

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY PROGRAM

Lori Hunter spoke at the Wilson Center earlier this year as part of the Environmental Change and Security Program's (ECSP) Population, Health, Environment meeting series: www.wilsoncenter.org/next10. "Population, Health, and Environment: Exploring the Connections," an original ECSP video, offers a lively, brief, and accessible explanation of population-health-environment connections, with examples and photos from successful programs in the Philippines. View the video on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGUtXzU-xb8>.

Working Papers

<http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/es/pubs/wp.html>

Alston, Lee, Shannan Mattiace, and Tomas Nonnenmacher. "Coercion, Culture and Debt Contracts: The Henequen Industry in Yucatan, Mexico, 1870-1915" (PEC2008-0001, ES2008-0001). While most contemporary historians agree that the use of debt peonage as a coercive labor contract in Mexico was not widespread, scholars still concur that it was an important and pervasive institution in the Yucatan state during the henequen boom of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The henequen boom concurred with the long rule of Porfirio Díaz (1876-1910), under whose watch property rights were reallocated through land laws, and Mexico's economy became much more closely tied to the United States. In the Yucatan, the accumulation of debts by peons rose as hacendados sought to attract and bond workers to match the rising U.S. demand for twine. The authors examine the institutional setting in which debt operated and analyze the specific functions of debt: who got it, what form it took, and why it varied across workers. They stress the formal and informal institutional contexts within which hacendados and workers negotiated contracts.

HEALTH AND SOCIETY PROGRAM

Stefanie Mollborn and **Elizabeth Morningstar** presented "Investigating the Relationship between Teenage Childbearing and Depression Using Longitudinal Evidence" at the American Sociological Association 2008 annual meeting in Boston, MA.

Paula Fomby, **Stefanie Mollborn**, and **Christie Sennott** also presented a paper at the American Sociological Association 2008 annual meeting in Boston entitled "Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Effect of Family Instability on Adolescents' Behavior."

Stefanie Mollborn and **Angela Hoekstra** presented "Assessing a New Pedagogical Model for Clicker-Based Instruction in the Social Sciences" at the Society for the Study of Social Problems 2008 annual meeting in Boston, MA. They also presented "Strategies for Using Clickers in the Social Sciences and Humanities" at the Colorado Learning and Teaching with Technology 2008 Conference in Boulder, CO.

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POPULATION PROGRAM

The University of Colorado Population Center (CUPC) and the Population Program recently funded five outstanding developmental grants, which total approximately \$30,000. These awards represent an invaluable way to support junior and senior faculty, fund graduate students, bridge programs, and encourage interdisciplinary research. The proposals grapple with central demographic issues and are quite likely to result in cutting-edge research contributions. The CUPC and Population Program Developmental Grant Review Committee – which consisted of **Lori Hunter** and **Jane Menken** – made the following awards to CUPC and Population Program affiliates (with their project titles in parentheses): **Francisca M. Antman**, Department of Economics (“How Does Adult Child Migration Affect Elderly Health? Evidence from Mexico”); **Jason Boardman**, Department of Sociology (“Gene Environment Interplay in the Development of Antisocial Behavior”); **Andrei Rogers**, Department of Geography (“The Indirect Estimation of Migration”); **Tim Wadsworth**, **Rick Rogers**, and **Fred Pampel**, Department of Sociology (“Individual and Contextual Factors Contributing to Suicide Mortality”); and **Daniel Sahleyesus Telake**, Research Associate, Population Program (“Monitoring Cause of Death Using Hospital Records in Addis Ababa”). The Population Program expects to make similar awards next year.

IBS was well-represented at the Add Health Users Conference at the National Institutes of Health in late July. **Jason Boardman** was a coauthor for one of the plenary presentations, “Genetic Studies of Substance Use in Add Health: Progress and Pitfalls.” Two other IBS papers were presented in a session called “Sexuality: Contributors to Risk and Well-being.” **Stefanie Mollborn** and **Bethany Everett** presented “The Correlates and Consequences of Incongruence in Parents’ and Teens’ Reports of Teens’ Sexual Activity” and **Bethany Everett** presented “The Dynamic Relationships between Sexual Minority Status and Health: A Longitudinal Analysis.” Bethany’s solo presentation was especially well-received and generated a lot of interest from researchers and funding agencies.

In Print

Williams, Jill. “Spatial Transversals: Gender, Race, Class and Gay Tourism in Cape Town, South Africa.” *Race, Gender and Class: An Interdisciplinary and Multicultural Journal* 15, no. 1-2 (2008): 58-78. This paper examines the circulation of gay capital within gay and lesbian tourism in Cape Town, South Africa. Using participant observation of a gay shebeen tour as an example, the author describes new forms of gay and lesbian tourist-activism emerging in Cape Town and analyzes their impact on the racialized spatial economy of gay leisure space. Taking the complicity with capitalism inherent in tourism for granted, it is demonstrated that capitalist impulses mediated by activist motivations can create radical, even anti-colonial, social moments, and argued that in the context of South Africa it is particularly noteworthy that emerging forms of “queer capitalist tourism” are disrupting class and racial boundaries in ways not accomplished through the political activism that resulted in the inclusion of constitutional protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation. Amid increasingly visible and violent homophobia, queer capitalist tourism is facilitating transversal queer alliances and making important contributions to building a grassroots movement that can unite the previously fragmented gay and lesbian communities in South Africa.

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IN FOCUS

An Experiment in Collaborative Research at Political and Economic Change



Political and Economic Change Collaborators listed from left: David Brown, Andy Baker, Mookhawk Kim, John O'Loughlin, Jennifer Bair, Ed Greenberg, and Joe Jupille

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The Political and Economic Change Program (PEC) has recently added to its strength in its long-term commitment to collaborative research in political economy—the study of the interaction of economic and political processes and institutions. Researchers in this field are interested in how political institutions—for example, regime type, trade and intellectual property rules, and international alliances—affect economic outcomes such as economic growth and development and human well-being. By the same token, researchers in this field are interested in how economic institutions, processes, and performance affect political outcomes such as regime stability and change, political participation, and the development of democratic practices and institutions.

Convened by David Brown and me, and by Lee Alston, director of the Environment and Society Program at IBS, a group of faculty members from political science, economics, and women’s studies met regularly through the spring and summer to learn about one another’s research in political economy, to see if there were opportunities for collaborative initiatives, and to assess the possibilities for extramural funding of individual and joint projects, with an eye toward launching a political economy initiative in PEC. In my view, the experiment was extraordinarily successful, with participants excited about one another’s research and eager for collaboration.

Faculty members from the political economy group recently have joined IBS as professional staff members: Andy Baker, Carew Boulding (grand-daughter of Kenneth and Elise), Joe Jupille, Moonhawk Kim, and Celeste Montoya (professional staff membership pending). David Brown is a long-time member of PEC and, as suggested above, Lee Alston of the Environment and Society Program has been an integral player in launching the initiative. Keith Maskus, the Associate Dean for the Social Sciences and a member of the Economics faculty, is also an active member of the group. Jennifer Bair (professional staff membership pending), recently arrived from Yale in the Sociology department, will soon join the political economy initiative.

Thanks to the support of IBS Director Jane Menken and the efforts of Steve Graham and Marcia Richardson during the course of the summer, most members of the political economy initiative will be housed, along with me and current PEC members John O’Loughlin, Lynn Staeheli, and Tom Mayer, in clean, repaired, and painted offices in our ancient building at 1546 Broadway. From this redoubt, the political economy group will organize a regular political economy colloquium series open to the entire IBS community, as well as initiate collaborative research and submit individual and joint grant proposals to extramural funding agencies through IBS.

Here are short research biographies of the new PEC professional staff members in the political economy group. Information about David Brown and Lee Alston, as well as on PEC members John O’Loughlin, Lynn Staeheli,

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and Tom Mayer, can be found on the IBS web site. Information about Jennifer Bair will be available soon.

Andy Baker

Andy conducts research on Latin America, mass political behavior, and international political economy. He has a forthcoming book with Cambridge University Press on the nature and causes of citizens' attitudes toward free-market policies in seventeen Latin American nations. His current research focuses on the social and interpersonal causes of voting behavior in Brazil.

Carew Boulding

Carew's research examines the role of non-governmental organizations in local politics in developing democracies, focusing on quantitative evidence from the municipal level in Bolivia. Her research includes attention to the relationship between NGOs, political participation and social movements, as well as questions of political change. She is also interested in the politics of foreign aid, and how foreign aid is used to promote democracy.

David Brown

David is involved in two major collaborative research projects. The first uses both systematic spatial quantitative and qualitative analyses of an important social movement in Latin America—Brazil's Landless Movement (MST)—to examine the complex relationships between political protest movements and electoral politics with an eye towards better understanding the role of protest politics in democracies. The second uses time-series data and methods to examine what happens to political and organizational participation and the quality of local democracy when Walmart opens a new store in a community.

Joseph Jupille

Joe's research focuses on the political economy of institutions. His book, *Procedural Politics* (Cambridge), examined the impact of the institutional framework of the European Union on politics in European countries. He is at work on another book on the problem of institutional choice in the complex institutional environment surrounding international trade.

Moonhawk Kim

Moonhawk's research examines 1) how developing countries adjust politically and economically to complex and increasing international trade integration and 2) why countries incorporate labor and environmental provisions into their trade policies.

Celeste Montoya (professional staff membership pending)

Celeste is generally interested in the different ways international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and domestic organizations interact to promote reforms relevant to women's rights. Her current research focuses on the European Union's efforts to combat violence against women. In particular, she is examining: 1) the use of capacity building measures to improve the implementation of human rights policy in member states; 2) the EU accession process as an impetus of social change to new members; and 3) network growth and power dynamics.

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I, for one, am very excited about the revitalization of PEC represented by this cohort of young, cutting-edge scholars. It is a safe bet that, over the course of the next few years, they will enhance the already impressive research record and scholarly reputation of the PEC Program and its continuing members.

Ed Greenberg
Director, PEC

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Saint Onge, Jarron M., **Richard G. Rogers**, and **Patrick M. Krueger**. "Major League Baseball Players' Life Expectancies." *Social Science Quarterly* 89, no. 3 (2008): 817-30. The paper examines the importance of anthropometric and performance measures, and age, period, and cohort effects in explaining life expectancies among Major League Baseball (MLB) players over the past century. The authors use discrete time hazard models to calculate life tables with covariates with data from Total Baseball, a rich source of information on all players who played in the Major League. Compared to 20-year-old U.S. males, MLB players can expect almost five additional years of life. Height, weight, handedness, and player ratings are unassociated with the risk of death in this population of highly active and successful adults. Career length is inversely associated with the risk of death, likely because those who play longer gain additional incomes, physical fitness, and training. The results indicate improvements in life expectancies with time for all age groups and indicate possible improvements in longevity in the general U.S. population.

UPCOMING COLLOQUIA

Please refer to the following webpage for the IBS colloquia schedules:
<http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/events/colloquia.html>.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS AWARDED

Problem Behavior Program

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| Radelet, Michael | Florida Capital Cases Database Vital Projects Fund, Inc. | 07/01/08 - 06/30/11 | New | \$50,000 |
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Environment and Society

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| Perez-Foster, RoseMarie (PI) Co-PI, Kathleen Tierney | DRU: Modeling Nuclear Disaster Risk: The Effects of Perceived Risk and Radiation Exposure on Post-Chernobyl Psychosocial and Health Behavior Outcomes in Ukrainian Residents National Science Foundation | 10/01/08 – 09/30/11 | New | \$640,000 |
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