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The Southern Regional Demographic Group is a scientific and educational corporation comprised of persons with professional interests in demography and population studies. The *Newsletter* is compiled and edited by William J. Serow, Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia.

NEWS ITEMS

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Abbott Ferriss of Emory University and Clifford Patrick of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute were elected to three year terms on SRDG's Board of Directors (formerly the Executive Committee) in this year's election. They will occupy the places on the Board held by Gladys Bowles and Ronald Rindfuss. In related developments, Thomas Espenshade of the Urban Institute was elected as president of SRDG and chairman of the Board with Calvin L. Beale of the U.S. Department of Agriculture being elected as vice-president/vice chair. Continuing on as members of the Board are William Serow of the University of Virginia (secretary-treasurer), Larry Long (Census Bureau), and Ken E. Shin (University of South Carolina).

With the ratification of SRDG's new constitution and by-laws it will be necessary to conduct a special election at this time to fill the position of president-elect. A nominating committee comprised of Gladys Bowles, George Myers, and Harold Goldsmith has nominated Anne S. Lee of Athens, GA and Abbott L. Ferriss of Emory University to stand for election to this position. Under the provisions of the new constitution and by-laws, the person elected to this position will serve as president-elect until the 1981 business meeting, as president from then until the 1982 business meeting, and as past president from the 1982 to 1983 business meetings. A ballot for voting in this election is enclosed with the *Newsletter*.

Please return it to the secretary-treasurer (W. J. Serow, TMI, P. O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, VA 22906) by **December 31, 1980**.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

SRDG held its 11th annual meeting on October 15-17 in Tallahassee, Florida. Approximately 145 members and guests attended the meeting. For the benefit of any members unable to attend, a very limited supply of programs and abstract booklets are available from the secretary-treasurer (W. Serow, TMI, P. O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, VA 22906).

In addition to the approval of SRDG's new constitution and by-laws, the changes in the composition of SRDG's Board of Directors, and the nomination of two members to run for the office of president elect (see story elsewhere in this issue), numerous other items of business came before the Board. The secretary-treasurer reported that prior to the meeting there were 362 persons on the membership roster, 228 of whom had paid dues for 1980. More recent additions have brought these numbers to 399 and 287, respectively.

Harold Goldsmith reported that the joint PAA-SRDG committee on the establishment of a federal register for demographers had succeeded in persuading the Bureaus of the Census and of Labor Statistics to negotiate with the Civil Service Commission on this register. Abbott Ferriss, SRDG archivist, reported a large supply of SRDG's occasional paper no. 1, ("Perspectives on State Demographic Activities") and much smaller quantities

of other publications ("Research and the 1970 Census," "Labor in the South," and "The Demography of the South") were available through his office. Copies of "Perspectives" are available for \$2.00, others are complimentary. Please address inquiries to: Dr. Abbott L. Ferriss, Department of Sociology, Emory University, Atlanta GA 30322. First come, first served.

The Board appointed a membership committee comprised of: Chris Hale (chair), University of Alabama-Birmingham; George Dailey, city of Oklahoma City; Jim Zuiches, National Science Foundation; Don Belcher, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; Chuck Longino, University of Miami; and Cheryl Russell, *American Demographics*. The committee will work with the Board not only to promote SRDG membership but also to insure that the organization is fully responsive to the needs and interests of all members.

The Board gave conditional approval to a request by George Myers (Duke University) for limited support of a membership survey to inquire about member's perceptions of the needs for various types of demographic training in the 1980's and their opinions about the adequacy of past training efforts. The survey may also be utilized to obtain input for a new edition of SRDG's membership directory.

Meeting sites for 1982 and 1983 have also been selected: the 1982 meeting will be held in Greensboro, NC (local arrangements chair: Daniel O. Price); the 1983 meeting will be in Chattanooga, TN (local arrangements chair: Edward E.

Cahill). As previously announced, next year's meeting will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on October 14-16. Forrest Pollard chairs the local arrangements committee.

Finally, the Board authorized President Espenshade to write a letter offering SRDG support to ongoing activities of the Oklahoma Demographics Group.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Gladys Bowles has retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture after forty years of federal government service. She has opened Bowles Demographic Research in Athens, Georgia where she expects to utilize data from the 1980 census of population and other sources to examine trends in population redistribution, internal migration, and labor force patterns.

Frank Biasioli, formerly of Austin Peay State University, has accepted a position in the School of Continuing Education at the University of Virginia.

Daphne Spain is on leave from the Census Bureau's Center for Demographic Studies as a visiting assistant professor at the Department of Sociology at the University of Virginia.

Nancy Williamson, formerly an associate of the Population Council, is now a post-doctoral fellow at POPLABS at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill).

C. Jack Tucker, formerly of Atlanta University, has accepted a position as Professor of Sociology and Department Chair at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, SC.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Center for Small Town Research and Design at Mississippi State University wishes to invite papers for:

2nd Chataqua in Mississippi:

Change and Tradition in the American Small Town

to be held April 8-9, 1981 on the University Campus.

The symposium seeks to establish the position, problems, and potential of the small town in the 1980's from a broad range of perspectives including anthropology, demographics, economics, geography, history, political science, sociology, and the humanities. Results will be published.

Two page abstracts of typed manuscripts must be received by January 15, 1981.

Please direct all correspondence to:
School of Architecture
P. O. Drawer AQ
Mississippi State University
Mississippi State, MS 39762

CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Review of Public Data Use* is now being published by Elsevier North Holland, Inc., under the editorship of Charles Renfro of the Center for Applied Economic Research at the University of Kentucky. RPDU is an interdisciplinary journal publishing articles and research notes concerned with the production, collection, use, and policy implications of public data. Recent issues have included articles on the methodology of both estimates and projections, an analysis of worker mobility, the impact of federal controls and regulations on research, and problems encountered in using various data sources.

Papers or research notes submitted to RPDU should be sent to the managing editor, Karen Stroup, Suite 900 - DUA-Labs, 1601 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209. She will also supply, upon request, detailed instructions for submission. Articles will undergo anonymous review by referees, and average turnaround time is presently about two months.

JOB MART

University of Virginia: University research center seeks demographer to direct and conduct population research program. Responsibilities include preparation of population estimates for counties and cities in Virginia, participation in Federal-State Cooperative Program for local population estimates, and cooperative direction of State Data Center. Opportunities exist for research on other related population problems. Ph.D. and post-doctoral experience essential. Salary competitive. Send vita and names of references to Charles O. Meiburg, Director, Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia, Box 6550, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

University of Georgia: The Department of Sociology has two tenure-track openings for Fall 1981: (1) Assistant or Associate Professor in social demography specializing in one or more of the fol-

lowing areas: fertility, mortality, labor force analysis, international development, epidemiology, or gender-ethnic identification. (2) Assistant Professor in social demography (as described above) or in social stratification with teaching and research interests in gender-ethnic stratification, political economy, sociology of labor, or sociology of education. Both positions call for persons with a Ph.D. who demonstrates high competence in research and teaching as well as strong potential for contributing publications to quality sociological journals. Candidates should be capable of contributing to the undergraduate instructional program as well as to the Ph.D. program. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, including names and addresses of five references; a brief statement describing her/his research and writing plans; and a list of major publications which are available for inspection. Deadline for receipt of these materials is December 1, 1980. Materials should be sent to: Dr. Robert A. Ellis, Head, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Florida State University: The Center for the Study of Population at Florida State University is expanding its program and is recruiting to a position at the Assistant Professor or beginning Associate Professor level. The appointment will be for the 1981-82 academic year, with the possibility that the incumbent will be considered for a tenure-track appointment beginning the following year. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in either Sociology or Economics.

The person who is appointed will join Thomas R. Dye (political science), Charles B. Nam (sociology), William J. Serow (economics), David F. Sly (sociology), and Robert H. Weller (sociology) on the staff of the program.

Anyone wishing to apply for, or learn more about, the position should contact Charles B. Nam, Director, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306, telephone (904) 644-1762.

State of Alaska: The Department of Labor, State of Alaska, is seeking an economist II to function as state demographer. Starting salary is \$2,845 per month. The state demographer will develop, analyze and interpret population information for Alaska. This will include the design of a comprehensive population

information system to estimate and project population for Alaska and its areas. Minimum requirement is a bachelor's degree in economics or another field including or supplemented by 20 semester hours in economics and 6 hours in statistics or econometrics. Also required are three years of professional experience in collecting, analyzing, interpreting and reporting social science data. A master's degree in economics (with 6 hours of statistics or econometrics) will substitute for 1 year of experience. A Ph.D. in economics will substitute for three years experience. Unique qualifications desired include: education and experience in demographics, including population estimation and forecasting programs.

Please send a college transcript and State of Alaska employment application (02-250) to:

Recruitment Coordinator
Division of Personnel
Pouch C
Juneau, Alaska 99811

(The application form may be obtained from the Recruitment Coordinator.)

The State of Alaska is an equal opportunity employer.

NSSLP, Inc.: The National Social Science and Law Project, Inc. seeks a demographer/statistician to design and carry out research projects in collaboration with other staff and to prepare reports for use in court, including presentation of expert testimony at trials and hearings. A Ph.D. or equivalent experience is preferred, an MA is required. Applicants should have training in demography with a strong statistical background; extensive research experience; demonstrated interest in social problems, especially poverty, and/or social science-law interface. Starting salary from \$22,000 to \$30,000, with starting date as soon as possible. Interested persons should send a resume and writing sample to:

RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE
National Social Science and
Law Project, Inc.
1990 M Street, NW
Suite 610
Washington, DC 20036

RETIREMENT MIGRATION

Many members of SRDG may be interested in a Special Issue of *Research*

on *Aging* which is devoted to defining the state of the art concerning U.S. retirement migration. The special issue (June 1980) was edited by SRDG members Chuck Longino and Dave Jackson and contains papers on the theory, data, trends, causes, consequences, and future of aged migration. Inquiries about the special issue should be directed to Ms. Lois Smith, Sage Publications, 275 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

NONMETRO HOUSEHOLD COMMUTING PATTERNS

A recent report produced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Georgia examines the characteristics and rates of inter-county commuting for employment of migrant and nonmigrant household heads living in nonmetro areas in 1975. It also deals with the extent to which migrants continue in employment in the type of areas in which they lived five years earlier. Comparative data are included for heads of household residing in metro areas. The research was based on the 1975 Annual Housing Survey and its Travel-to-Work Supplement. Copies of the report, *Commuting Patterns of Nonmetro Household Heads, 1975*, written by Gladys K. Bowles and Calvin L. Beale (assisted by S. T. Davis and E. J. Miller) are available from: Economics, Statistics and Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

MIGRATION REFERENCE TABLES PRODUCED

The Applied Population Laboratory of the University of Wisconsin announces the publication of *Reference Tables: Net Migration of Those Aged 0 to 64 and 65 and Over for United States Counties, 1970 to 1975*. The report was written by Stephen J. Tordella and provides estimates of net migration for two broad age groups during the first half of the 1970s. It should prove of great interest to those charting the nonmetropolitan population growth turnaround and other migration trends, especially those affecting the elderly. The Reference Tables can be obtained for \$2.00 from: Applied Population Laboratory, University of Wisconsin, 240 Agricultural Hall, Madison WI 53706.

NIMH PLANS 1980 SMALL AREA INDICATORS

Data users who find indicators for census tracts and other small areas valuable in their work should note that the National Institute of Mental Health is planning an update of its Mental Health Demographic Profile System based on 1980 census results. The 1980 system will offer over 100 indicators calculated from census data for all tracts, minor civil divisions, counties, and selected other areas throughout the country. The indicators will be available on printouts or on computer tape. For more information about the system, please contact: Beatrice M. Rosen, Assistant Chief, Applied Biometrics Research Branch, Division of Biometry & Epidemiology, NIMH, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18C-18, Rockville, MD 20857.

EDUCATION FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has recently published a major report entitled *The Condition of Education for Hispanic Americans*. The report consists of a compilation and discussion of available data concerning the educational achievement and participation of Hispanic Americans. Separate chapters are devoted to an overview of Hispanics in the United States, Hispanic participation in elementary and secondary education, Hispanic participation in postsecondary education, and outcomes of education. Single copies of the report are available from: NCES, Statistical Information Office, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 205, Washington DC 20202.

NATIONAL PENSION POLICY REPORT

The President's Commission on Pension Policy has made public an interim report of the Commission which has been presented to the President and to Congress. The major chapters in the report cover the retirement income system; retirement income goals; tax policy; treatment of spouses; universal social security coverage; disability; the retirement age; employment of older workers; and the ownership and control of pension fund assets. Single copies of the interim report may be obtained from the Commission at: 736 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

1980 CENSUS TEXTBOOK

The Census Bureau's newest resource for census data users is a 490-page college textbook entitled *Census '80: Continuing the Factfinder Tradition*. The textbook, written for use in the Bureau's Experimental Student Internship Program, contains more than 80 figures and illustrations, 30 tables, and a 50-page appendix examining census-related issues. *Census '80*, by Charles P. Kaplan, Thomas L. Van Valey and Associates is available from GPO for \$7.50.

NATION'S USE OF HEALTH RESOURCES

The second edition of *The Nation's Use of Health Resources*, published by the National Center for Health Statistics, presents current and comprehensive data on the use of health care systems in the United States. The information in the report has two essential uses: to represent current knowledge about health care utilization and to identify those areas in which systematic data collection on a consistent basis are required. A limited number of single copies of the report are available from NCHS, Room 1-57 Center Building, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

SECOND SERIES OF "POPULATION PROFILES"

The Center for Information on America has announced plans for its second series of Population Profiles. The first series consisted of 17 units, each

focused on a special aspect of population in the United States. The second series is patterned on the first, but emphasizes an international approach. The second series is being undertaken in cooperation with the Population Reference Bureau; the first two numbers in the second series ("Why Study World Population" by Everett S. Lee and "The Population of China" by Leon F. Bouvier) are now available. Future numbers in the series will deal with India, Africa, the Soviet Union, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, and other topics. Further information on the profile series may be obtained by writing the Center (Washington, CT 06793).

POPULATION FELLOWSHIPS

The Population Council has announced its fellowship program in the social sciences for 1981-82. Fellowships will be awarded for advanced study in population at the graduate, post-doctoral, or mid-career levels. Strong preference in making the awards will be given to applicants from developing countries who have a firm commitment to return to their home country upon completion of training. Applications by women are particularly encouraged. Application forms and further information may be obtained by writing: The Fellowship Secretary, The Population Council, One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, NY 10017. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 1.

STATISTICAL PORTRAIT OF WOMEN

The Bureau of the Census has recently released a report entitled "A Statistical Portrait of Women in the United States: 1978." This report provides a statistical overview of the changing status of women in American society during the decade of the 1970s. Data were compiled from U.S. Government sources, including surveys, decennial censuses, vital statistics, and administrative records. Comparisons of black women with white women are discussed separately and recent data are included for women of Spanish origin, as well as American Indian and Asian-American women. Copies of the report (*Current Population Reports*, Series P-23, No. 100) may be obtained from GPO for \$5.50.

1980 DATA FROM DUALABS

DUALabs has announced the formation of the File Reduction Consortium which will develop procedures to permit reduction of census files and records, regardless of tape density. For 1970 census files, an average reduction of 83 percent was accomplished; the use of counts 1 to 5 from the 1970 census would have saved a user interested in acquiring tapes for the entire nation the sum of about \$50,000. The membership fee in the File Reduction Consortium now stands at \$6,000. For additional information, please contact: J. C. Beresford, President
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