

Newsletter 04/2002

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NY CENSUS RESEARCH DATA CENTER

Columbia is currently involved in a proposal to get a Census Research Data Center (RDC) in NYC. This would allow researchers to gain local access to some confidential microdata collected by the Census Bureau. CUNY, the Federal Reserve Bank in NY, the New School University, NYU, Princeton, Rutgers, and SUNY-Stony Brook may also participate; the Russell Sage Foundation is also interested. Baruch College of CUNY has offered to house the center, and NBER is preparing the proposal, which will go to NSF and Census this summer.

If you are interested, we urge you to support the proposal by submitting a short (150-250 words) descriptions of a research project you might carry out with these data. If submitted by May 1, these descriptions can be included in the larger proposal to NSF and Census. Erica Groshen (erica.groshen@ny.frb.org) and Bart Hobijn (bart.hobijn@ny.frb.org) will review drafts of these research descriptions, and can also answer more general questions about the RDC. Columbia contacts are Frank Lichtenberg (Business) and Michael Riordan (in Economics and Business).

For more information, see:

http://www.newyorkfed.org/rmaghome/economist/hobijn/rdc_update_january2002.pdf

or look at the RDC section at the website of the Census Bureau's Center for Economic Studies:

<http://www.ces.census.gov/ces.php/home>

NEW SEED GRANTS

Congratulations to the following new seed grant recipients:

Research Seed Grant

Comprehension of Risk and Trading in Financial Markets

Gur Huberman, Business

Policy Seed Grant

Will Product Patterns for Pharmaceuticals Raise Prices and Hurt Consumers in Poor Economies?

Shubham Chaudhuri, Economics

ISERP GRADUATE FELLOWS

Applications are due April 15 for ISERP's Graduate Fellows program, intended for dissertation-level graduate students in the social sciences and related fields. See our website for information about how to apply.

ISERP UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

ISERP is considering a program of summer research internships for undergraduate social science majors at Columbia. If you have suggestions for how this program might be designed, or are currently working with an undergraduate student who might be appropriate for such a program, please contact K. Neckerman at kmn2@columbia.edu.

SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

This summer Columbia's Office of Minority Affairs is organizing its 14th annual summer program for historically underrepresented students. Promising undergraduates in all fields come to Columbia beginning June 2 for eight weeks of research experience and professional socialization. If you might

be interested in mentoring a student, please contact Sharon Gamble (sg772@columbia.edu) at the Office of Minority Affairs.

SPECIAL EVENTS

"History, Rationality, and Agency in Social Science"

Sponsored by the Center for Historical Social Sciences

Tuesday, April 16, 2002, 1:45-7 p.m.

801 International Affairs Building

Participants:

Karen Barkey, (Columbia)

Peter Bearman, (Columbia)

Roger Gould, (Yale)

Ian Lustick, (U Pennsylvania)

Anthony Marx, (Columbia)

Dan Miodownik, (U Pennsylvania)

Roger Petersen, (MIT)

John Schiemann, (Fairleigh Dickinson University)

Rudra Sil, (U Pennsylvania)

Alan Zuckerman, (Brown)

For more information please write to lrc10@columbia.edu.

"David N. Dinkins Leadership and Public Policy Forum: The Economic Rebuilding of New York City"

Sponsored by the Center for Urban Research and Policy

Monday, April 29, 2002

International Affairs Building

For more information please call 212-854-8886.

"evolvenewyork Open Studio"

Sponsored by the Center on Organizational Innovation (COI)

Thursday & Friday, May 9 & 10, 2002

COI, in partnership with Columbia's Department of Urban Planning, is organizing a two-day conference to showcase studio projects related to the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan. In the aftermath of 9/11, numerous architecture, urban planning, and design studios have focused their efforts on rethinking downtown New York and proposing solutions for the redevelopment of the WTC site. This common focus offers the rare opportunity for wider collaboration and exchange among the academic design and urban policy community. This partnership between social scientists and urban planners seeks to understand the emergent design of social space as the outcome of heterogeneous actors subscribing to disparate principles of evaluation and accountability.

For more information please write to coi-iserp@columbia.edu.