

Newsletter 5/2004

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NEW GRANTS

Congratulations to:

- Duncan Watts (PI, Sociology) and Peter Dodds (Co-PI, ISERP)
The Structure, Evolution, and Function of Large-Scale Social Networks: Theory, Data, and Experiment
National Science Foundation

Duncan Watts and Peter Dodds will examine the structural and functional characteristics of large-scale social networks. In contrast with traditional research methods, where links are self-reported or inferred from affiliation data, this project will focus on networks that are generated by recorded information exchange between social actors with specific demography and activity-based characteristics.

ISERP GRADUATE FELLOWS

Congratulations to former ISERP Graduate Fellow, David Greenberg, who has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Journalism and Media Studies at Rutgers University.

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)
- Nonprofit Organizations (W 4-6)
- *Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (Th 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

ISERP WORKING PAPERS

The following working paper is available at

http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/initiatives/working_papers/papers/2004.html

- Harrison White (Sociology)
Production Markets Broker Upstream to Downstream, balancing their volume and quality sensitivities to firms through an oriented market profile of signals.
Working paper 04-02
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ISERP ADMINISTRATION

Just a reminder:

For those of you submitting receipts for reimbursement for business meals or meal expenses while traveling, please remember that the limit (excluding tip), dictated by the University is:

\$15 per person for breakfast

\$25 per person for lunch

\$40 per person for dinner

Along with your receipt and completed Travel and Business Expense Form, please also include the reason for the meal and list the names of all attendees.

If you have any questions regarding Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement, please contact Marlyne Thomas at 854-9806 or mnt2101@columbia.edu.

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/>

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 - SEED GRANTS

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://chssp.columbia.edu/Grants.asp>

Congratulations to Spring 2004 H&SS grant recipients:

- Luisa Borrell (Epidemiology) and Mary Northridge (Sociomedical Sciences)
Dental Care and Transportation in an Older Population in Northern Manhattan and the South Bronx: A Spatial Mismatch Seed Grant

Luisa Borrell and Mary Northridge will study the association between access to dental care and transportation for the older population in Northern Manhattan and the

South Bronx. Specifically, the project focuses on the spatial distribution of dental care providers and accessibility and sources of transportations for the elderly.