

Newsletter 11/2003

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NEW GRANTS

ISERP has been awarded major funding from the NSF IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship) program for a graduate training program in Globalization and International Development. Directed by Joseph Stiglitz, author of *Globalization and its Discontents* and former World Bank Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, this program will involve doctoral students in the social sciences and cognate fields in interdisciplinary coursework and research experiences with a strong international and development component.

NEW STAFF

This month, ISERP welcomes GIS Analyst, Douglas Miller. Miller graduated from Princeton with a BA in aerospace engineering, and from UCLA with a MA in urban planning. Before coming to ISERP, he worked for the School of Public Policy at UCLA in the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, primarily on issues of spatial access to employment for low-income workers. He is generally interested in the way that architecture, urban design, and infrastructure influence social relationships and environmental issues. His email address is: dm2199@columbia.edu.

EVENTS

On Monday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. David Greenberg, a former ISERP Graduate fellow will be reading from *Nixon's Shadow: The History of an Image* (W.W. Norton) at Labyrinth Books, 536 West 112th Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam). The book - a history of Richard Nixon's public image in the postwar era - won Columbia's Bancroft Dissertation Prize (2001) and has received laudatory reviews in *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Monthly*, and elsewhere. The talk is open to the public.

WORKING PAPERS

The following working paper is available at:

http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/initiatives/working_papers/papers/2003.html

Living at the Edge: America's Low-Income Children and Families. Hsien-Hen Lu (Public Health), Julian Palmer, YOUNGHWAN SONG (Union College Economics), Mary Clare Lennon (Public Health), and Lawrence Aber (Public Health).

ISERP WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

ISERP sponsors or co-sponsors regular workshops and seminars. Starred workshops meet weekly; others meet once or twice a month.

- Contentious Politics (M 4-6)*
- International Politics Seminar (M 4-6)
- Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (M 6:30-8:30)*
- 20th Century Amer. Politics & Society (Th 4:10-6)
- Human Decision Making Seminar (Th 5:15-6:30)*
- American Society and Politics (F 10-12)
- Health & Society Scholars (F 10-12)
- ISERP Graduate Fellows (F 12-2)
- Historical Dynamics (TBA)
- Political Economy (TBA)
- Political Psychology (October 18)

For more details on schedules and locations, please visit:
http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/news/calendars/workshop_schedules.html

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Please visit the Research Development Office's 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>.

SEED GRANTS

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 March 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.

HEALTH & SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA - SHORT COURSES

The following short course is 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.

- January 15-16: Short Course - "Analyzing Developmental Trajectories," presented by Daniel Nagin (9am-5pm, IAB 220B with computer classroom time in 558 Schermerhorn).
Registration required

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

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.

The next seed grant deadline is March 1, 2003. For more details about applying, please visit:
<http://www.chssp.columbia.edu/content.asp?cid=9>