

PPOL Students and Faculty:

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1--Congratulations to Our New Grads

We celebrated the completion of the Ph.D. in Public Policy program at commencement last Saturday with the hooding of Drs. Tammatha Clodfelter, Galen Smith, and Carol Stivender. Dr. Chengxiu Sun also graduated but was unable to join us for the ceremony. We wish each of them the best as they get on with the next phases of their careers. I am quite confident that they, like their predecessors, will represent their alma mater very well in the years to come!

2--Purchase Needs?

As many of you are aware, the state's budget crisis is worsening. I fully expect there will be a reversion and later a budget freeze before the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2011). Therefore, I would like your assistance in helping me make sure we spend our budget quickly, but wisely, on important supplies and pedagogical equipment for the program. As such, I am asking for two items from each of you. First, if you are planning on traveling during the spring semester, you **MUST** let me know now. We are going to try and pre-pay travel for you so you are not left holding the bag if you travel and they we get hit with the budget freeze before we are able to reimburse you. That would be unfortunate! Second, I would like any suggestions from you about additional equipment or materials that would be useful for the program and students. If you have any ideas, please let me know. One item already on the list, for instance, is additional licenses for STATA. Send me your ideas as soon as possible.

3--Spring Courses

I have received several inquiries about spring class registrations. First, all first year students should be enrolled in PPOL 8602 Research Design. If you successfully completed PPOL 8620 and PPOL 8640, you should also take the remaining two cores: PPOL 8630 and PPOL 8641. There is no seminar course in the spring semester (8690).

Everyone should look at the array of courses. Obviously, we cannot support all of those courses. So we will have to make some decisions in the next few days about which courses to cut (those with low enrollment). If you are planning on taking one of those courses PLEASE register now so we know which courses to protect and which one(s) we can cancel.

4--Summer Courses

As with last summer, we are planning on offering two summer doctoral courses. And again, one will be an advanced stats class and one will be an advanced tools course. Last year these were categorical data analysis and grant writing, respectively.

I would like your input in which two courses would be useful from your perspective for the coming summer. For instance, we have not offered the social network analysis course for a couple of years. That might be useful. A doctoral level budgeting and finance course might be a useful tools course.

Please send me your ideas/preferences. But remember that these courses need to be useful not only to PPOL doctoral students but to doctoral students in other programs too. So content specific courses (e.g., education policy) will not be a good summer course.

5--New PPOL Library Web Site

The library has moved to new software.

The web site for PPOL is: http://guides.library.uncc.edu/PPOL_Swindell

6-- New Census Data Released

The Census Bureau announced today that it will release the first round of 2010 Census data on December 21, 2010. The Census Bureau is fulfilling its Constitutional mandate through the release of resident population for the nation and states, as well as congressional apportionment totals for each state. The presentation of the new numbers will be available at 11 a.m. EST on the 21st via webcast; you can also receive up-to-the-minute news about 2010 Census results by following the Census Bureau on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The Census Bureau is taking advantage of America's focus on apportionment to educate through digital outreach. Today, the Bureau launched an [interactive map widget](#) that enables users to view

the history of apportionment and our country's changing population through the past century. The widget can be embedded on your website and will be updated when the 2010 data is released.

The Census Bureau also created a [short animated video](#) that describes how the apportionment process works. This introduction to the constitutional mandate for apportionment and the apportionment formula is a useful tool for civics enthusiasts at all levels.

For more information:

[Media Advisory -- U.S. Census Bureau to Release First 2010 Census Counts](#)
[2010census.gov data page](#)

You can look at the PDFs, videos, & spreadsheets.

<http://2010.census.gov/news/press-kits/apportionment/apport.html>

7-- 2011 Graduate Research Fair – Call for Abstracts!

This year's graduate research fair will be held on February 26th. The GPSG is working to make this year's fair more structured and interdisciplinary than ever before. All sessions will be held in Atkins Library. Please encourage your students to submit abstracts of their research by January 14th. Students can find out more at the Graduate Research Fair web site:
<http://gpsg.uncc.edu/GradResearchFair/>

8-- Academy of Management Doctoral Student Consortium

We are writing to let you know about an interesting professional development opportunity for any of your doctoral students with an interest in public or non-profit management. Each year the Public and Nonprofit (PNP) Division of the Academy of Management (AoM) sponsors a professional development "consortium" for doctoral students at the annual AoM conference. These consortia have been a PNP tradition for nearly three decades. The PhD Consortium is an unparalleled opportunity for your students to (a) get tips on finding an academic job; (b) present existing research or a proposal and obtain feedback from senior scholars; and (c) network among peers, future colleagues, and potential employers.

This year, the AoM is meeting in San Antonio, Texas on **August 12-16, 2011**. The PhD Consortium unfolds on **Saturday, August 13**. Students accepted to participate in the Consortium must register for the conference. However, there is no additional charge to participate in the Doctoral Consortium. Slots in the Consortium are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. A sponsored lunch and will be provided as part of the Consortium.

This email is an advance call for participation so that students may be listed in the AoM Meeting program as participants. If you have students that are interested, please have them submit a short (one to three pages) synopsis of a dissertation topic or a potential research project that could be shaped into a dissertation to the PNP Doctoral Consortium Co-Chairs by **February 18**,

2011 by 5:00pm ET. The doctoral consortium is most beneficial for advanced doctoral students who have already made progress towards the dissertation or dissertation proposal. As part of the Doctoral Consortium, students will have an opportunity to present their research proposals or current projects to faculty members in the field. To submit a proposal, students may e-mail an abstract to both of the PNP Doctoral Consortium Co-Chairs using the e-mail addresses below.

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If accepted, submitting an abstract to the Doctoral Consortium Co-Chairs by February 18th will ensure that the student's name appears in the conference program as a participant in the Doctoral Consortium.

Enclosed with this message is an advanced call for participation that may be posted in hard copy. Please feel free to forward this message or the attached materials to anyone who might be interested. If you have any questions, please contact Deneen Hatmaker or myself. Our phone numbers and e-mails are listed below.

Thank you,

Deneen Hatmaker
Amy E. Smith

9--EITM 2011 Summer Institute, University of Chicago

The Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago is seeking applications for the 2011 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute.

Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), this program trains graduate students and junior faculty in EITM, a research strategy that integrates theoretical models and empirical research to improve and expand our understanding of politics. The institute will incorporate developments and findings from throughout political science, including the substantive areas of American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political economy.

This summer's institute will accept advanced graduate students and junior faculty through a competitive selection process. There are no fees or tuition. Dormitory lodging, meals and domestic travel expenses will be provided for participants through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Please visit the 2011 EITM website for applications and additional information on instruction design, participating faculty, and an overview of curriculum. The website can be found at <http://harrisschool.uchicago.edu/Blogs/EITM/>

Applications for the program are due via email to eitm@uchicago.edu on March 1, 2011.

10--Student and Faculty News

Sasha Tsvetkova successfully defended her dissertation proposal on December 15th. She now begins work on her ambitious dissertation project focusing on innovation and economic development. Congrats to her on clearing this milestone!

Steve Ott (Real Estate), was interviewed for the article "3 reasons why the mortgage tax break isn't a break" published in Fortune magazine.

11--Post Doc Opportunity

The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Vanderbilt University's Department of Political Science seeks applicants for up to two (2) Fellowships to support research on political institutions, opinion or behavior. Applications are welcome from scholars who have received their doctoral degrees within the three years prior to the start of the fellowship, or who will complete their degrees by August 1, 2011. The fellowships involve a year of supported research at Vanderbilt University starting September 1, 2011. There is no teaching requirement associated with the fellowship, but teaching can be arranged if desired by the successful candidate. There may be some research associated with the mission of Center as part of the fellowship, but no more than a few hours per week. Successful candidates will be given a competitive salary, health care benefits, office space, computing resources, and a research account.

More information about CSDI is located: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csdi/>

Candidates should submit a vita and a cover letter describing why spending a year at Vanderbilt would prove useful for research. The letter should also describe what the candidate hopes to accomplish during the year(s) in residence. A graduate school transcript, a writing sample, and letters of reference are also required. Applicants should send all materials to: Fellowship Search, c/o Jennifer Anderson, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, VU Station B Box 351817 Station B, Nashville, TN 37235-1817. Vanderbilt is an AA/EO employer. We particularly encourage applications from minorities and women. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, but priority will be given to those received before February 15, 2011.

12--Jobs

New York University
Applied Statistician

NYU's Steinhardt school has a one-year visiting faculty position for 2011-2012 for an applied statistician (open-rank). Note the ad description: "Methodological specialty areas that are of particular interest to the school include (1) survey sampling, (2) program evaluation, and (3) Bayesian analysis."

The full ad description is below. Feel free to email me directly (jonathan.nagler@nyu.edu) if you have questions, or contact the search committee chair: Jennifer Hill, (jennifer.hill@nyu.edu).

Columbia University
Survey Director Position

The Columbia Population Research Center is accepting applications for a Research Scientist to support a new project, funded by the Robin Hood Foundation. The goal of the project is to better understand poverty in NYC through the design of several surveys conducted in-person, by phone, and via the internet, which will culminate in three products: a poverty measurement instrument; a report; and an analysis of the impact of anti-poverty interventions. The person in this position will have responsibility for assisting in the oversight of research activities related the project and will work closely with the Principal Investigator and Senior Investigator at the Columbia Population Research Center. The full job description can be found on Columbia University's Recruitment of Academic Personnel System (RAPS) at:

<https://academicjobs.columbia.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=54100>

Applications, including CV and cover letter, must be submitted online via RAPS.