KUDOS

Christie Sennott, Graduate Research Assistant, Health and Society Program, was chosen as the 2009 recipient of the Sherri Aversa Memorial Foundation Dissertation Completion Grant for her dissertation research on childbearing and motherhood in the context of HIV/AIDS in South Africa. The mission of the Aversa Foundation is to encourage young social and behavioral science researchers to continue the life’s work that Dr. Sherri Aversa had begun, by aiding them in completing doctoral dissertation research that focuses on access to health care, health behavior, or quality of health care for persons with HIV/AIDS and/or substance abuse disorders.

Congratulations to Frank Witmer, a post-doctoral researcher in the Political and Economic Change Program, who is the Robert N. Colwell Memorial Fellowship recipient for 2010. The Colwell Fellowship will support his research to develop new algorithms for radiometric normalization of night-time imagery from the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP). No record was made of on-board DMSP calibration adjustments over many years. This means that to detect changes over time, it is necessary to radiometrically normalize the imagery using known areas of constant light. Witmer will develop and use these new algorithms to analyze a dataset of over 14,000 violent events in the North Caucasus region of Russia that were identified and geolocated to the nearest village during the period from August 1999 to August 2007. Better radiometric correction of DMSP data collected over this 8-year period will support the analysis of the violent event data, to identify the types of impacts from violent conflict that are detectible with nighttime lights imagery. This information will aid in the early detection of violence, and could be used by international aid organizations to facilitate refugee assistance following periods of disturbance in contested landscapes and natural catastrophes. (More about his research can be found on the IBS website: http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/pec/news.html).

Kudos to soon-to-be Dr. Peter Lovegrove (Graduate Research Assistant, Problem Behavior Program), who has accepted a postdoctoral fellow position at the University of Virginia. Peter will be working with Professor Patrick Tolan, Director of the Center for Positive Youth Development at the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The Center is relatively new, established last summer using a $4 million grant from UVA. Peter will help design and evaluate school- and community-based programs that improve youth health, well-being, civic engagement and academic achievement. The Center’s main focus is on helping young people between the ages of 12 and 18 avoid risky behavior during adolescence. Additionally, Peter will work on projects associated with the Virginia Youth Violence Project and the Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention, and will continue to work with the Rochester Intergenerational Study.

Christine Bevc has accepted a position as a post-doctoral researcher/research associate with the North Carolina Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Center (NCPERRC) at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill’s Gillings School of Global Public Health. The Gillings School is ranked as the top publicly-funded school of public health in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and is tied with Harvard for second place among all public health schools in the country. Christine will be conducting research on public health preparedness systems and working with practice partners to ensure that the research findings are relevant to the practice community and

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Environment and Society Program

Lori Hunter participated in The Rocky Mountain Series on Social Science and Global Change, held at CSU on Monday, April 19. The workshop, entitled “Consilience Among the Social Sciences in the Face of Global Climate Change,” represented the launch of an effort to (re)unify social science knowledge about climate change through discussion among its primary stakeholders. The workshop was attended by leading scholars from across the nation, and Lori was invited to offer an overview of Sociological contributions to climate change understanding and she participated in discussion regarding pathways to social science integration on climate.

Lee Alston spent three weeks in Bellagio Italy as a Rockefeller Fellow working on a book manuscript tentatively entitled “On the road to an open economic and political society: Brazil 1985-2010.”

Natural Hazards Center

RoseMarie Perez Foster, Senior Research Associate, has been appointed Honored Professor in the Department of Applied Psychology, Kiev Academy of Labour and Social Relations, Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine. The Academy serves as RoseMarie’s base of operations for a population sampling study of long-term health, psycho-social and economic outcomes in the Ukrainian population exposed to radiation fallout from the Chornobyl Nuclear Plant disaster in 1986. The international research team is supported by an HSD Award from the National Science Foundation, and operates in collaboration with the Ukraine Ministries of Health, Colorado State University, and the Ukrainian Radiation Protection Institute.

IN THE NEWS

An article appeared in the Daily Camera on Tim Wadsworth’s (Faculty Research Associate, Problem Behavior Program) research on immigration and crime entitled “CU-Boulder prof: Immigration decreases crime. Sociologist finds more immigration linked to lower crime rates.” The article was posted on May 13 and was the most viewed article. The link is:
http://www.dailycamera.com/ci_15083416?source=most_viewed#axzz0nvbRbs00

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

KUDOS

are translated into practice. The NCPERRC is one of nine centers of excellence funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help develop sustainable public health preparedness and response systems.

Congratulations to Bethany Everett, Graduate Research Assistant, Population Program and Health and Society Program, who was accepted into the Fenway Institute’s Center for Population Research in LGBT Health Mentoring Program. She has been paired with mentor Bryn Austin from the Department of Society, Human Development, and Health at Harvard University. From their website: “Our mission is to link promising young scholars with the resources they need to improve the reach, quality and methodological rigor of their research and to prepare them for careers in LGBT health and population science. We aim to foster the growth and development of the next generation of scholars in this exciting, interdisciplinary field by providing opportunities for additional coursework, assistance with independent research, and faculty interaction.”
Joseph Jupille earned his PhD in Political Science from the University of Washington in 2000, taught at Florida International University from 2000-2005, and served as a Transatlantic Fellow in the Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute in Florence, Italy in 2003-2004. He came to Boulder as an Assistant Professor of Political Science in 2005 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007. He has been Associate Director of the Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) since 2005, co-Director of the Tocqueville Initiative since 2007, and Faculty Research Associate at IBS in the Political and Economic Change Program since 2008. In 2008 he also became the founding Director of the Colorado European Union Center of Excellence (CEUCE), which is funded by the European Commission to promote understanding of the European Union and Transatlantic Relations.

Stated grandiosely, my main intellectual interest lies in the problem of order or, to invoke my own reading of Golding’s *Lord of the Flies*, in the struggle between civilization and savagery. More mundanely, until 2007 all of my research was institutional in nature, focusing on the creation, maintenance and change of rules and organizations. Working consistently on the European Union, I have grappled at length with what Robert Grafstein has called the “dual nature” of institutions, whereby they simultaneously represent objects of human choice and sources of human constraint. I addressed these issues at greatest length in my first book, *Procedural Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2004), which examined the conditions under which, the ways in which, and the effects with which actors engaged in everyday politics not merely within, but also with respect to political rules in the European Union.

I still have an ambitious research agenda related to the European Union and its institutions. I have also extended my institutional work beyond the EU to international trade institutions more broadly, in a book jointly authored with Duncan Snidal (University of Chicago) and Walter Mattli (Oxford) entitled *Institutional Choice in International Commerce*, which is nearly complete. I have also stepped back to think in an interdisciplinary way about institutional theory in a book co-authored with James Caporaso (University of Washington) entitled *Theories of Institutions*. That one is a few years behind schedule already, which is entirely my fault and none of Jim’s, but it is my main focus for the rest of 2010.

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The Political Economy of Icesave,” and housed at IBS, the project has been funded by the National Science Foundation (grant SES 1035102) and enabled us to run a survey and comprehensive media study to get at the determinants of individuals’ votes in the referendum. Our research assistant, Amber Curtis, is already gathering related data and materials while Leblang looks at the survey data and while I try to finish my prior writing obligations. Then, for awhile, it will be mostly Iceland most of the time!

IBS, and the Political and Economic Change Program, has provided me with incredible inspiration and support. Our political economy program has substantially expanded my horizons beyond the EU and beyond my traditional focus on trade. Colleagues experienced in behavioral research have generously taught me about that tradition (and helped with writing my first survey!). More generally, I have profited tremendously from the interdisciplinary expertise, critical spirit, scientific rigor and practical orientation of my IBS colleagues, and I am looking forward to more as we make our way to our new quarters this fall.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Liesel Ritchie gave an interview on the radio station 96k located in Estero, Florida on April 30 regarding the Gulf Coast BP Rig Incident. Link: http://www.961krock.com/index.php?page=6

Liesel Ritchie gave a presentation called “Rapid Response Research in Haiti: Early Reflections on Investigating Post-Earthquake Housing Issues” at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater on April 29, 2010.

Liesel Ritchie was an invited panelist on the NSF Webcast “Learning from Haiti”. Every disaster leaves critical clues in its wake—not only about its cause, but also about how to protect lives in future emergencies. Following the January 12 earthquake in Haiti, researchers were on site within days to gather such clues before they were lost forever to weather, recovery, and reconstruction. On April 27, 2010, the NSF hosted the webcast featuring three of those researchers: geophysicist Eric Calais of Purdue University, civil engineer Reginald DesRoches of Georgia Tech, and social scientist Liesel Ritchie of the Natural Hazards Center. They discussed their work in Haiti and around the world. They were joined by social scientist Dennis Wenger, who discussed how U.S. and global agencies use disaster research to save lives. Link: http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/haiti2010/ Quoted in Huffington Post piece: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/04/27/watch-live-national-scien_n_553542.html

Brandi Gilbert gave a webinar entitled “Helping the Helpers Help Themselves” to 80 participants as a part of the HandsOn Non-Profit Network training series. The webinar focused on disaster preparedness for community-based organizations.

Christine Bevc has a forthcoming article, entitled “Emotional Dimensions of Conducting Research in Disaster Settings: A Note on Social Psychological Considerations,” that has been scheduled for the October issue of The Journal of Applied Social Science. In this article she discusses the emotional dimensions of conducting disaster research using classic and contemporary social psychological theories to explore how researchers deal with and/or negotiate the potential role of their own emotions in the field.
conflict and the emotional dimensions of their fieldwork. This paper was originally developed for a social psychology seminar and evolved into the final manuscript based on the additional feedback and comments from Kathleen Tierney, CU alum Lori Peek, and other disaster researchers who have attended the annual Hazards Research and Applications Workshop sponsored by the Natural Hazards Center.

Health and Society Program

Jeff Dennis was awarded a 2010 Summer Fellowship from the CU-Boulder Graduate School, which will provide substantial summer funding for his dissertation work.

Stefanie Mollborn has been awarded a CU CARTSS Scholar Grant to conduct collaborative research with Christie Sennott and Laurie Hawkins this summer. The title of the project is “Young People’s Perceptions of Teen Pregnancy Norms, Risk-Taking, and Sexual Behaviors.”

Health and Society Program in Print


The authors used data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (N = 7,686) to determine whether racial and ethnic differences in socioeconomic stress and social protection explained group differences in the association between family structure instability and three risk behaviors for White, Black, and Mexican American adolescents: delinquent behavior, age at first nonmarital sex, and age at first nonmarital birth. The positive association between mothers’ union transitions and each outcome for White adolescents was attenuated by social protection. The association of instability with age at first sex and first nonmarital birth was weaker for Black adolescents but not for Mexican American adolescents. The weaker association was explained by Black adolescents’ more frequent exposure to socioeconomic stress in the context of union instability.

Political and Economic Change Program

On April 26, at a Kennan Institute talk at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, John O’Loughlin, Vladimir Kolossov, and Gerard Toal presented data from a public opinion survey conducted under their direction in Abkhazia in March and April. Here is a link to the discussion about the presentation:

http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.event_summary&event_id=603134

John O’Loughlin’s far-reaching, in-depth work on the Geographies of War and Peace is discussed in a feature article in *Colorado Arts & Sciences Magazine*. The link to the article is:

http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/waroutcomes/ColoradoArtsSciencesMagazine_Geographiesofwarandpeace.htm
Problem Behavior Program

Joanne Belknap was invited to present “The Intersections of Sexual Minority Status, Gender, Race, and Abuse Histories Among Incarcerated Delinquent Youth,” at the University of Georgia on April 16.

Population Program

Liam Downey’s research on race-based environmental inequality was cited on April 20, in USA Today in a special Earth Day article. The link to the article is: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/environment/2010-04-19-earth-day_N.htm.

Bethany Everett has received a travel stipend to attend the Add Health Users Conference at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. She will present her research, entitled “Non-HIV STI Risk Among Sexual Minorities: Examining the Intersection Between Identity and Behavior.”

Population Program in Print


RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Political and Economic Change Program

O’Loughlin, John  REU: AOC: The Dynamics of Secessionist Regions: Eurasian Unrecognized Quasi-States after Kosovo’s Independence

National Science Foundation  05/15/10 - 01/15/11  New  $10,000

Problem Behavior Program

Belknap, Joanne  Safe Online Social-Networking and Outreach Programs for Sexual Minority Youth Programs for Sexual Minority Youth

National Institutes of Health/NIMH  07/01/10 - 06/30/12  New  $528,366

Population Program

Boardman, Jason  New Approaches to Substance Use Research: Genetics, Social Science, and RCTs

NIH/NIDA via Yale University  12/01/10 - 11/30/13  New  $164,273
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US Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture 08/01/10 - 07/31/12 New $356,044

Tierney, Kathleen  Clearinghouse on Natural Hazards Research Applications
National Science Foundation 10/01/10 - 09/30/13 Renewal $2,839,998

Tierney, Kathleen  RAPID: Temporary Housing Planning and Early Implementation in the January 12, 2010 Haiti Earthquake
National Science Foundation 05/01/10 - 12/31/10 New $39,999

Tierney, Kathleen  Famine Early Warning System-FEWS NET
USAID via Kimetrica 08/01/10 - 07/31/15 New $611,500

Tierney, Kathleen  Community Resilience System Initiative (CRSI)
Oak Ridge National Laboratory 04/01/10 - 12/31/10 Supplement $30,000

Wiener, John  Collaborative Research: WSC-Category 2: Planning Support to Achieve Water Sustainability in Colorado’s Headwaters, with an Emphasis on the Arkansas Basin
National Science Foundation via NCAR 01/01/10 - 09/30/15 New $765,002

UPCOMING COLLOQUIA
Please refer to the following webpage for updates and flyers of the IBS colloquia: http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/events/

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