

## Newsletter 3/2004

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### NEW GRANTS

Congratulations to:

- Peter Dodds (ISERP) and Duncan Watts (Sociology)  
"Efficient Collective Search in Social Networks with Partial and Ambiguous Knowledge"  
*Office of Naval Research*  
Peter Dodds and Duncan Watts will investigate the means by which people use social ties and organizational structures to search for other people and information. The project will employ theoretical models and on-line experiments in order to examine the design of nonsocial networks such as peer-to-peer computer networks.
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### ISERP GRADUATE FELLOWS

Congratulations to ISERP Graduate Fellows, who have accepted the following positions:

- Amitabh Dubey - South Asia Analyst at the Eurasia Group, a political risk consulting firm in New York.
  - Henning Hillmann - Assistant Professor of Sociology, Stanford University.
  - Mona Lena Krook - Assistant Professor of Political Science and Women and Gender Studies, Washington University in St. Louis.
  - Graeme Robertson - Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
  - Kazuko Shirono - Economist, International Monetary Fund.
  - Phil Stern - Assistant Professor of History, American University.
  - Leila Wice - Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Modeling Interdisciplinary Inquiry Program Washington University in St. Louis.
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### EVENTS

On Tuesday, March 9, the Center for Urban Research and Policy ([www.curp.columbia.edu](http://www.curp.columbia.edu)) and the Van Alen Institute will co-sponsor the opening reception of "The Colors of Berlin," an exhibit consisting of photographs, color-fields, maps, and texts that highlight aspects of daily life in the city of Berlin. The event will take place from 6:30-7:30 (reception to follow) at the Van Alen Institute: Projects in Public Architecture (30 West 22 Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10010). The exhibit features works by Stadtblind, including Jesse Shapins, Center for Urban Research and Policy affiliate and Columbia College Alumni '02.

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### 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 (Fri 12-2)

- Political Economy (TBA)
- Political Psychology (May 1)

For more details on schedules and locations, please visit:

[http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/news/calendars/workshop\\_schedules.html](http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/news/calendars/workshop_schedules.html)

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## 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](mailto:km632@columbia.edu)).

[http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/services/services/research\\_development.html](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/>

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## 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](mailto:cw2036@columbia.edu)

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## 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](mailto:chssp@columbia.edu) and we will notify you as soon as the short courses open for registration.

- March 25 & 26, 2004 : Short Course TBA presented by Ana Diez-Roux, Michigan Public Health. (9am-5pm and 9am-12:30pm, IAB 270B). \*Registration required\*

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