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Sun, Sand and Intellectual Stimulation

2001 Annual Meeting Successful

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association took place October 11-13 in Miami Beach. The program organized by Carl Schmertmann included numerous enlightening papers, panels, and posters. Friday's luncheon session honored the association's founders (see accompanying story). Saturday's luncheon featured an address by Tom Boswell of the University of Miami entitled "Asking Big Questions About Immigration in Florida and Metropolitan Miami."

The Friday night dinner took place on the pool terrace overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The menu reflected the ethnic diversity of South Florida. While migration researchers searched the ocean for new arrivals, other members took advantage of the music to dance under the moonlight. Norman Weatherby and John McHenry, who were in charge of local arrangements, set high standards for future meetings. Unfortunately, Norman was unable to play with the band on Friday night as he had planned.



Above: President Jack Tucker talks with SDA Fellow Lee Bouvier



Left: Past Presidents Bill Serow (on left) and Ike Eberstein (on right) talk with new President Carl Schmertmann at the Thursday evening social.

Southern Demographic Association Honors Founders

The Friday luncheon session offered a reflective history of the development of the Southern Demographic Association and highlighted the remarkable accomplishments of founding members of the Southern Regional Demographic Group, the predecessor of the SDA. Peter Morrison, Dudley Poston, and Bill Serow served as emcees at this special luncheon and honored Calvin Beale, Leon Bouvier, Gladys Bowles, Anne Lee, Everett Lee, George Myers, and Charlie Nam as SDA Fellows.

CALVIN L. BEALE

In honoring Calvin L. Beale, Peter Morrison quoted from a *Chicago Tribune* feature article that proclaimed him "a



SDA Fellow (from left to right) Charlie Nam, Anne Lee, Calvin Beale, Leon Bouvier, Gladys Bowles, and Everett Lee

national treasurer." Morrison further noted that Calvin Beale's has documented rural America's rich diversity, its subtle textures, and its evolving transformations. He possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of regions and

places and peoples based partially on having set foot in most of the nation's roughly 2300 nonmetropolitan counties. His efforts produced typologies for gauging the susceptibility of nonmetropolitan areas to urban influence and deciphering their specialized magnetism and a system of geographic subregions dividing the nation into twenty-six economically and culturally distinct groupings of counties. Complementing these scientific advances is his uncommon sensitivity to those who populate rural America.

LEON F. BOUVIER

Peter Morrison's tribute to **Leon F. Bouvier** began by noting that although he has retired, he is still enthusiastically instructing both undergraduate and graduate students at Old Dominion University where he is Visiting Full Professor. He completed his Ph.D. at Brown University, just shy of his fiftieth birthday, while raising four children and playing the trumpet to earn a living. His numerous publications have expanded public appreciation of population issues, and his skillful teaching has inspired generations of students.

GLADYS K. BOWLES

In honoring **Gladys K. Bowles**, Dudley Poston described her as a major force in the demography unit at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and as the Association's "Mother Superior." Among her responsibilities at the USDA was the development and publication of age- and race-specific estimates of net migration for all counties of the United States. She also developed the still often-used concept of labor force replacement. In addition to serving as President of the SRDG, she mentored graduate students at the University of Georgia and has offered much support for young (and old) demographers throughout her years of involvement.



ANNE S. LEE

Anne S. Lee served as President of the Southern Regional Demographic Group in 1981-1982. In presenting Anne Lee as an SDA fellow, Bill Serow suggested that she, more than anyone else was responsible for formally establishing the SRDG, including writing the Group's constitution. Additionally, she has encouraged the association's focus on the demography of the South, helping to fulfill the constitution's requirement that there be a session on the South at the annual meeting. While being married to Everett Lee for over fifty years and raising children, she has been the impetus for the association's growth and has made substantial contributions to several areas of demography.

EVERETT LEE

Before moving South to the University of Georgia and helping to found the SRDG in 1970 via his relationship with Oak Ridge Associated Universities and Oak Ridge National Laboratories, **Everett Lee** taught at University of Pennsylvania and the University of Massachusetts. He co-authored with Dorothy Swaine Thomas (who introduced him to his wife Anne) the still-read multi-volume

Undergraduate Student Paper Awards Presented at Annual Meeting

Two University of Texas-Austin students shared the award for best undergraduate student papers presented at the annual meeting. **Jamie Doyle** won with her paper entitled "Apgar Scores as a Predictor of Infant Mortality: Do Race and Ethnicity Make a Difference?" The second winning paper entitled "Religion, Socioeconomic Status, and Mortality" was authored by **Mazarin Vakharia**.

study of population distribution and redistribution in the United States. He also authored "A Theory of Migration" published in *Demography* in 1966 in which he laid out the push-pull paradigm for migration analysis. **Everett Lee** served three years as the first President of SRDG.

GEORGE C. MYERS

George C. Myers' wife listened on the phone in her home in Durham, North Carolina, while **Dudley Poston** presented a posthumous tribute. He spent his early career at Cornell until moving to Duke University in 1968 where he founded the Center for Demographic Studies. Over twenty-five years, he built this Center into an internationally known population research center. Upon his death in August 2000, his colleagues noted that "every significant development in the demography of aging on the world scene over the past three decades has either been organized by George Myers or George has been a participant in it." His contributions to the SRDG-SDA have been as significant since helping **Everett Lee** organize the first meeting and serving as the second President from 1973 to 1975.

CHARLES B. NAM

Bill Serow paid tribute to **Charles B. Nam**, his colleague at Florida State University. **Charlie Nam** founded FSU's Population Center and has served not only the SRDG-SDA, but also has served as President of the Population Association of America and the Southern Sociological Society. He contributed the chapter on "Education" to the **Shryock and Siegel** book on Demographic Techniques, and with **Mary Powers** developed the **Nam-Powers** score algorithm for classifying socioeconomic status of occupations. While officially retired, he maintains an active research agenda recently coauthoring a book on mortality, running the FSU research seminar, and organizing the Jewish Genealogical Society in Tallahassee. The establishment of the **Charles B. Nam** Professorship in Sociology and Demography has recognized his contributions to FSU.

New Officers

New officers were announced at the recent meeting. **Peter Morrison** is the new President-Elect. **Lynne Cossman** and **Samia El-Badry** were elected to the Board of Directors. **Jack Tucker** turned over the Presidential gavel to **Carl Schmetmann**.

Dorothy S. Thomas Award Call for Nominations

Pre- or postdoctoral students are invited to submit papers for the 2002 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 May 2002. 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. before December 1, 2000, and previous winners of the Award are not eligible. The paper cannot exceed 35 pages, including double-spaced text, tables, figures, footnotes, references, and appendices. Papers that exceed this page limit will not be considered. Please note that this requirement will be strictly enforced! The student should mail seven copies of the paper, along with a letter from their research advisor confirming eligibility, to: Wendy Manning, Chair, Dorothy S. Thomas Committee, Department of Sociology, 233 William Hall, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403; Phone: 419.372.2850; Fax: 419.372.8306; Email: wmannin@bgnet.bgsu.edu. Do not email paper submissions. The deadline for receipt of submission is January 12, 2002. The Call for Nominations is also available at (http://www.popassoc.org/dt_award.html). The Committee reserves the right to withhold the Award if it decides that no suitable paper was submitted.

Call For Papers - Critical Demography

A New Biennial Series from Plenum Press

Theme for Volume 2:

Critical Demography, Gender Inequality and Sexism

Critical Demography, the new biennial series by Plenum Press solicits original manuscripts for its second volume. Critical Demography's purpose is to showcase new and innovative approaches to the study of population with an emphasis on the manner in which the social structure differentiates dominant and subordinate populations. Thus, consistent with the new paradigm, Critical Demography the series welcomes manuscripts that explore the issues of power, control, and/or inequality relative to population phenomena. Future issues of the series are expected to address topics such as: A Critical Demography of the Holocaust; Global Population

Development and Third World Exploitation; Critical Demography and New Methodological Approaches: Quantitative and Qualitative. The theme of the second issue of Critical Demography is "Critical Demography, Gender Inequality and Sexism." Specifically, this volume is seeking cutting-edge papers that explicitly address gender inequality and sexism in the context of the changing demography and industrial economy of the United States and the world. Theoretical, quantitative, and qualitative papers are welcome. Submitted manuscripts will be peer reviewed. Manuscripts should be double-spaced, approximately 25-30 pages, with a 100-150 word abstract. Submit six copies of the manuscript along with an electronic copy in WordPerfect or MS Word on a 3 inch diskette by March 31, 2002 to:

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Applied Demography: Applications to Business, Government, Law, and Public Policy

Academic Press announces the publication of a new book authored by SDA member Jacob S. Siegel. Copies of *Applied Demography: Applications to Business, Government, Law, and Public Policy* were available for review at the recent SDA meeting. Copies are also available from the publisher for \$84.95.

2002 Annual Meeting

The 2002 Annual Meeting will be held at the Omni Hotel (http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/default.asp?h_id=32) in Austin, Texas. While this recently renovated hotel is not on Miami Beach, it is in the heart of Austin's music and entertainment district. Conference attendees will have plenty of time for music and barbeque, two things that really stand out in Austin! Austin has the nation's newest international airport, located on the southeast part of town, about 15 minutes from downtown. The airlines flying into Austin include Southwest, American, Continental, United, Northwest, and Delta. The competition tends to keep rates reasonable. More information about Austin may be obtained at www.Austin360.com. For more information on local arrangements, contact Bob Hummer (rhummer@prc.utexas.edu).

President-elect Peter Morrison is in charge of the Program for this meeting. Anyone wishing to participate by offering a paper or organizing a panel session should contact him at the following address:

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Nominating Committee

Judy Waldrop chairs the nominating committee for officers to be elected for terms beginning in 2002. If you have nomination, including self-nominations, please contact her at Judith Waldrop, Special Projects Staff, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2340, Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-0001, phone 301-457-2437, fax 301-457-2481, judith.w.waldrop@census.gov.

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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