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From the Editor

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Dear colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to Julie McMullin, who did a terrific job as RC11 Program Chair at the ISA World Forum in Buenos Aires, as well to all other RC11 members who collaborated in organizing this event. Following our successful participation in the ISA World Forum, the next major RC11 event will be the XVIII ISA World Congress in Yokohama, Japan. The congress main theme is "Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology." Please mark your calendars for July 13-19, 2014. Although it seems far away yet, I would like to remind you about the most important dates so you can plan ahead: in January you will receive the call for session proposals, in April you will receive the call for papers, and in June ISA will open the on-line abstract submission system.

This issue of the RC11 Newsletter opens with a letter from our President, Anne Martin-Matthews. Following a brief section with news, you will find a stimulating article by Kathrin Komp on the images of old age, the idea of crisis, and the lived experience of old age. As has become tradition, this issue also includes a numerous announcements on a variety of issues, such as: call for papers, meetings, funding, jobs, competitions, websites of interest, data, educational programs, and news about specific RC11 members. The final section lists publications and readings suggested by our members.

I look forward continuing receiving your contributions and suggestions for the newsletter and to seeing many of you at the ISA World Congress in Yokohama. *

Sincerely,

Esteban



**XVIII ISA WORLD CONGRESS
OF SOCIOLOGY**

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**FACING AN UNEQUAL WORLD:
CHALLENGES FOR GLOBAL SOCIOLOGY**



13-19 July 2014

From the President

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It was a pleasure to meet many of our RC11 Members and scholars in the field of aging from around the world, at the Second World Forum of Sociology in Buenos Aires, Argentina. RC11's inter-Congress meeting contained a full program of 20

sessions, six of which were jointly sponsored with other Research Committees. Despite some logistical challenges with the implementation of ISA's online abstract submission and review process, RC11 had a complete and well-attended program, bringing together researchers from 21 countries.

For RC11, ISA's first ever meeting in South America provided a special opportunity to engage with sociologists across the continent. We were especially delighted to welcome presenters from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and Venezuela. While these colleagues from Latin America participated in many of the sessions, two symposia were organized to focus on Life Course Perspectives in Latin America and on Old Age and Society: Views from Latin America. I sincerely thank Professor Julieta Oddone of the University of Buenos Aires, for her organization of both of these invitational symposia.

The success of this Inter-Congress meeting is very much due to the tireless efforts of the RC11 Program Chair, Julie McMullin, of Western University in Canada. Julie oversaw all aspects of abstract reviews and sessional organization for the full roster of RC11 sessions, and, once in Buenos Aires, saw to the smooth running of sessions and presentations. Lucie Vidovicova (Czech Republic), Esteban Calvo (Chile), and I provided further Program assistance as needed. Professor Adriana Fassio of the University of Buenos Aires was RC11's local liaison, and was exceptionally

helpful in arranging logistics for pre-conference meetings among RC11 executive members, and with the organizational details of RC11's Networking Reception, which brought together 65 presenters in RC11 sessions. She also assisted with Spanish – English translation in sessions as required.

RC 11 also used the opportunity of the World Forum to hold a Business Meeting, attended by 17 members and four other conference participants. In order to comply with ISA regulations concerning Statutes, minor amendments to our By-Laws (previously approved in Durban in 2006) were endorsed by voting members present. These changes involve clarifying the minimum number of newsletters per year, and also clarifying nominating procedures for elections to positions on the Executive Board. RC11's revised Statutes are awaiting final ratification by the ISA Secretariat and will appear on our website as soon as confirmation is received. In addition, the Business Meeting provided a useful forum for discussion of strategic approaches to organization of RC11 sessions at future conferences (thematic versus open call for sessions), pros and cons of scheduling of RC11's inter-congress meetings to coincide with the ISA World Forums, the roles of Officers-at-Large on the Executive, and mechanisms for recognizing and supporting early career scholars in the sociology of aging. The RC11 Executive will discuss these issues in advance of the 2014 meeting in Japan, and have proposals to circulate to members in advance of that gathering.

Planning for the ISA's 18th World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan is already underway. I am delighted to announce that RC11 Vice-President, Andreas Hoff (Germany) has agreed to Chair the RC11 Program Committee for the 2014 Congress. The other members of the RC11 Program Committee will be announced in the Call for Sessions to be issued early in 2013. In the meantime, your input into RC11's program (themes, speakers, etc.) is always welcome,

and should be sent either to me, or to Andreas at: a.hoff@hszg.de.

I am also delighted to announce that RC 11 membership has now reached the threshold of 150 members, thereby increasing the allocation for the Yokohama conference to 22 sessions on aging (from the 18 sessions previously allocated). Andreas and I have already discussed RC11's commitment to collaborations with as many Research Committees, Working Groups and associations as possible in ensuring the visibility of research on aging in the program of the 2014 conference in Japan. Discussions are already underway with the ISA Conference Secretariat concerning the profile of aging research and presentation in the conference overall.

We welcome and thank those new members whose affiliation enabled us to increase our scheduled session time for the 2014 meeting. New members include Josuke Amada (Japan), Javiera P. Sanhueza Chamorro (Chile), Janet Buelow (USA), Aishwarya Raina Sharma (India), Gulcin Con (Turkey), Allison Kirkman (New Zealand), Angela Wisiniewski

(Canada), and returning members Giovani Lamura (Italy), Jannie Kronenfeld (USA), Jeanne S. Katz (UK), and Alan Walker (UK). I also welcome new Lifetime Members of RC11: Judith Gordon (USA), Marjatta Marin (Finland), Susan McDaniel (Canada), and Rolf Ronning (Sweden).

And finally, on behalf of RC11, I extend congratulations to our Secretary, Lucie Vidovicova, on her election to the ISA Nominating Committee that will be overseeing the elections to key ISA positions in 2014. Thank you, Lucie, for your generous volunteering of your time in this additional role. *

With all good wishes,



Anne Martin-Mathews and Julie McMullin
at the ISA World Forum in Buenos Aires.

RC11 Program Committee for the 2014 Congress

We are pleased to announce the RC11 Program Committee for the 2014 World Congress of Sociology in Japan: Andreas Hoff (Chair, Germany), Esteban Calvo (Chile), Koichi Hiraoka (Japan), Jaco Hoffman (South Africa), Hal Kendig (Australia), and Virpi Timonen (Ireland). The Committee will be issuing the Call for Session proposals in early 2013.*

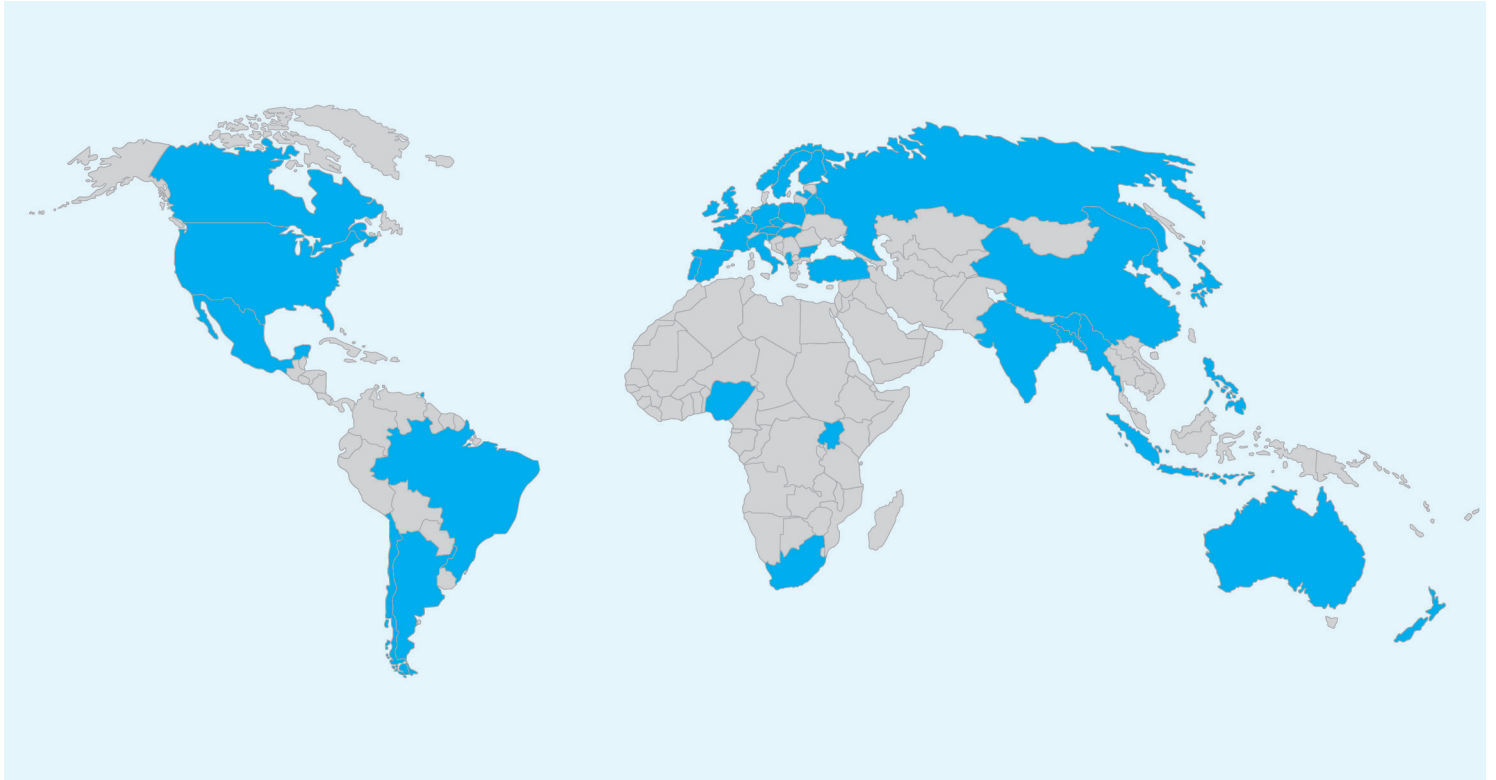
Elections of ISA Officers

ISA is seeking candidates for the ISA Officers for the period Fall 2014 to Summer 2018. Elections will be held at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 2014. Eight posts are open: the President, five Vice presidents (program, research council, national associations, publications, and finance and membership), and executive committee members for election by Council of National Associations and by Research Council. Any member of ISA in good standing as individual member of ISA can be nominated, with the support of proposer and a seconder, again both members in good standing. Nomination form and curriculum vitae should be emailed to isa@isa-sociology.org and sent by regular mail to arrive by January 31, 2014 to Madrid ISA office. As we as a RC 11 seek to enhance the visibility and importance of the sociology of ageing for the upcoming world congress and within the ISA we also strongly encourage our members to think about possible nominations. RC 11 secretary Lucie Vidovicova is a member of Nominating Committee and can be of assistance if any more information is needed.*

The nomination form and related information can be found at www.isa-sociology.org/about/isa_nomination_form_elections_2014.rtf.

RC11 Reached More Than 150 Members From 45 Countries.

About half of our members come from the United States, India, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Germany, Japan, Czech Republic, Sweden, and Argentina. The other half comes from numerous countries, including: Albania, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad-Tobago, Turkey, and Uganda. *





Current Gerontology in India

On October 2012, the Association of Gerontology India (AGI), together with the Department of Biochemistry at North Eastern Hill University, held the International Symposium on Aging and 16th Biennial Conference of Association of Gerontology India. All the activities took place at Shillong, Meghalaya, India. There were 181 participants and 52 presentations on biomedical and sociological aspects of aging. The symposium started with an Inaugural Session by Professor R. Sharma, President AGI and Chairman of the symposium, and was followed by renowned keynotes speakers including: Professor A. N. Rai, Vice-Chancellor at North-Eastern Hill University, the guest of honor from Japan, Professor Sataro Goto, and the organizing secretary, Dr. D. Syiem. The activities lasted three days between October 1 and 3, and were organized around three themes: biogerontology, medical gerontology, and socio-psychological gerontology. The presentations included the Late Professor M. S. Kanungo Life-time Achievement Award Lecture in Biogerontology delivered by Professor K. Subba Rao on the beneficial effects of prolonged feeding of Amalaki Rasayana, the Professor M. S. Kanungo oration lecture in

Biogerontology delivered by Professor M. K. Thakur of Varanasi on the biology of aging, and the Professor Venkoba Rao oration lecture delivered by Professor A. Mathur of Jodhpur on biomarkers of aging. At the symposium, Ms. Preeticia Dkhar and Mr. Pankaj Gaur were awarded with the A.V. Tilak Prize for Biological Gerontology, and Mr. Kitlangki Suchiang and Mr. D. K. Singh were awarded with the Best Poster Presentation. The activities also included a panel discussion about fostering aging research in India that concluded with a number of recommendations, including the urgent need to have a National Institute of Aging (NIA) with multidisciplinary approach to tackle the age-related issues encompassing biological, medical and sociological dimensions. Participants proposed that such institute should have an attached hospital dedicated to the elderly care. For more information contact Professor R. Sharma (President of the Association of Gerontology India) or Dr. D. Syiem (Organizing Secretary of the International Symposium on Aging), through Professor Arvind Kumar Joshi, Department of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, India, arvindvns@sify.com. *

Old Age: From Crisis to Opportunity and Back Again?



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Between crisis and opportunity, between demise and success – old age has many images. While the image of old age shifted from crisis to opportunity during recent decades, this trend now seems to reverse. Population ageing and the current economic crisis accentuate the challenges associated with old age. Thereby, crisis rhetoric finds a more prominent place in discussions on old age again.

Since the beginning of gerontology, scholars pondered how old age should best be described. Many early gerontological studies in the 1960s perceived old age as a time of lack, loss, and physical decline. In other words, they framed old age as a time of crisis. Over the following decades, the financial and health situation of the older population improved. Researchers started to stress the heterogeneity of older people and pointed to the increasing number of healthy, active and resourceful seniors. Consequently, positively loaded images of older age developed, which references to e.g. activities, opportunities and self-fulfillment in later life. Nowadays, individuals are assumed to initially experience a phase of activity and opportunity when they enter old age, and to only limit their activities because of deteriorating health when old age has further progressed. Policy-makers are already reacting to this idea by e.g. increasing the mandatory retirement and promoting volunteering among older individuals. A current manifestation of the new image of old

age is that the European Union declared 2012 the “European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations”.

While activity- and production-oriented images of old age may be gaining ground, we can already see another turn in the image of old age dawning at the horizon. When house prices started to fall in the United States in 2006, the most severe economic crisis since the 1930s began. This crisis drains the financial resources of older people, which increases old age poverty. Moreover, governments react to the double-pressure of economic crises and population ageing through budget cuts, which reduces support systems for older people. It, moreover, centers public discourses more strongly on social problems associated with old age. Both developments underline the needs associated with old age and draw our attention away from the potentials of old age. In other words, they bring discussions on old age back to the topic of crises. In addition to the material effects of the demographic shift and the current economic crisis, the shift in discourse might also have negative effects for individuals and for society. It might stoke fears of growing old, which can lower the quality of life as people growing old, and it might lead to a more negative public attitude towards older people, framing them as a burden on society.

In these considerations, however, we should remember that image and reality can diverge. For example, the crisis-centrism might lead us to overlook social inequalities in old age. We know, for example, that women are more likely to fall into old age poverty than men are, and that support arrangements differ between urban and rural areas. Moreover, the crisis-centrism might draw our attention away from questions of quality of life. After all, changing material circumstances do not necessarily translate into changes in the subjective evaluation of one's life situation. For example, older people might still be able to satisfy their needs with a reduced pension income, and they might be happy in spite of changing support arrangements. The public image of old age might, thus, be stronger associated with the idea of crisis than what older people's lived experience suggests. *

* *This article is based on: Aartsen, M., Béland, D., Edmondson, R., Ginn, J., Komp, K., Nilsson, M., Perek-Bialas, J., Sorensen, P., & Weicht, B. 2012. Ageing in the light of crises: Economic crisis, demographic change, and the search for meaning. Welfare studies working paper #12, Department of Sociology, Umea University. Available at <http://www.soc.umu.se/english/research/publications/welfare-studies-working-papers/>*

Announcements



Call for Papers

Springer Science and Business Media Edited Collection on Aging. The Collective Spirit of Aging across Cultures is seeking chapter proposals for an edited collection published by Springer Science and Business Media. Authors are invited to propose a chapter that discusses a relevant issue of our time that promotes the understanding of aging across diverse cultures from multiple perspectives and disciplines. The edited collection will intertwine theories, stories, and best practices that are reflective of our increasingly diverse aging communities for the purpose of informing academics, practitioners, policymakers, and community members across disciplines in the field of gerontology. Contact: Halaevalu Vakalahi at Halaevalu.Vakalahi@morgan.edu. *

International Sociology Review of Books (ISRIB). ISRIB is looking for reviewers of single books or review essays combining two or more books. Formats and length may be negotiated as needed, but single book reviews are typically 1,000-1,500 words in length, and review essays (combining two or more books, and usually 3,500-5,000 words. Reviews are due within two months of receiving the book. Contact: Professor Mohammed A. Bamyeh, Editor, University of Pittsburgh, USA, mab205@pitt.edu. *

Meetings

34th Annual Meeting of the Hawaii Sociological Association, May February 16, 2013, Honolulu Community College, Honolulu, HI. "Critically Examining Structures of Inequality: Encouraging Agency and Creating Change." Abstracts (maximum 300 words) are invited on topics that broadly fit the theme. Deadline: December 15, 2012. Contact: hawaiisoc@gmail.com. More information at sites. google.com/site/hawaiisociology/home. *

Annual ISA RC19 Conference, August 22-24, 2013, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. "Social exclusion and the challenges of inclusion: Social policies addressing intersecting inequalities." The RC19 annual conference brings together international scholars in the field of comparative welfare state and social policy studies, and encompasses a range of disciplines, including sociology, social policy, political science, and policy studies. Deadline: abstracts are due January 31, 2013. Contact: rc19_budapest_2013@ceu.hu. More information at www.rc19budapest2013.com. *

REVES 25th Meeting, May 27-29, 2013, University of Texas at Austin. Réseau Espérance de Vie en Santé (REVES), the international network on health expectancies and the disablement process, extends an invitation to submit abstracts for the 2013 network's meeting. Deadline: abstracts are due February 15, 2013. More information at www.reves2013.org. *

93rd Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association, March 27-30, 2013, New Orleans, LA. "New Social Media, and Life, Politics, and Society in the Early 21st Century." Contact: Cynthia Cready at cynthia.cready@unt.edu. More information at www.swsociology.org/html/home.html. *

ISA RCo6 Seminar, March 28-30, 2013, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. "Demographic and Institutional Change in Global Families." More information at www.isa-sociology.org/conference.php?t=652. *

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting, OctoberMarch 27-30, 2013, Chicago, IL. "Integrating the Sociology Eclectic: Teaching, Research and Social Activism." Contact: Barbara Keating and Kimberly Maas at mss2013@mnsu.edu. More information at www.theMSS.org. *

Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association. June 26-28, 2013, University of Bern. "Inequality and Integration in Times of Crisis." Deadline: plenary sessions are due on January 15, 2013. After the organizing committee accepts the proposal, the call for papers will be published. Contact: Sabrina Schüpbach, Assistant Conference Manager, sgskongress2013@soz.unibe.ch. More information at www.sgs-kongress2013.unibe.ch. *

Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August 10-13, 2013, New York. "Linking Micro and Macro." The announced listing of topics and online guide to the Call for Papers for the 2013 ASA Annual Meeting is now available. More information at www.asanet.org. *



Funding

NIA Grant for Alzheimer's Disease Studies.

The National Institute on Aging is accepting grant applications for the Alzheimer's Disease Phase I Clinical Trials initiative, which will provide support for first-in-human studies for promising Alzheimer's disease therapeutics. These first stage clinical trials will evaluate the metabolic and pharmacological actions of drugs, including biologics in humans. Applications must contain an approved Investigational New Drug (IND) status or an exploratory IND status; and evidence of proof of mechanism or target engagement for the therapeutic agent obtained during preclinical drug development. Responsive applications with a known target(s) will also include additional information on the mechanism of action for the therapeutic agent, information related to the target profile, the level of agreement in the field regarding the target's role in disease pathogenesis and clinical relevance of the target, and information on the predicted optimal disease stage (asymptomatic, MCI mild, moderate or severe AD) to engage the target. Deadline: January 13, 2013. More information at www.grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-13-016.html. *

Franklin Research Grants, American Philosophical Society.

This program of small grants to scholars is intended to support the cost of research leading to publication in all areas of knowledge. The Franklin program is particularly designed to help meet the cost of travel to libraries and archives for research purposes; the purchase of microfilm, photocopies, or equivalent research materials; the costs associated with fieldwork; or laboratory research expenses. Applicants are expected to have a doctorate or to

have published work of doctoral character and quality. Deadline: February 1, 2013. Contact: Linda Musumeci, Director of Grants and Fellowships, lmusumeci@amphilsoc.org. More information at www.amphilsoc.org. *



Jobs

Assistant/Associate Professor in Adult Development and Aging at Penn State. The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) in the College of Health and Human Development at Pennsylvania State University invites applications for a tenure-track position. We seek a faculty colleague whose research focuses on adult development and aging, and who uses methods either of prevention science or family studies. The candidate's interests should focus broadly on understanding and building a basis for the enhancement of physical and/or psychological health. Substantive focus of research includes, but is not limited to: emotions and emotional regulation, engagement in work or volunteer activities, quality of life, social networks, family relationships and support, stress processes, biological mechanisms, and health behaviors. Applicants should demonstrate a clear program of research, strong publication record, and the potential to obtain external funding. Responsibilities include teaching and advising. For more information about HDFS see www.hhdev.psu.edu/HDFS. An earned doctorate in the behavioral or social sciences and the promise of outstanding scholarly accomplishments are required. The successful candidate will also be an affiliate of the Penn State Center for Healthy Aging (healthyaging.psu.edu/). Deadline: review of applications and

nominations will begin immediately and continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, and three reference letters to: Adult Development Search Committee, Dept. of HDFS (Job Number: 37680), 211 Henderson South, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce.*

Professor at Case Western Reserve University.

The Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve University invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor. We seek a candidate who can contribute to undergraduate and graduate training in areas of social demography or quantitative methods, and whose research and teaching interests complement and extend one or more of our current departmental strengths in age/life course, inequality, and medical sociology/health. Case Western Reserve University offers students the quality and class size of a strong liberal arts college within one of the nation's major research universities. The teaching load is 2/2; CWRU faculty members also have the opportunity to teach in our university-wide undergraduate program of liberal education, SAGES. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Sociology or related field by the time of appointment. In employment, as in education, Case Western Reserve University is committed to Equal Opportunity and Diversity. Women, veterans, members of underrepresented minority groups, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Case Western Reserve University provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. Applicants requiring a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should contact the Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equal Opportunity at 216-368-8877 to request a reasonable accommodation. Determinations as to granting reasonable accommodations for any applicant will be made on a case-by-case basis. Deadline: review of applications will begin October 22, 2012, and

continue until the search is concluded. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, samples of written work, and addresses (including email) of three references to Dale Dannefer (socijobs@cwru.edu), Chair, Department of Sociology, Case Western Reserve University, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106-7124. *

Adjunct Assistant or Associate Professor in Psychology at Notre Dame de Namur University.

The Notre Dame de Namur University seeks an adjunct, full-time faculty member to teach in the Psychology/Sociology Department for the Spring 2013 Semester. This faculty position involves teaching undergraduate courses, which may include (but is not limited to) Cognitive Psychology, Introduction to Psychology, Psychobiology, Research Methods, Abnormal Psychology and an elective class, e.g., Human Sexuality, Developmental Psychology, Psychology of Women and Gender, Multicultural Psychology, etc. The faculty member will also assist in advising undergraduate psychology majors. Deadline: open until filled. Contact. hr@ndnu.edu. More information at <http://www.ndnu.edu/human-resources/jobs-avail.aspx#APP111912>. *



Competitions

NCSA 2013 Student Paper Competition. The North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) is receiving submissions of student papers. Selected papers have the chance to be published in Sociological Focus. The completion is broken down into two divisional awards: Graduate Student Division and Undergraduate Division. The completion is open to all students at two-year and four-year colleges, universities, and

community colleges. The maximum length of a paper is 5,000 words (approximately 18-20 pages). An abstract of no more than 100 words must also be included. Papers with multiple authors will be considered provided that all authors are students in the same division category. Winners are expected to present their papers at the NCSA 2013 annual meeting to receive the monetary award. Deadline: January 7, 2013. Contact: Carolette Norwood at carollette.norwood@uc.edu. *



Websites

Lady Gaga and the Sociology of Fame, deflem.blogspot.com/p/video.html. A colleague from the American Sociological Association wants to share a useful teaching aid consisting of videos on Lady Gaga on and the sociology of fame. *

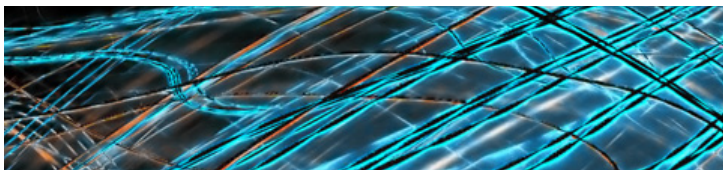
Financial Security Project, fsp.bc.edu. The Financial Security Project was established in 2009 through a grant from the U.S. Social Security Administration and is an initiative of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. The project mission is to help people make smart decisions throughout their lives so they are financially secure at retirement. One of the recent posts discusses a new study that finds that those who are most confident of their knowledge about money and investments are also the most likely to fall victim to fraud.*

ETORBIZI Presentations and Lectures, www.etorbizi.net/ing/actualidad.php. ETORBIZI, the Centre of Social Health Care Innovation in the Basque Country in Spain, funds research projects and pilot initiatives on social health care coordination and

integrated care that link ageing, chronic diseases, disability and dependency throughout the life course. This website includes more than 600 presentations, posters, and lectures given between October 8 and 10 by researchers, practitioners and policy makers. International keynote speakers included Helen Dickinson from University of Birmingham and Kai Leichsenring from the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research. Contact: Gerardo Zamora, Head of Projects, g.zamora@etorbizi.net. *

ASA Medical Sociology, www2.asanet.org/medicalsociology. The Medical Sociology section at the American Sociological Association (ASA) opened a new website integrating a variety of resources, jobs, past newsletters, and a number of other informative links.*

Teaching Tools, www.cswe.org/CentersInitiatives/GeroEdCenter/TeachingTools.aspx. This website includes a variety of resources on teaching about aging, from the Council on Social Work Education.*



Data

SHARE Wave 4 Data. The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) is a multidisciplinary and cross-national panel database of micro data on health, socio-economic status and social and family networks of more than 55,000 individuals from 20 European countries aged 50 or over. SHARE recently released the first version of wave 4 data, including four new countries and a new module on social networks. This first release also contains several modules with generated variables, including imputations. Weights will be available

during early December. More information at www.share-project.org. *

Human Mortality Database. Data for Czech Republic were revised and updated through 2011. More information at www.mortality.org/cgi-bin/hmd/DataAvailability.php. *

Health and Retirement Study 2009. The Health and Retirement Study (HRS) has released data from a 2009 survey designed to track changes in prescription drug utilization and drug benefit administered by Medicare Part D. This is the third wave of data, with the baseline administered in 2005 and focused on prescription drug use, coverage, awareness, and satisfaction prior to the implementation of Medicare Part D. The second wave was administered in 2007 and aimed to capture similar information after the implementation of Medicare Part D. This third wave continues to assess Medicare Part D utilization and satisfaction as well as prescription drug usage and expenditures, expanding the sample to 7,417 respondents. More information at www.hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/index.php. *



Training

Community Gerontology Training at Mar del Plata. The third program on community gerontology for Argentinean civil servants will be held in Mar del Plata. This two-year graduate program will start on August 29, 2013, and is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Social Development and four universities: Mar del Plata, Nordeste, Salta, and de San Juan. *

Master in Public Administration at Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA). Starting this year, the School of Business and Economics at UBA will be offering courses on demographic aging within the MPA curriculum.*

Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Princeton University. The Office of Population Research at Princeton University invites applications for an NIH postdoctoral fellowship. Candidates must have completed an MD or a Ph.D. in demography, sociology, statistics, or other relevant field prior to the start of the appointment. Applicants for this NIH fellowship must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Appointment is for one year, with possibility of renewal based on satisfactory performance and continued funding, and a start date of September 2013. Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, 1-3 page projected research plan, writing samples, a list of publications and contact information for 3 references. Princeton University is an equal opportunity employer and complies with applicable EEO and affirmative action regulations. Deadline: screening of applicants will start on February 1, 2013 and continue until position is filled. Contact: Mary Lou Delaney, md@princeton.edu. More information at <https://jobs.princeton.edu>. *

Postdoctoral in the Study of Aging at RAND Corporation. The RAND Corporation is accepting applications for one or more postdoctoral fellowships in the Study of Aging. This program enables outstanding scholars to sharpen their analytic skills and advance their research agenda in the field of aging. Scholars come from various disciplines including economics, demography, sociology, and psychology. Housed within RAND's Labor and Population Program, the program blends formal and informal training and extensive collaboration with distinguished researchers without teaching obligations. One-year fellowships are renewable for a second year and provide a competitive stipend and health insurance. Fellows must be U.S. citizens

or permanent residents, and must have completed a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline before they begin the program. The program is open to new scholars, as well as individuals who have some research experience or are on leave from an academic position. Deadline: application review begins February 22, 2013. Contact: Diana Malouf, malouf@rand.org. More information at <http://www.rand.org/labor/fellows/aging.html>. *

People

Professor Arvind Kumar Joshi, Department of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India, has been elected Secretary of Association of Gerontology – India (AGI), for the period between 2013 and 2014. This is the third time that he has been unanimously elected Secretary of AGI.*

George L. Maddox, Ph. D., passed away on August 9, 2012. At the time of his death, he was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology at Duke University. He served as Director of the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development from 1972-1982, as Chairman of the University Council for Aging and Human Development from 1982-1992, and as Director of the Long-Term Care Resources Center from 1990-2009. Maddox excelled in aging research, education, and service to older adults. His major areas of research included longitudinal studies of normal aging, multi-dimensional functional assessment, and aging health and social policy. He published more than 250 journal articles and book chapters. His first aging publication was in 1960; his last was in 2010. He mentored a large number of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty, many of whom became distinguished gerontology leaders. His efforts in policy and practice resulted in the development of the Geriatric Evaluation and Treatment Clinic at Duke University Medical Center; a subsidized public housing project for older adults that includes supportive services; and a variety of tools used in assessment, program planning and program evaluation in long-term care settings. *

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