

Newsletter 04/2003

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NEW GRANTS

Congratulations to:

- David Stark and Francesca Polletta, "Policy Made Public: Technologies of Deliberation and Representation in Rebuilding Lower Manhattan," *National Science Foundation*
David Stark and Francesca Polletta, both in Sociology, have been awarded an NSF grant to study the current public deliberation over the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan. Specifically investigating online forums, and how they compare with other forms of public discourse, Stark and Polletta will assess the impact of these digital technologies upon citizen participation.
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EXTERNAL AWARDS

Congratulations to:

- George Gavrilis, *Post-doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University, John M. Olin Institute*
George Gavrilis, an ISERP Graduate Fellow in Political Science, has accepted a post-doctoral fellowship (2003-2004) with the John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard University. Gavrilis' most current project, "Border Guards, Bandits and Diplomats: Toward a Theory of Boundary Regimes," examines conflict and cooperation along international boundaries. The project links international relations and comparative politics to create a comprehensive theory of modern boundaries for political science.
 - Leander Schneider, *Visiting Research Fellowship, Yale University, Program in Agrarian Studies*
Leander Schneider has been appointed as a Visiting Research Fellow with the Program in Agrarian Studies at Yale University. For the tenure of his appointment (September 2003 to May 2004), he will be working on a book manuscript on "Developmentalism and Its Failings: The State, the Peasantry, and Development in 1960s and 1970s Tanzania," as well as several related article projects.
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VISITING RESEARCHERS

This month, ISERP welcomes:

- Costas Panagopoulos, a Ph.D. student in Politics at New York University, has taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses at several universities in the United States and abroad. His research interests include American politics, research methods, election voting and behavior, political campaigns, public opinion, and comparative politics.
 - Leslie Siskin is currently a Visiting Fellow at the University of Cambridge Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities. Prior to this appointment, she served as an Associate Professor in Administration, Planning and Social Policy at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Siskin received her Ph.D. from Stanford University in Education, Administration and Policy Analysis, and will be joining ISERP to conduct research on education policy and professional networks.
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SEED GRANTS

Congratulations to:

- Matthew Connelly, "The International Response to Population Growth and Movement," *Research Seed Grant*
Matthew Connelly will conduct research for the completion of a book on the history of

international efforts to control population growth and movement, to be published by Harvard University Press. Together with related publications, this effort will serve as both preparation and a platform for a follow-up program of sponsored research, student training, and a conference on the comparative history of family planning efforts. The goal is to assess both the origins and prospects of efforts to refocus work on reproductive rights and health, and thus bring historical perspectives to what has long been an impassioned debate.

ISERP's Seed Grant program supports the initial stages of new social science research projects, with a special emphasis on innovative, interdisciplinary, and collaborative research.

The next deadline for new Seed Grant proposals is October 15, 2003. For more details, please visit: http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/initiatives/seed_grants/grant_program.html

QMSS

Master's students interested in RA work:

Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) is ISERP's interdisciplinary Master's degree program in quantitative methods. Through the program, QMSS students develop quantitative research techniques and analytical skills. Representing a diverse range of experiences and interests, QMSS students are well prepared for work in the social sciences, and many are eager to get involved in research opportunities with Columbia faculty. Many students are work/study eligible as well. To find out more about how these students might contribute to your project, please contact QMSS Director, Chris Weiss, at cw2036@columbia.edu.

GRADUATE FELLOWS PROGRAM

Every year, eight to ten social science and history graduate students are selected to be ISERP Graduate Fellows. The Institute provides Graduate Fellows with office space and a computer, access to the computer lab, administrative support and technical assistance, and the opportunity to participate in a vibrant, interdisciplinary intellectual community. Fellows present their work-in-progress at a bi-weekly seminar. Although no stipend is awarded, modest financial support for travel to conferences or research expenses is available on a case-by-case basis.

The next application deadline is April 15, 2003. For more details, please visit: http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/education/fellows_program/fellows.html

WORKING PAPERS

The following March working paper is available on-line at: http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/initiatives/working_papers/paper_program.html

Kenneth L. Leonard (Economics). 'Active Patients' in Rural African Health Care: Implications for Welfare, Policy and Privatization.

HEALTH & SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA

H&SS welcomes its first cohort of postdoctoral fellows:

- Jason Corburn received his Ph.D. in Environmental Health Policy and Planning from MIT in 2002. Currently an adjunct professor of urban and environmental planning at the University of Pennsylvania and Hunter College, Corburn is interested in integrating knowledge from the fields of environmental health, social epidemiology, and urban planning in order to address questions of economic justice. As an H&SS fellow, Corburn will continue his research on the relationships between neighborhood-based environmental hazards and health disparities facing poor communities and people of color.
- Molly Martin will receive her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in

May 2003. Her dissertation investigates whether the effects of growing up in a single parent or stepparent family depend upon the family's resources. As an H&SS fellow, Martin hopes to collaborate with physicians, psychiatrists, physiologists, and health behavior experts in order to better understand how physical and mental health is affected by social relationships, along with its effect on observed social inequalities.

- Natasha Schull will receive her Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley in May 2003. Her dissertation, based on ethnographic fieldwork in Las Vegas among women addicted to gambling machines, probes the links between lived experience, risk-taking behavior, and the increasing presence of technology in our lives. As an H&SS fellow, Schull aims to broaden her understanding of the phenomenon of addiction in its multiple dimensions -- biological, developmental, psychodynamic, environmental, social, and economic.

HEALTH & SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA - SHORT COURSES/SEMINARS

The following short courses and seminars are open free of charge to faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students at Columbia University, as well as faculty and postdoctoral fellows at other sites of the RWJ Health & Society Scholars Program. Please send an email expressing your interest to chssp@columbia.edu and we will notify you as soon as the short courses open for registration. No registration is necessary for the seminars.

- April 11: Seminar - The Culture of Medicine: Disparities in Treatment, presented by Mary-Jo Good, Harvard Medical School (10am, Irving Center Conference Room, 10th floor Presbyterian Hospital).
- May 2&3: Short Course - Sequence Analysis, led by Katherine Stovel (9-5pm IAB 220B, with a 4-hour computer lab session). *Registration required*
- May 9: Seminar - Welfare Reform and Children's Development, presented by Greg Duncan (10am, IAB 220B).

For more details, please visit our calendar of events at: <http://www.chssp.columbia.edu>.

HEALTH & SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM - SEED GRANTS/MICROGRANTS

To promote new population health research at Columbia, the Health and Society Scholar's Program sponsors two internal grant competitions. The Seed Grant and Microgrant Programs are intended to support projects with innovative approaches in population health, which provide opportunities for Scholar training and investigation, and build connections between public health and the social sciences. All H&SS affiliate faculty and Scholars are eligible to apply.

For more details about applying, please visit: <http://www.chssp.columbia.edu/content.asp?cid=9>

Congratulations to H&SS grant recipients:

- Luisa Borrell, Stephen Marshall, Mary Northridge, "Advancing Population Health in Northern Manhattan: Integrating Oral Health Care Data for Older Adults into a Spatial Database," *Microgrant Award*
Luisa Borrell (Epidemiology), Stephen Marshall (Dental/Oral Surgery), and Mary Northridge (Sociomedical Sciences) will integrate data on oral health care for older adults into a spatial database to be used in future research related to oral health disparities and health service provision in Northern Manhattan. The long-term goal is to promote collaborative research in population health among investigators at 3 separate schools (the Mailman School of Public Health, the Columbia School of Dental and Oral Surgery, and the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation), thus better ensuring that research and policy related to the pressing oral health needs of older adults are effectively advanced.