

Newsletter 06/2003

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ISERP SUMMER HOURS

Starting today, Monday, June 2nd, ISERP's administrative offices will operate on summer hours, from 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday.

NEW GRANTS

Dana R. Fisher (Sociology)

Engaging the Disenfranchised: Civil Society and Developing Countries' Participation in Multilateralism

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership

This grant from the Japan Foundation will support roundtable discussions to be held at Columbia University and at the Tokyo Institute of Technology in Japan on the topic of disenfranchisement and international policy-making. From the roundtable discussions, a policy paper and a framework for future research on disenfranchisement will be produced.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN SUBJECTS INFORMATION

Please visit the Research Development Office's new website for information on grant development and administration services at ISERP, including grant seeking support, proposal submission, grant administration and human subjects assistance. On the site you will also find useful tools for proposal development including a budget worksheet and tips on NSF Fastlane submissions. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to Kristin Murphy (km632@columbia.edu).

http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/services/services/research_development.html

Also, please note that all new human subjects protocols must now be submitted through RASCAL, Columbia's on-line grants processing system. To arrange RASCAL training sessions for departments or individuals, call the RASCAL Help Line at (212)870-3480. For more information about RASCAL, please visit <https://www.rascal.columbia.edu>.

VISITING SCHOLARS

This month, ISERP welcomes:

Chad Goldberg, an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is currently working on a book about the political struggles over the status of Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers in the 1930s. Drawing on the work of Pierre Bourdieu, he argues that the WPA, in conjunction with other New Deal policies, led workers to develop an expanded notion of rights and to advance new and contentious claims on the state. Goldberg's recent publications include "Welfare Recipients or Workers? Contesting the Workfare State in New York City" (*Sociological Theory*), and "Social Citizenship and a Reconstructed Tocqueville" (*American Sociological Review*). Hans Peter Hertig has served as the Director of the Swiss National Science Foundation since 1993. Previously, he was the Science and Technology Counselor to the Swiss Embassies in Washington DC and Ottawa, and to the Swiss Mission to the EU in Brussels. He has held various academic posts, including appointments at the University of Geneva, University of Berne, University of Iowa-Iowa City, and the University of Southern California - Los Angeles. He is also a member of the Executive Council of the European Science Foundation.

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:

Principal Investigator: Kathryn Neckerman (ISERP); Co-investigators: Luisa Borrell (Epidemiology), Lance Freeman (Urban Planning), Jennifer Hill (SIPA), Mignon Moore (Sociology), Andrew Rundle (Epidemiology), Julien Teitler (Social Work), and Christopher Weiss (ISERP)

Health and Social Consequences of the Urban Environment

Seed Grant

This seed grant brings together eight investigators from social science, urban planning, and epidemiology to collaborate on three linked projects that relate the urban built and social environment to social and health outcomes. The three projects exploit new advances in the conceptualization and measurement of the urban environment and of social identity. The seed grant will support background research and preliminary data analysis in preparation for grant submission for these three projects. More broadly this proposal begins to define a distinctive research signature for Columbia H &SS that integrates the built environment, social context, and mental and physical health.

Julien O. Teitler (Social Work) and Nancy E. Reichman (Public Health)

Effects of neighborhood-level factors on infant health

Microgrant

Teitler and Reichman will use a geocoded dataset of all births in New Jersey from 1989 to 1992, to study the impact of various factors on low birthweight, pre-term births, and infant mortality. In particular, they will examine the effects of individual characteristics such as medical risk, lifestyle, health insurance status, and neighborhood conditions, in order to estimate more comprehensive models of infant health and mortality.