

Newsletter 12/2003

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CONGRATULATIONS

Florencia Torche Garcia who defended the dissertation "Unequal but Fluid: Social Mobility in Chile in a Comparative Perspective" with distinction on October, 29 2003. The thesis was directed by Seymour Spilerman. Torche will continue working for the Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, now as Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

Balazs Vedres has been appointed Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at the Central European University where he will teach research methods, economic sociology, and social structure. His appointment will begin on January 1, 2004. Vedres has also been awarded a five month fellowship of the Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Study, from March to July 2004, and has won the International Fellowship of the Santa Fe Institute, which covers four months at the Institute, between November 2003 and November 2005.

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 1, 2004. 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 course opens 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, 2004. For more details about applying, please visit:
<http://www.chssp.columbia.edu/content.asp?cid=9>