



Talk: Graduate Student Dissertation Research at a Federal Statistical Research Data Center (FSRDC): The Effects of Organizational Characteristics and the Institutional Environments on Texas Oil and Gas Venting and Flaring Practices

Speaker: Kate Willyard, Texas A&M University

When: Thursday, June 8, 4-5pm

Where: IBS 4th Floor Conference Room

Kate Willyard is a Ph.D. student at Texas A&M University's Sociology Department. She is an active researcher on numerous projects at the Texas FSRDC. She has experience with various restricted data sets available in a FSRDC, including the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL) Business Register, the Report of Organizations, the American Community Survey, the Decennial Census, and the National Crime Victimization Survey. Her dissertation research uses restricted business and community data to analyze disproportional pollution emissions among Texas oil and gas facilities and their owning firms.

The goal of this talk is to provide information about doing research at a FSRDC with special focus on (1) giving prospective researchers a sample of a research project using restricted data; (2) discussing various issues graduate students and their advisors should consider when undertaking a research project using restricted data (e.g., determining whether project time lines will fit with timelines for funding support and degrees), and (3) providing recommendations on how to get started on a FSRDC project and best practices to minimize problems with disclosure.