

## Newsletter 11/2002

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### NEW SPACE

We are very pleased to report that ISERP's new space on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the International Affairs Building is now open. Most ISERP seminars will now be held in the 2nd floor conference room; the 2nd floor also houses most ISERP Graduate Fellows as well as some research projects and visiting scholars. ISERP computer services, QMSS, and research projects are located on the 3rd floor. We share the newly constructed space with Columbia's Language Resource Center. ISERP centers and staff continue to be housed in our 8th and 5th floor offices.

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### NEW GRANTS

Congratulations to the following recipients of external grants:

Dana Fisher (Sociology), "Civic Engagement and the Canvass," Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE)

Bruce Link (Epidemiology) and Peter Bearman (Sociology), "Columbia Health & Society Scholars Program," Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Alexander Pfaff (SIPA/Economics), "A Basin-Scale Econometric Model for Projecting Future Amazonian Landscapes," NASA (a joint project with Michigan State University and with the Universidade Federal Fluminense in Brazil)

Robert Shapiro (Political Science), "Public Opinion and Campaign Finance Reform," Department of Justice

Robert Shapiro (Political Science), "Public Opinion and Civility in America: A Further Analysis," Public Agenda

Joseph Stiglitz (Economics/SIPA/Business), "Moldova Country Dialogues," "Poverty Task Force," and "Transparency Task Force," Swedish International Development Agency

David Stark (Sociology), "Knowledge Networks and Emerging Heterarchies in Rebuilding New York," NSF

Sudhir Venkatesh (Sociology), "Dis-location: Transforming Public Housing in Chicago," Ford Foundation

Duncan Watts (Sociology), "Decentralized Search, Robustness and Recovery in Organizational Networks," Department of the Navy, Office of Naval Research

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### SEED GRANTS

Congratulations to these new seed grant recipients:

*Health Outcome Information Transmission in Geographic and Social Space*  
Kenneth L. Leonard (Economics)

*The Impact of Technological Change on the Rise of Alternative Employment Arrangements*  
Ann P. Bartel (Business) and Nachum Sicherman (Business)

This year's remaining deadlines for ISERP's seed grant program are November 15, February 1, and March 15. See the ISERP website for more information.

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### NEW FACULTY FELLOWS

Please welcome the following new faculty fellows:

Courtney Bender (Religion/Sociology)  
Matthew Connelly (History)  
Gil Eyal (Sociology)  
Susan Fainstein (Urban Planning)  
Tanisha Fazal (Political Science)  
Dana Fisher (Sociology)  
Page Fortna (Political Science)  
Jeffrey Henig (Teachers College/Political Science)  
Amaney Jamal (Political Science)  
Hsien-Hen Lu (Public Health)  
Adam McKeown (History)  
Kenneth Prewitt (SIPA)  
Jeffrey Sachs (Economics/SIPA/Public Health)  
Joseph Stiglitz (Economics/SIPA/Business)  
Julien Teitler (Social Work)

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#### NEW STAFF

Over the last three months, the following new staff have joined ISERP:

Neela Chakravartula, Communications Assistant ( 814A IAB, 854-6401, nc191@columbia.edu)  
Kristin Murphy, Grants Administrator ( 807 IAB, 854-0742, km632@columbia.edu)  
Marlyne Thomas, Financial Assistant ( 814A IAB, 854-9806, mnt2101@columbia.edu)  
Ashley Tessier, Program Assistant (814A IAB, 854-9489, aet2101@columbia.edu)

Neela Chakravartula, Marlyne Thomas and Ashley Tessier are new to ISERP; Kristin Murphy was previously an administrative assistant at the Center for Urban Research and Policy (CURP). A part-time office assistant, Anna Melman, has also just joined us.

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#### VISITING RESEARCHERS

Please welcome these visiting scholars and postdoctoral fellows to the ISERP community:

Daniel Goldstein, Associate Director, Center for Decision Sciences  
Peter Dodds, Post-Doctoral Research Scientist, Earth Institute  
John Logan, Visiting Scholar, SUNY, Albany  
Katherine Newman, Visiting Scholar, Harvard University  
Valli Rajah, Visiting Scholar, John Jay College, CUNY  
David Wank, Visiting Scholar, Sophia University  
Peder Anker, Visiting Scholar, University of Oslo

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#### Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS)

The QMSS program, a master's program in social science focused on quantitative methods, is now a part of ISERP. Christopher Weiss serves as Director and Leah Lubin as Administrator. The program, established three years ago, welcomed a new cohort of 15 students this fall.

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#### Health & Society Scholars Program at Columbia

Columbia University is one of six sites for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's new postdoctoral program, the Health & Society Scholars Program. ISERP and the Mailman School of Public Health are jointly organizing Columbia's program. Contact Kathryn Neckerman or see [www.chssp.columbia.edu](http://www.chssp.columbia.edu) for more information.

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## Reviewers needed for new RASCAL human subjects module

New RASCAL human subjects module - ISERP has been asked to identify reviewers for a new module in RASCAL, OPG's on-line grants administration system. This module will allow researchers to submit IRB protocols on-line and much more efficiently than was possible in the past. It will also allow automated building of consent forms. OPG wants to get feedback from a wide range of researchers to ensure that the module meets our needs. If you are interested in serving as an on-line reviewer of this new module, please contact Kathryn Neckerman at [kmn2@columbia.edu](mailto:kmn2@columbia.edu).