DHS samples with GPS cluster data and through the extract system for countries included in the IPUMS-DHS database.

Don't forget the annual Holiday party next Friday at 1pm!



Please contact psc_library@mailman.ssc.upenn.edu to submit news & events or with questions.