

PPOL Students and Faculty:

I hope you are enjoying the nice weather after this atrocious winter and that spring break is a productive time for you. I have a few items I would like to bring to your attention in this latest update:

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1--Update on Update to Website

As I have mentioned previously, we have been working on updating and relaunching the PPOL web site for some time now. This has dragged on ***much*** longer than I anticipated due to staff issues that we have been wrestling with here in PPOL and at the College level (the folks that control our web space). The soft roll out continues to proceed, though slowly.

Part of this effort is the update to the student profiles. For those of you who still have not done so, please email a photograph of yourself and a brief biography including degrees you hold, any articles or presentations, work experience and your research interests.

If you do not have a photograph, Holly Whisman has volunteered to take one for you for inclusion on the web site. If you currently have a profile on the "old" website, you have the option of keeping or updating the photo and your information. Please contact Holly (hwhisman@uncc.edu) or Vicky Harris (vharri16@uncc.edu) with any questions.

2--Update on Move to Fretwell

Preparations for the impending move of PPOL from Colvard to Fretwell continue. We have had the movers in order to provide estimates of the costs for the move. Students will be responsible for moving their personal items (including books), but all PPOL computer equipment in the current student offices will be moved by the company.

Once we have the estimates worked out and money lined up to pay for the move, we will schedule the actual move. I will contact those of you with offices here now with that information so you can plan accordingly.

3--Summer Funding

This should come a no surprise to anyone with even a passing familiarity with the state budget situation, but we have extraordinarily limited resources this year for summer support. I have been asking faculty members for any support that might have, but the program's summer budget is far smaller than last year's. The new Teaching Fellowship program has helped, but we still face a shortage. I will be allocating the funds to as many of you as possible but with the same priority as last year: those students who have been attending full time and will take a summer course. Because of this requirement, I am leery of funding students that are gearing up for the qualifying exams in August as the assistantship work and course will take valuable time away from preparing for the exams.

More details on this as I begin these summer allocations.

4--Summer Courses

Please note that we have two doctoral-level courses specifically designed for you this summer (though open to students in other programs as well). Those receiving summer support are required to take at least one of these courses. However, any of you are welcome to take one or both.

PPOL 8000-001 -- Categorical Data Analysis

Scientists often confront problems analyzing categorical data in a manner ill-suited to traditional regression modeling techniques. For instance, many times analysts face confront a problem with a dichotomous dependent variable. Similar challenges can occur in situations involving discrete dependent variables with more than two values, as well as variables that . In such situations, the common ordinary least square techniques are inappropriate.

This course covers a family of statistical approaches to address a variety of analytic situations requiring categorical data analysis. In particular, the course will cover a variety of techniques, including logistic/probit, multinomial logit/probit, ordered logistic/probit, and Poisson regressions. In addition, the course will ground students in the concept and interpretation of maximum likelihood estimators generated by these statistical procedures. The course will also discuss different statistical and graphical methods for presenting and interpreting the substantive significance of the estimators.

The course will include applied computer exercises with supervised computer lab work.

The course does not require calculus but students interested in this course must have already completed a basic graduate level research methods course as well as a traditional graduate statistics course that includes regression training.

10-Week Summer Session (5/24 – 8/9)

MW 5:30-7:20pm

Taught by Dr. John Szmer (Political Science)

PPOL 8000-001 -- Topics in Public Policy: Grant Writing

Writing successful grants takes preparation, patience and practice. This course will teach you how to use advanced search engines to match appropriate funding to needs, develop a case for support, market your proposal, make it competitive, develop a budget, evaluate results, and leverage funding to meet future needs. The course consists of learning and doing modules during which time students will develop a complete grant proposal from needs assessment ('We've got a problem here.') to fund-worthy submission package. NOTE: The course will use both classroom and on-line communications.

Second Summer Session (7/6 – 8/9)

TR 5:00-9:50pm

Taught by TBA

5--Guidelines for Summer & Fall 2010 Registration

Appointment Registration (March 29 – April 5) - Time Ticketing Chart
<http://registrar.uncc.edu/students/register.htm#Appointment>

1st Summer Session 2010 & 10 Week Term (201050)

<u>Action</u>	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Ends</u>
Registration	March 29	May 25
Add/Drop	March 29	May 25

2nd Summer Session 2010 (201070)

<u>Action</u>	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Ends</u>
Registration	March 29	July 7
Add/Drop	March 29	July 7

Fall Term 2010 (201080)

<u>Action</u>	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Ends</u>
Registration	March 29	September 1
Add/Drop	March 29	September 1

The Registration Appointment Table can be viewed at the Office of the Registrar's Home Page under Registration Appointment Times (<http://registrar.uncc.edu/register.html#appointment>). Registration will continue until the last day to add a class, September 1, 2010.

6--Public Service Loan Forgiveness

Given the nature of some of the jobs PPOL students take after graduation, combined with the likely increase in personal loans for doctoral education in this economic climate, I felt this program might of interest to some of you.

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 established a new public service loan forgiveness program. This program discharges any remaining debt after 10 years of full-time employment in public service. The borrower must have made 120 payments as part of the Direct Loan program in order to obtain this benefit. Only payments made on or after October 1, 2007 count toward the required 120 monthly payments. (Borrowers may consolidate into Direct Lending in order to qualify for this loan forgiveness program starting July 1, 2008.)

This contrasts with the loan forgiveness of the remaining balance after 25 years of repayment under the income-contingent and income-based repayment plans for borrowers who are not employed full time in public service jobs.

<http://www.finaid.org/loans/publicservice.phtml>

7--Establishing NC Residency

As part of our ongoing efforts to make graduate education affordable, let me remind ALL US out-of-state students of the importance of establishing residency in North Carolina for the purpose of paying in-state tuition rates. This applies to those on funding as well as those not on funding.

In order to help you learn about how better to establish residency, please attend this workshop.

March 24, 2010 OR April 15, 2010
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Atkins Library, Room #124

Save money on your tuition by becoming an NC Resident. This informative session provides an overview of the process for establishing NC residency classification at UNC Charlotte. All non-resident current and prospective students are encouraged to attend. Visit the UNC Charlotte [Residency Determination Office](#) web site for additional information and sign up.

8--Spring 2010 Professional Development Workshops

The Graduate School offers professional development workshops on a variety of topics designed to help graduate students hone their academic and professional skills. *The workshops are offered without additional costs to you.*

For questions on these Professional Development programs, please send an email to gradprofdevel@uncc.edu or visit <http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/grad-life/professional-development-.html>.

The next workshops coming up ties nicely to a message I have tried to stress to all PPOL students since the beginning of the program:

Publish, Don't Perish
2nd Annual Scholarly Publishing Symposium
Sponsored by the J. Murrey Atkins Library
March 15, 2010
10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.
Atkins, Room #125
([registration is required](#))

The Art of Academic Interviewing
March 16, 2010
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Atkins, Room #150

Presenter: Rebecca Cody, University Career Center.

The Academic Interviewing session covers background on formats, questions and tips for success as well as suggestions on what to expect regarding faculty, assistantship, and administrative interviews in an academic environment. This workshop also includes the role of references, background checks, and commonly used behavioral interviewing techniques. Sponsored by the University Career Center and the Graduate School.

[Register now](#)

9--Central Piedmont ASPA Chapter Members

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11th, 2010, 11:45am-1:00pm at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care and Control, 8315 Byrum Drive, Charlotte, NC. Parking is available at the front of the building.

Linda Hagemann will be our speaker. She will be providing an overview of the services provided by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care and Control and a tour of their facility. If you plan on volunteering at one of our South Park Adoption events (Saturday, April 3rd and May 1st) she will also provide the mandatory informational/training immediately following the overview and tour. We expect this will all be able to take place during our scheduled meeting time.

Animal Care and Control is always accepting donations to help provide for the animals at their facility. Below is a list of the items that they are in need of. If you would like to make a donation, you can bring the items with you on March 11th.

- Newspapers
- Plastic Bags (from grocery stores, Wal-Mart, Target, etc.)
- New or Used Linens (towels, rugs, comforters, blankets, etc.)
- Toys/Treats
 - Kongs
 - Tennis Balls
 - Nylabone Big Chews
 - Milkbones
 - Cat Treats
 - Cardboard Cat Scratchers
- Food for shelter animals
 - Canned Food - Dog, Puppy, Cat, Kitten
 - Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR)
 - Esbilac (Puppy milk substitute)
 - Exotic animal foods (parrot, ferret, frog, guinea pig, rabbit, iguana)
- Food for Pet Food Bank benefiting the public
 - Dry Food for Dog, Puppy, Cat, Kitten (10lb. bags or less)
 - Canned Food for Dog, Puppy, Cat, Kitten
- Cat Litter
- Kennel Supplements
 - Kuranda Cots – [Click here](#)
 - Small bowls
 - Heating pads

Directions to CMPD Animal Care and Control:

From UNCC

Get on I-85 heading South

Take the BILLY GRAHAM PKWY exit, EXIT 33, toward CHARLOTTE/DOUGLAS INTL AIRPORT.

Turn LEFT onto BILLY GRAHAM PKWY/US-521 S.

Turn RIGHT onto WEST BLVD/NC-160 S.

Turn LEFT onto SIRUS LN.

Turn RIGHT onto BYRUM DR.

8315 BYRUM DR is on the LEFT.

Lunch will not be provided for this month. You are welcome to bring your lunch and eat in their conference room during our meeting.

10--Call for Papers: LBJ Journal of Public Affairs

The LBJ Journal of Public Affairs--one of the leading academic journals of public affairs--is currently accepting submissions for the Spring 2010 publication. Topic areas under consideration include, but are not limited to: Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development; Global Policy Studies and International Security; Poverty Alleviation and Human Development; Politics and Governance; Health and Social Policy; Education, Employment and Workforce Training; Technology Policy and Philanthropy and Non-Profit Organizations

Submissions should be sent as Word document attachments, be between 2,500 and 5,000 words, and contain a cover page with your name, e-mail address, phone number, and school/department/company/organization affiliation, if any. Please use the *Chicago Manual of Style* for your documentation: the bibliography should be placed in the endnotes. Please limit your illustrations/charts/figures to black-and-white versions.

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY March 15, 2010

Please submit your paper via e-mail to lbjpa@uts.cc.utexas.edu as a Word document attachment.

If you have questions or comments, please e-mail the Journal at lbjpa@uts.cc.utexas.edu or visit our web site at www.lbjjournal.com.

11--College of Health and Human Services Presentation, March 18

The Department of Public Health Sciences and the College of Health and Human Services at UNC Charlotte cordially invite you to attend an upcoming presentation in the ***Health and Human Services Disparities in Communities of Color Speaker Series***.

"Disentangling race and socioeconomic status: Advancing understanding of race disparities in health"

Presented by

Dr. Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD

William C. and Nancy F. Richardson Professor in Health Policy
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Director, Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions

Location: UNC Charlotte campus

9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223

Campus Map/Parking Information: http://facilities.uncc.edu/DesignServices/campus_maps.asp

College of Health and Human Services Building, Room 155

March 18, 2010 from 5:30-6:30 PM | Reception to follow: 6:30-7:00 PM

Please RSVP via email (only if you will attend) by 3/12/10: CHHS_Events@uncc.edu

For additional information, call 704-687-7917

Certificate of Attendance will be available

12--APPAM Paper Proposal Submissions Open (due March 18)

The proposal system for the 2010 APPAM Fall Research Conference is now available for use, with a **submission deadline of 18 March**. The system has separate forms for submitting panel proposals with multiple papers, independent papers that could be formed into sessions, roundtable proposals and workshop proposals.

Please do the following if you are interested in submitting a proposal:

1. Read the Fall Conference FAQs on this page:

<https://www.appam.org/conferences/fall/faq.asp>

2. Read the guidelines and checklists for proposals on this page:

<https://www.appam.org/conferences/fall/guidelines.asp>

3. Gather as much contact information as possible for all participants on a proposal before submitting it through the online system. In particular, be sure to have the affiliation/employer and the email address of all participants.

4. Access the proposal forms on the website under "Conference Quick Links" on the main page for the conference at <https://www.appam.org/conferences/fall/boston2010/index.asp>.

Here are some important features of the system - knowing these will help with the submission process.

If you are submitting a panel proposal, note that this is a two-step process. In step one, the PANEL form is used to set up the general information for the panel including information, if available, about the chair and discussant(s). This form also has a page near the end to nominate person(s) to upload information on up to four separate papers that will be part of the proposal. One person then can upload all papers, or different people can upload papers. In step two, the persons who will be uploading the papers then use the separate PAPER form to do that. One paper form must be completed for each paper on the panel.

The system will email every proposal organizer a Unique ID to use to check for the proposal status in late June/early July. This code also will be found on the confirmation screen once a proposal is submitted, and that screen should be printed so the code is available for further use. The system also will email invitations to persons responsible for uploading papers that are part of panels. Sometimes these email messages are blocked by junk email filters, but the Unique ID for the panel is all that is necessary to link papers to it. To avoid problems with junk email filters, print and keep the Unique ID codes.

Please do not wait to the last minute to submit proposals -- there will be delays if the system is experiencing heavy volume near deadline.

Please do not start a proposal and then walk away from your computer for more than a few minutes -- the system will time out and you will have to start again.

Please do not hit the back button more than once on your browser. At any time you may only go back one page to fix an error. If you try to go back two, your proposal will have to be started from scratch. You always may email fixes to proposals to the APPAM office if you realize you made a mistake or you need to add/change something later.

Much more information is found on the APPAM website, and don't hesitate to use the contact form on the APPAM website to submit questions or concerns. To do this, elect "Fall Conference-Proposals/Other" on the form on this page:

<https://www.appam.org/about/contact.aspx>

or call the office at 202-496-0130, ext. 203 to speak to Sarah Rubin.

13--Special Guest Presentation March 18 by Dr. Hal Rainey

We are extremely fortunate to be hosting a presentation by Dr. Hal Rainey here at UNCC. He is another of leading scholar in our field and will be making a presentation that PPOL students should definitely attend. Attendance is free. Here are the details:

Distinguished Professor and PhD Director in the Department of Public Administration and Policy, at the University of Georgia

Lyons Auditorium (Fretwell 100)
Friday, March 19th
2:00 pm

14--Health Services Research Academy Talk on The Health Care System of Oman March 19th

On Friday, March 19, at noon in Colvard 4014, The Health Services Research Academy will present a talk by Dr. William Brandon, Ph.D., MPH, , Metrolina Medical Foundation Distinguished Professor of Health Policy at UNC Charlotte, on his Fulbright Fellowship in the Sultanate of Oman. This presentation represents the first look at the research materials collected during the 10 months that Bill Brandon spent as a Fulbright Scholar at the Bowshar Branch of Oman Medical College in Muscat (the capital of Oman). Dr. Brandon will present an overview of the health care system and its remarkable development in merely 28 years, and then will discuss current efforts to privatize the government-run system and other topics such as primary care, medical tourism, and the anomalous emergency medical system. Dr. Brandon has focused his recent research and community engagement on the health care of low-income and vulnerable populations in North Carolina. His numerous publications have appeared in such journals as the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law and the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved. His op-ed columns have been published by the Washington Post, Raleigh News and Observer and The Charlotte Observer. In addition to the Fulbright Award in 2008-2009, he has been a Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Fellow in Health Care Finance at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, a GlaxoSmithKline Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Emerging Issues, N.C. State University, and held National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships at the Hastings Center, Columbia and Georgetown Universities. He is the 2008 Recipient of UNC Charlotte's Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentoring Award. His degrees are from Johns Hopkins (BA, elected to Phi Beta Kappa), University of London (MSc, earned at the London School of Economics), UNC Chapel Hill (MPH), & Duke (PhD in political science).

15--ARNOVA Paper Proposals Submissions Open (due March 21)

Call for Participation
ARNOVA's 39th Annual Conference
GOVERNMENTS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR:
REDEFINING THE RELATIONSHIPS?
Alexandria, VA
November 18-20, 2010

Submissions due by March 21st

Conference information and submission instructions are available at:
<http://www.arnova.org/pdf/Call%20for%20Participation%20--%20Final.pdf>

16--Sociology Speaker Series

Below is the listing of all remaining speakers in the Dept. of Sociology brown bag lunches this semester. Please mark your calendars for those sessions you would like to attend. PPOL students are encouraged to attend these talks.

DR. GUILLERMINA JASSO
New York University
"Immigrants' Remittances or Tickets to America?"
Friday, March 26, 2010

DR. RONALD RINDFUSS
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
"The Institutional Context of Low Fertility"
Friday, April 9, 2010

DR. STEPHANIE MOLLER, DR. ELIZABETH STEARNS, and DR. ROSLYN MICKELSON
University of North Carolina-Charlotte
"The Contribution of Professional Climate and Curricula to Early Mathematics Gaps Across Schools"
Friday, April 16, 2010

DR. SAYLOR BRECKENRIDGE
Wake Forest University
"A Former Officer's Insights on NSF Funding Opportunities"
Friday, April 30, 2010

17--SECOPA Paper Proposal Submissions Open (due April 30)

Below is the announcement for this year's SECOPA conference to be held in Wilmington. As with previous years, this is an excellent conference addressing the nexus of public administration and public policy with academics and practitioners in attendance. This is also very friendly to graduate students. We have had excellent representation from UNCC and from PPOL in particular in recent years and this year should be no different. Students that are currently in their first year and have had their research design course are particularly encourage to submit and present at the conference.

In order to make this even easier, I will again be reserving a university van to take PPOL students to the conference and will be covering the student registration fees for those presenting at the conference. This transportation and registration costs will not count against your \$500 travel support (though hotel rooms will, so students should arrange to share rooms and hold those costs down). Details are below and the forms are attached to this email. Let me know if you have any questions (daswinde@uncc.edu).

Hello Public Administration Scholars, Practitioners and Students:

I am pleased to announce the **Call for Papers** for the **2010 Southeastern Conference on Public Administration (SECoPA)** to be held in **Wilmington, NC** on **October 13-16**.

The Conference theme is *Setting the Course for Excellence in Public Service* and we welcome papers and proposals from practitioners, students and academics. Please see attachment for details on conference tracks and format for submissions which are due **April 30, 2010**.

SECoPA 2010 is presented by the UNC Wilmington MPA program and the Southeastern North Carolina Chapter of ASPA. We look forward to seeing you this fall in historic Wilmington on the beautiful Cape Fear coast!

For information on the conference hotel and local attractions visit our website at www.secopa2010.org.

Regards,

Dr. Tom Barth
UNCW MPA Faculty
SECoPA 2010 Conference Chair
910-962-3220
secopa2010@uncw.edu

18--New Food Policy Resource

Our public policy librarian, Frada Mozenter, sent this news items from the USDA.

"USDA officials today highlighted one of its newest web-based mapping tool, Your Food Environment Atlas, which will enable researchers, policy makers, and the public to find information on a range of factors that affect access to healthy, affordable food, and will allow users to map the data by county. The map will provide highly detailed information on local food environments and health outcomes, including grocery store access and disease and obesity prevalence."

The new atlas is at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/foodatlas/>

The full press release is linked from the USDA Newsroom:

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7 0 A/7 0 1OB?navtype=MA&navid=NEWSROOM>.

19--Student and Faculty News

I am happy to announce that Martha Bottia successfully defended her dissertation on February 15th. She is finalizing her dissertation edits in preparation to graduate this May. Congratulations to Martha on this great accomplishment!

PPOL student Silva Mathema also cleared a milestone last month after successfully completing her comprehensive exams. We look forward to her dissertation proposal!

On February 26th, many students and faculty attended the North Carolina Political Science Association meeting in Durham. We were very well represented and all the student papers were well regarded by attendees. Here's a listing of all the UNCC students and faculty presenting:

Martha Kropf, UNC Charlotte, and David C. Kimball, University of Missouri-St. Louis, "The Cost of Election Reform: Polling Place Consolidation in the 2000s"

David Swindell, UNC Charlotte, "Neighborhood and Homeowner Association Effectiveness: Elements Underlying Success"

Elizabeth Wemlinger, UNC Charlotte, "[Women in the Workplace: Critical Mass and Climate Change](#)"

Neena Banerjee, UNC Charlotte, "Teacher Unions and NCLB Implementation: A Comparative State Policy Analysis"

Joseph Cochran, UNC Charlotte, "350 ppm: Policy for a Return to Non-Catastrophic Carbon Dioxide Levels"

Jason Giersch, UNC Charlotte, "State Teacher Unions and Charter School Policy"

Petra Gutermuth-Porter, UNC Charlotte, "Exploring the Relationship between Religious Sensibilities, Mortality, and Medical Expenditures"

Nandan Jha, UNC Charlotte, "Local Option Transportation Taxes and the Motor Fuel Taxation Rates in the United States"

Robert Kravchuk, UNC Charlotte, and Christine Martell, University of Colorado Denver, "[Bond Insurance and Liquidity Provision: Impacts in the Municipal Variable Rate Debt Market, 2008-2009](#)"

Robert Kravchuk and Gary R. Rassel, UNC Charlotte, “Good Debt, Gone Bad: The 2008-09 Crisis in Municipal Debt Markets”

Claudia Avellaneda, UNC Charlotte and Maria Escobar-Lemmon, Texas A&M University, “All by Myself: The Role of Personal Qualifications versus Party Affiliation in Mayoral Elections”

Several faculty have also been quoted in the news recently:

[Ben Russo](#), economics, appeared on WFAE’s “Charlotte Talks,” where he discussed North Carolina’s rainy day fund.

Roslyn Mickelson, sociology, was quoted in the *New York Times* story “[District May End N.C. Economic Diversity Program](#).” (Feb 27)

Vivian Lord, criminal justice department, was quoted in the Greensboro News & Record in a story “[Fired Charlotte cop indicted on sex charges](#)” (Jan. 20) and on Fox News Charlotte regarding “[More Indictments Against Ex-CMPD Cop](#).” (Jan. 26)

20--Postdoc Opportunity

The Social Science Research Institute at Duke University is inviting applications for a Postdoctoral Associate in statistical science. The Associate will have two primary responsibilities: (1) develop and implement approaches to protecting the confidentiality of sensitive social science data that are to be freely shared with others, and (ii) collaborate with social scientists and statisticians on campus on methodological and applied research.

The Associate will be supervised by Jerry Reiter, associate professor in the Department of Statistical Sciences and director of the Social Science Research Institute statistical core.

The ideal candidate will hold a Ph.D in statistics or a related field and will have strong background in Bayesian modeling, computation in high dimensions, and an interest in social science applications such as latent variable modeling, social networks, or causal inference. No previous experience in data confidentiality methods is necessary. The Associate will be expected to participate in research leading to publications in top statistical and applied journals. The appointment will be for a one year contract with potential for renewal.

Applicants should email their CV, a brief statement of their background and interests and contact information for at least three references to:

Jerry Reiter

Associate Professor of Statistical Science Director, Statistical Core of the Social Sciences Research Institute Duke University jerry@stat.duke.edu

21--Postdoc Opportunity

Cornell University

The Cornell Population Program (CPP) invites applicants for the newly funded *Frank H.T. Rhodes Post-doctoral Fellowships*. The start date for the position will be August 16, 2010 and will be funded for 2 years, subject to a satisfactory first year evaluation. Selection will be based on scholarly potential, ability to work in multi-disciplinary settings, and the support of a faculty mentor and CPP affiliate at Cornell who will work closely with the post-doctoral associate.

Preference will be given to fellows with research interests in areas broadly related to the CPP's three main foci: families & children, health behaviors & disparities, or poverty/inequality. Especially encouraged are applications from candidates whose research has significance for those countries on which the fellowship's funder focuses – the United States, the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Vietnam, South Africa, and Bermuda.

The Frank H. T. Rhodes Fellowships stand as a testament to the profound difference Frank Rhodes has made at Cornell by furthering scholarship and research in areas related to poverty alleviation, support for the elderly and disadvantaged children and youth, public health, and human rights. The postdoctoral program is designed to provide an intense apprenticeship through collaborations with faculty and to assist new scholars in launching their own programs of research. Postdoctoral Associates devote most of their time to independent research, but are expected to be involved in CPP institution building activities, as well. See <http://cpp.cornell.edu/> for more information about the Cornell Population Program.

The postdoctoral associate will have access to the full range of university resources and receive an annual salary of \$50,000 plus benefits and a modest research/travel account. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in demography, economics, sociology, or another related social science discipline by August 16, 2010. Screening of applications begins February 10, 2010, and will continue until the position is filled.

Applications must include: (a) letter of application, (b) curriculum vita, (c) a 2-3 page statement proposing both an individual research project and how the candidate will engage with a CPP faculty affiliate's on-going research, (d) examples of written work, (e) a letter from a CPP faculty affiliate agreeing to mentor the candidate, and (f) three letters of recommendation. These materials must be submitted online at <http://www.ohr.cornell.edu/jobs/>. Once you reach this web site, please click on Faculty and Non-Faculty Instruction, Research & Extension Positions and search by Job Number **12108**. For questions, please contact Erin Oates (eo73@cornell.edu).

22--Jobs

Institute for Children and Poverty Senior Policy Analyst

ICP seeks ambitious, experienced, and quantitative researchers to work with a multi-disciplinary team of analysts on policy issues affecting poor and homeless children and their families. The Senior Policy Analyst will be responsible for collecting, evaluating, and analyzing data, including conducting statistical analysis, related to the connections between child poverty or homelessness and social policies. The researcher will be required to write and prepare research reports, fact sheets, and policy briefs to communicate outcomes to influence public policy in New York City, New York State, and the United States. The Senior Policy Analyst will also formulate research questions and oversee projects conducted by junior staff and advise management on the methods, analysis, and outcomes of the research.

More details at: http://www.publicservicecareers.org/?pageid=616&site_id=631&jb=6529660

**USDA/FNS/SNS/SNAB
Social Science Policy Analyst**

Looking for a position in a dynamic policy research office as a member of an energetic multidisciplinary team?

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking one or more **Social Science Policy Analysts** at the GS 12/13 level, salary \$74,872 to \$115,742. The primary responsibilities of the position are to analyze the economic and program impacts of current and proposed policy alternatives, including legislative, regulatory, and budget options.

FNS leads the government effort to prevent domestic hunger and promote improved nutrition for children and low-income people in the United States. We administer 15 programs with a combined annual budget of over \$82 billion, including the WIC Program, the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Policy analysts play a critical role in helping create new and improved policy options, and ensuring informed decision-making. The positions are located at our national headquarters office in Alexandria, VA. Candidates should have education and experience in quantitative and qualitative analysis and strong written and oral communications skills.

USDA is an equal opportunity employer. For more information about these positions, go to www.usajobs.gov and search on announcement 10-FNS-108P. Please direct questions to Jessica Stout at Jessica.Stout@bpd.treas.gov or 304-480-8336. For additional information on FNS, go to www.fns.usda.gov.

Additional information at: http://www.publicservicecareers.org/?pageid=616&site_id=631

**John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities
Policy Analyst**

The John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities at Stanford School of Education is a leader in the area of community youth development, and is unique in its commitment to both academic rigor and collaboration with its community partners. The Policy Analyst (PA) will be a major contributor to the JGC Youth Data Archive (YDA) project, working as a member of a small team of JGC and SPHERE staff, reporting to the Associate Director. The PA will provide technical support linking K-12 education data with other data sources, including assisting community partners in data exporting and database development, supporting performance measurement for school sites, conducting statistical analyses at the request of community partners, providing research support to Stanford or outside researchers, and writing policy briefs on community youth development and related topics.

Additional information at: http://www.publicservicecareers.org/?pageid=616&site_id=631

**Director - Education and Law Project
North Carolina Justice Center**

The North Carolina Justice Center is the state's leading research and advocacy organization dedicated to transforming North Carolina's prosperity into opportunity for all. Our fifty person staff includes litigators, lobbyists, researchers, community educators, and communication specialists who work across a broad range of issues that impact the lives of poor and working families.

The Education and Law Project is a special project of the Justice Center whose mission is to ensure equal educational opportunity for low-income and minority students. The Director of the Education and Law Project directs and oversees the work of the Project and its staff including:

- the development of a legislative agenda and legislative advocacy,
- technical assistance, training and advocacy support for community groups and individuals engaged around education reform;
- litigation to protect and expand the rights of students, and
- research and publications designed to support the Project's policy advocacy and community education efforts.

The Project Director works closely with key Justice Center staff from other policy areas, including health care, housing, jobs and workforce development, consumer protection, transportation, public services and benefits, and immigrant rights.

Applicants must have extensive experience in education policy and advocacy, excellent written and oral communication skills, the capacity to work as a part of a team and with diverse communities, and demonstrated commitment to social and economic justice. BA required, advanced degree in education or a related field preferred. Minimum of five years relevant professional experience required, experience in legislative advocacy and/or policy research desired.

Salary is commensurate with experience. Exceptional benefits and leave package available for this Raleigh-based position.

To apply, send resume, cover letter and references with "Director – Ed Law" in the subject line to: hr@ncjustice.org. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. The Justice Center is an equal opportunity employer.

**University of Missouri-Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs
Public Policy
Assistant Professor**

The Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs seeks applications and nominations for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position with teaching and research interests in public policy, public management or non-profit management.

Applicants for this position are expected to demonstrate high potential for scholarly research and publication as well as make teaching contributions at both the Masters and doctoral level. An earned doctorate (discipline open) is required at the time of appointment.

The University of Missouri is one of only a few public universities that has membership in the Association of American Universities and is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Doctoral/Research Extensive Institution. The University is building upon strengths in five strategic areas including energy and environment, health, food, new media, and science and technology. The Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs is one of sixteen schools and colleges at the University of Missouri. The Truman School currently employs more than twenty faculty and houses numerous research centers and institutes. The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. To request ADA accommodation, please contact the Campus ADA coordinator at (573) 884-7278 or at HensonL@missouri.edu.

Send letter of application, vita and other supporting materials electronically to trumanjobs@missouri.edu.

Send three letters of reference to:

Dr. Lael Keiser, Chair of the Search Committee

Attn: Whitney Keller

Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs

University of Missouri

106 Middlebush Hall

Columbia, MO 65211-6100

Screening will begin March 1, 2010, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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**University of Georgia
College of Public Health
Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management**

Applicants should have an advanced degree (PhD, DrPH, or other relevant doctoral degree) in health administration, finance, health services research, health informatics, management, health economics, health policy or a related discipline. Students in the final stages of degree completion will be considered. The successful applicant will possess experience in one or more of the fields mentioned and a promising record or potential for accomplishment in teaching, research and practical application of management or policy analysis in the health field. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

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**Old Dominion University
Department of Political Science and Geogra
Position Description**

The Department of Political Science and Geography invites applications for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level in American Politics beginning Fall 2010. A Ph.D. in Political Science is required at the time of appointment. Candidates must be prepared to teach State and Local Government on a regular basis. The ability to teach Research Methods is an asset. Other teaching areas are open. Old Dominion University is a state-supported institution located in southeast Virginia with an enrollment of over 23,000 students. More information about the university and the department can be found at <http://al.odu.edu/pols-geog/>. Applicants must send a cover letter detailing their qualifications and summarizing their teaching and research interests, a current curriculum vitae, copies of teaching evaluations, an article-length writing sample or publications, and three letters of recommendation. Review of applicants will begin on March 15 and continue until the position is filled. Send application materials to Dr. Glen Sussman, Chair, American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Geography, 7000 Batten Arts and Letters Building, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia 23529. Old Dominion University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution and requires compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

**Claremont Graduate University
Department of Politics and Policy
Assistant or Associate Professor Position in Public Policy**

Claremont Graduate University's Department of Politics and Policy invites applications for a tenure-track assistant or associate professor position in Public Policy beginning Fall 2010. Ph.D. in hand at start of employment is required. Ability to teach state and local government or quantitative methodology is desirable. Substantive area is open. Prior teaching experience is strongly preferred. Evidence of an active research agenda, a cross-disciplinary perspective in teaching or research, readiness to mentor graduate students, and ability to work with a diverse group of students are important characteristics of a candidate.

The Department of Politics and Policy offers only graduate-level degrees, with four MA programs, including a Master of Art in Public Policy, and a Ph.D. in political science. It is associated with five undergraduate institutions that comprise the Claremont Colleges. Teaching and joint research opportunities with those institutions may be possible.

Claremont Graduate University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, place of national origin, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, or physical handicap in its employment practice and in admission of students to educational programs and activities in accordance with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws. Claremont Graduate University is committed to affirmative action in employment practices regarding ethnic minorities, the physically handicapped, Vietnam-era veterans, and women. In addition to meeting its obligations under federal and state law, Claremont Graduate University is committed to increasing faculty diversity.

CGU is committed to creating a community in which a diverse population can live and work in an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the rights and sensibilities of each individual, without regard to economic status, ethnic background, political views, sexual orientation, religion, or other personal characteristics or beliefs.

Applicants should send a cover letter, a current curriculum vita, samples of scholarly writing, teaching evaluations, and three letters of reference to the Public Policy Search Committee, Department of Politics and Policy, Claremont Graduate University, 170 E. 10th St., Claremont, CA 91711. Review of applications will begin on March 8, 2010.