KUDOS

Congratulations go to Lori Peek who was recently selected as a Center for the Humanities and the Arts (CHA) Fellow for the 2003-2004 academic year. Only four faculty members and four graduate students from various departments on the University of Colorado campus were awarded CHA Fellowships. The Fellows will meet together in a year-long seminar to explore the theme of “War.” All Fellows will present the results of their scholarly work at a Colloquium to be held in the spring of 2004.

Congratulations to James R. Scarritt who retired as of December 31, 2002 after 41½ years in the Political Science Department! Jim has been a member of the Professional Staff at IBS for 19½ of those years and we are happy to announce that he will continue his affiliation with the Political and Economic Change Program. We wish him many years of fun in the sun and are thankful he will continue to be a part of IBS.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE PROGRAM

IN PRINT

Greenberg, Edward S. and Page, Benjamin I. 2003. The Struggle for Democracy. 6th Ed. Longman: New York, 566 pp. This very popular American government and politics textbook, published in its sixth edition in January, is organized around two themes: showing students how one might go about making normative evaluations of American political institutions and practices in terms of democracy, and providing students with a simple but powerful analytical framework for understanding how the political system works. The framework emphasizes what might be called “deep structures”—the economy, society, culture, and constitutional rules—suggesting that they are decisive for understanding the government's agenda, the level of resources that is available to solve problems, the ideas that citizens and elected officials have in their heads as they go about using government to address problems, and the distribution of political power in society among individuals, groups, and organizations.

PROBLEM BEHAVIOR PROGRAM

Grace Taylor presented “Safe Communities-Safe Schools: An Evaluation of What Works (and What Doesn't Work) in a School Violence Prevention Process” at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Conference in Denver on February 14.

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**Population Processes Program**

Jane Menken was the speaker at the University Women’s Club on November 12, 2002. Her talk, “The effects of childbearing on women’s survival: New evidence from rural Bangladesh,” was based on ongoing research with Randall Kuhn. Menken is also a member of the Board of Directors of the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) in Nairobi, Kenya, and attended its annual meeting November 20-21. She met the next day with colleagues at the Center, who are collaborating with IBS’s Population Aging Center, on a project on the social impact of HIV/AIDS on the elderly and children in Nairobi slums. Menken also attended the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the INDEPTH Network (International Network for the Demographic Evaluation of Populations and Their Health) in Accra, Ghana February 3-8, 2003. Menken chairs INDEPTH’s Scientific Advisory Committee. Several of the groups with which the CU Population Aging Center collaborates are members of INDEPTH, including the International Centre for Health and Population Research in Bangladesh, the Agincourt Health Site of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and APHRC.

**Environment and Behavior Program**

Chuck Howe was plenary speaker at the conference “Scientific, Regulatory and Cultural Factors Influencing Water and Environmental Issues in Tropical Pacific Islands” in Honolulu, January 15-16. Howe’s presentation “Pros’s and Con’s of Privatization, Regionalization and Independent Water Authorities: Results of a National Study” summarized the findings of the National Research Council’s committee report on privatization’s pro’s and con’s, pointing out that the biggest payoff of privatization and the threat of privatization will be from publicly owned and operated water utilities sharpening up their own operations.

**Natural Hazards Center**

Jeanette Sutton, who has relocated to the Natural Hazards Center, participated at the West Midlands Fire Service Emergency Planning Unit, Cultural Awareness in Emergency Planning, on February 6 in Birmingham, England. She presented "Faith Response to Major Incidents" that described the response of five different faith-based organizations following 9/11 in New York City and provided an assessment of cross-cutting spiritual care and religious needs. The presentation was based on the Quick Response report "The Response of Faith Based Organization in New York City Following the World Trade Center Attacks on September 11, 2001. "The aim of the seminar was to "highlight current practices and issues which have arisen from previous planning experiences and emergency responses.” Its emphasis focused on the issues which are of particular relevance to ethnic minority groupings, in order that local authorities, emergency services, community leaders, and faith leaders may plan to respond in a proactive rather than reactive manner to varying needs.
Political Incorporation and Transformations in American Governance

Daniel Trudeau received a Globalization and Democracy Fellowship in the fall of 2001 from the Political and Economic Change Program. Dan received his B.A. in Anthropology and South Asian Studies from the University of Minnesota in 1999, and his M.A. in Geography from the State University of New York in 2001. He is currently in his second year of the Ph.D. program in Geography.

I am currently preparing for my dissertation research with Lynn Staeheli as my adviser. My research will explore some of the lasting effects of government decentralization on democratic governance in the United States. My research seeks to determine whether a rise in federal oversight of the non-profit sector encourages or inhibits the political incorporation of marginalized groups. This interest follows from one of the more recent adjustments to government in America: the restructuring of social service provision. In step with the decentralization of public authority occurring in other areas of governance, the federal government has turned to contracting out the delivery of social services to non-profit organizations in particular localities. This has proceeded with the intention of enabling local autonomy and flexibility in addressing local issues. While the federal government has ceded the delivery of social services to local organizations, it has retained control over how its funds may be used, which in turn affects how organizations frame problems and address them.

The concern with this situation of contracting out is that it introduces another set of interests into the process of delivering social services in order to incorporate the service recipients as full and equal members of society. In addressing this problem, I seek to understand how non-profit organizations mediate different sets of interests and what affect this has on the political incorporation of service recipients. For methodological purposes, in this research I use citizenship – the skills, practices, and beliefs about its rights and obligations to a political community – as an indicator of political incorporation. This helps to ground the empirical work of the project such that I will collect data on how organizations mediate different sets of interests to produce particular notions of citizenship – reasons why and how groups should be incorporated into political processes – that are evident in their delivery of social services. The primary goal in this work is to understand what effect the federal government’s funding policies has on the work of non-profit organizations.

These questions will bring me to the Twin Cities of Minnesota to focus on non-profits that deliver services to immigrant groups. Since I use citizenship as an operational indicator of political incorporation, isolating organizations that serve immigrant groups is advantageous since questions of citizenship are particularly acute for immigrants in America. The Twin Cities are a favorable location for this approach for two reasons. First, there has been a dramatic rise in immigrants to Minneapolis-St. Paul in the past ten years and this has created a situation where actors in local governance have called for the incorporation of the different immigrant groups. Second, the Twin Cities have also maintained a relatively large and active network of non-profit organizations that participate in local governance. These qualities make the Twin Cities an advantageous location for focusing on the ways that organizations mediate a diverse set of interests to produce ideas about citizenship. I hope to begin this project at the end of this summer and it will likely last for six months as data collection will proceed with in-depth interviews with these organizations’ directors and staff.
Web Mail for Staff and Faculty

An exceptional e-mail alternative will soon be available to IBS faculty and staff. All employees will have the choice to migrate to an e-mail server, buffmail.colorado.edu or “buffmail” for short, which will provide access to the much-requested WebMail interface. WebMail has historically been available only to students, but recent funding for the necessary equipment and software has opened this service to all campus e-mail users.

See the sites at http://www.colorado.edu/its/webmail/new/ and http://www.colorado.edu/ITS/email/fswebmail/ for more information on the features of WebMail. E-mail jani.little@colorado.edu if you are interested in signing up for WebMail, and look for an e-mail announcement of an IBS WebMail workshop.

There are numerous advantages to the WebMail system:

1) Consistent Availability. The buffmail server is in reality a cluster of servers working together to provide nearly constant uptime. If one server crashes, the other server(s) in the cluster can immediately take over that machine's functions until it comes back up.

2) Cost Efficient Remote Access. WebMail offers the best remote access solution for campus users who travel and want to check campus e-mail without paying long-distance charges for dialing directly into CU.

3) Eudora and Outlook Still Available. Those who want to continue to use Outlook or Eudora will still be able to use them in addition to WebMail.

4) Substantial Increase in File Storage Quotas. Another benefit of this new server is the substantial increase in mail quotas. On the current mail servers, employees must adhere to a 10 MB quota. On buffmail, however, that limit will increase to 100 MB. This in itself will significantly improve the quality of service for the many users who have found the 10 MB quota difficult to work with.

End of the “Dino” Era

Due to limited use and budgetary considerations, the computing server known as dino.colorado.edu will be retired on July 1, 2003. Dino has been the central server provided by ITS for statistical and data processes, and several IBS researchers will be effected. ITS regrets the impact that this reduction in services will have on our computing community.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Population Processes Program

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STRUCTURE
Five Research Programs
and Four Centers:

Environment and Behavior Program
  Lee Alston (Economics), Director
  Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center
    Dennis S. Milet (Sociology), Director
Political and Economic Change Program
  Edward S. Greenberg (Political Science), Director
Population Processes Program
  Andrei Rogers (Geography), Director
  Population Aging Center
    Jane A. Menken (Sociology), Director
Problem Behavior Program
  Delbert S. Elliott (Sociology), Director
  Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence
    Delbert S. Elliott (Sociology), Director
Program on Health Behavior
  Richard Jessor (Psychology), Director
  IBS Social Science Data Analysis Center
    Jani S. Little, Director

Two Graduate Training Certificate Programs:
Interdepartmental Program in Demography (Andrei Rogers, Director)
  Program in Applied Behavioral Science (Edward S. Greenberg, Director)

Departments Represented:
Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Law, Pediatrics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology

EXTRA-MURAL SUPPORT
Grants in Force as of Feb. 1, 2003  48
Total Amount of Grants in Force:  $38,983,727
Fiscal Year Expenditures:  
  1999-00: $5,143,822  1996-97: $3,087,893  1993-94: $2,524,932

Sources of Grants: National Science Foundation; National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Child Health and Human Development; National Institute of Mental Health; National Institute on Aging; National Institutes on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research; National Park Service; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Department of the Navy; Department of Justice; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; State of Colorado; Colorado Trust; San Diego State University; Public Entity Risk Institute; William T. Grant Foundation; National Institute of Drug Abuse; Department of Agriculture; Desert Research Institute; Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; City of Boulder

PERSONNEL
Faculty:  40  Student Assistants:  17
Professional Research Assistants:  30  Student Mentees  14
Graduate Research Assistants:  32  Classified Staff:  16
Research Associates:  12

PHYSICAL FACILITIES
Buildings:  10  Assignable Square Feet:  31,759
**Jane Menken** delivered the commencement address to CU’s graduates on December 20. This was described, along with a photo of Jane delivering her speech, in the article “Winter commencement graduates 1,981” in the January 17th *Carillon*.

The *Colorado Daily* covered the protests of Bush’s state of the union speech and the war on Iraq in their January 30th issue. In the article “Protestors respond to Bush’s address,” **Joanne Belknap** was quoted on her views and reasons for being involved saying she “was motivated by a fear of what could happen in the even of a war and an escalation of military action, which she feared might see US civilians drafted in a war they didn’t support.”

**Research Fellowship Opportunity**

The SEIU/Marcia McGill Research Fellowship is being provided to advanced graduate students with experience in policy-relevant empirical research and to assist them in developing their own research/dissertation topic. The recipient will receive a pro-rated $25,000 annual stipend and reside in the Washington, D.C. area. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2003. Email correspondence to tnaccarato@epinet.org or fax inquiries and applications to (202)775-0819.