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PAPER AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

- **E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography:** Bill Serrow presented the E. Walter Terrie Award to Robin M. Blakely, Roger B. Hammer, Paul R. Voss, and Daniel L. Veroff all of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for their paper "The Effects of Integrating the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates into the Appalachian Regional Commission's Designation of Economically Distressed Counties."
- **Graduate Student Paper Award:** Eileen E. McConnell, a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame, won the award for the best graduate student paper for her paper on "Modeling Locational Choice: The Determinants of Mexican Migration to the Southwestern and Midwestern United States."
- **Undergraduate Student Paper Award:** The award for the best undergraduate student paper was given to Mary Sylvester, of the University of Texas, for her paper "Race Differences in Children's Experience of Divorce."



Carl Schmetzmann presents the Graduate Student Paper Award to Eileen E. McConnell.

2000 ANNUAL MEETING

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association took place October 26-28. About 120 people attended the meeting at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, Louisiana. The program organized by Jack Tucker included many informative paper sessions and panels including breakfast roundtable discussions organized by the Association's President Judy Waldrop on Census Bureau products. On Friday, the luncheon speaker Nancy M. Gordon, Associate Director for Demographic Programs of the U.S. Census Bureau, discussed the "Decennial Census: Where are We and Where are We Going." Saturday's luncheon featured an address by John Wildgen of the University of New Orleans on "Louisiana's Dismal Science: Questions About Race and Space in 2000."

As usual, one of the highlights of this year's meeting was the annual Friday night dinner. Association members cruised on the Mississippi River aboard the *Creole Queen* while enjoying dinner, drinks, and the views. Upon debarking the boat, participants were treated to a chorus of "YMCA" by the Village People who were performing an outdoor concert followed by fireworks celebrating Harrah's Casino's first anniversary. No reports were received on conference participant's activities on Bourbon Street, although several persons admitted to gambling losses or gains at the casino.

CALL FOR DOROTHY S. THOMAS AWARD SUBMISSIONS

Pre- or post-doctoral students are invited to submit papers for the 2001 Dorothy S. Thomas Award competition. The Award has been established by the Population Association of America in honor of Dorothy S. Thomas and is presented annually for the best graduate student paper on the interrelationships among social, economic, and demographic variables. The Award consists of a cash prize and a certificate, presented at the Annual Meeting of the PAA in March 2001.

Eligibility: The research must be undertaken while the author is a predoctoral student in an accredited graduate program. The paper must have both theoretical and empirical aspects. Two or more students may share the award for a collaborative study, but a paper jointly authored by a student and a member of the graduate faculty is not eligible. An individual is eligible for one year following completion of study. Published papers are acceptable. Recipients of the Ph.D. prior to December 1, 1999, and previous winners of the Award are not eligible.

Length: The paper should not exceed 35 pages, including double-spaced text, tables, figures, footnotes, references and appendices. Papers that exceed this page limit may not be considered: this rule will be strictly enforced!

Submission Procedures: The student should submit seven copies of the paper, along with a letter from her or his research advisor confirming eligibility, to:

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The deadline for submission is January 8, 2001. The Committee reserves the right to withhold the Award if it decides that no suitable paper was submitted. http://www.popassoc.org/dt_award.html for further information.

BY-LAWS CHANGES PROPOSED

At the annual business meeting, the Board of Directors proposed several changes in the Association's By-Laws. Description of these changes will be included with the ballot mailing in the spring.



New President Jack Tucker presents outgoing President Judy Waldrop with a picture for her service as President.

POPULATION RESEARCH AND POLICY REVIEW SPECIAL ISSUE ON HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRATION

In the past century consolidation of a global system of nation-states has reduced international migration to discrete, limited streams that reflect the policy aims of national governments as well as world variations in social, political, demographic, and economic conditions. All of these influences on migration are particularly salient in the growing international competition for the scarce resource of highly skilled labor. Professional, technical, and scientific workers are among those who most directly experience contemporary globalization of markets and communication. The migration of highly skilled labor has become one of the most hotly-debated questions in social science research as well as in public policy discussions. *Population Research and Policy Review* (Woody Carlson, editor) is pleased to contribute a special issue to the ongoing public debate on this critical population policy subject. Special guest editors for this issue are Thomas J. Espenshade, Princeton University, and Eui-Hang Shin, University of South Carolina-Columbia.

DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITIONS

Long-time SDA members and past presidents Everett and Anne Lee celebrated fifty years of marriage last summer. The Lee's were introduced by another demographer Dorothy S. Thomas.

2001 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2001 Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Eden Roc Resort in Miami Beach. This hotel has been recently renovated and is one of the best resorts on the beach. The dates of the meeting are October 11-13, 2001, and will include a Beach Party for the Friday night event. If you plan to attend the conference and want to stay a few extra days, the Eden Roc offers conference rates 2-3 days before and after the conference, depending on availability of rooms. So make your reservation as soon as possible to insure that your room will be available if you plan to extend your stay in Miami Beach. The Eden Roc is located in a safe area of Miami Beach, and families are welcome. To contact the resort, call or write:

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For more information about local arrangements contact Norman Weatherby at Nweather@med.miami.edu.

SDA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Southern Demographic Association is open to all who are interested in demography. The membership year extends from November 1 to October 31. There are four membership categories: Student (no journal) \$15 annual dues; Student (with journal) \$ 45 annual dues; Regular or Institutional member (with journal) \$60; and Family (spouses of regular members, no journal) \$15.

To join the Southern Demographic Association, please send a check or money order payable to the Southern Demographic Association for the appropriate amount to

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FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2002 annual meeting will be held in Austin, Texas. Bob Hummer will serve as local arrangements chair. Anyone desiring to help or needing information may contact him at rhummer@prc.utexas.edu.

Peter Morrison is Chair of the Site Selection Committee for the 2003 annual meeting. If you have suggestions for locations or would like to volunteer to chair local arrangements for this meeting, please contact him at PeterM3636@aol.com.



President Judy Waldrop thanks local arrangements chair Joachim Singelmann for his work.

NEW OFFICERS

The results of the election for new officers were announced at the recent meeting. Carl Schmetmann of Florida State University is the new President-Elect. Bob Hummer, University of Texas-Austin, and Gregory Robinson, U.S. Census Bureau, are new members of the Board of Directors. Peter Morrison, The RAND Corporation, assumes the office of Vice President.

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