

# ACRDC Newsletter

**A report of activities of the Atlanta Census Research Data Center**  
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## Paper Chase

Most, but not all, consortium members have reviewed and returned comments on the **Consortium Agreement** to the legal office at Georgia State University. We hope to get the legal offices of the two remaining institutions to act soon so we can finalize the Agreement. If you have questions, please contact Barry Hirsch. Caroline Lombard is the legal contact at GSU.

The **Joint Statistical Project Agreement (JSPA)** is the agreement between the GSU Research Foundation and the U.S. Census Bureau that legally creates the ACRDC. The agreement has been approved by GSU legal and is currently making its way through multiple legal layers at Census. Census hopes this agreement will be finalized by the end of 2010.

The ACRDC will be physically located at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in space that will be leased by the GSU Research Foundation on behalf of the ACRDC. The **Lease Agreement** between GSU and FRBA has been approved by both legal departments and will be signed as soon as the JSPA is finalized.

## Construction Contour

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta has identified prime real estate in which to locate the ACRDC. The space is re-purposed from an area previously devoted to check processing. As fewer checks are written each year in favor of credit and debit cards, electronic funds transfers, etc., the FRBA is able to embrace and physically accommodate new activities such as the ACRDC.

While mindful of the yet to be finalized necessary paperwork, the FRBA has recognized that there is significant merit to beginning the build-out planning process. In light of this, the FRBA held the build-out kick-off meeting on November 3. Representatives from all interested parties, including Facilities, Research, Law Enforcement, IT, and Census convened to begin the discussion of important details that will guide the planning process.

## Save the Date

**February 11, 2011**

The Center for Human Capital Studies at the FRBA and the Andrew Young School at Georgia State University are hosting an ACRDC Data Information Conference with the goal of exposing as many people as possible to as much information as possible about data available through the RDCs. University and Census Bureau researchers will present detailed information on the business, demographic, and health data available through the RDCs, will present research using RDC data, and will relate details and personal experiences about writing and doing research in an RDC. More details will be forthcoming.

## ACRDC in Cyberspace

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The Atlanta Research Data Center has launched its initial version of the ACRDC website, hosted by the Andrew Young School at GSU. This is a terrific source for information about data available through the RDC network and information on writing project proposals.

## Proposal Development Progress

Our goal is to have a significant number of proposals approved by Census by the time the ACRDC unlocks its doors. The process of approval takes several months and there are very specific guidelines that researchers must follow in preparing proposals. Before the ACRDC is up to speed, Census Administrators across the RDC network are prepared to assist researchers in preparing proposals now. We need to know what proposals are in production so that we can find an Administrator to help. Please keep Julie Hotchkiss posted about proposals being developed and plans to begin writing a proposal. Check out our web site ([aysps.gsu.edu/acrdc](http://aysps.gsu.edu/acrdc)) for information and links that facilitate proposal writing. Below are some proposals planned or in progress.

### Emory University:

- "Trends in the Determinants of Race/Ethnic disparities in Child Health" by Neil Mehta, Hedy Lee, and Kelly Ylitalo *Preliminary NCHS approval*
- "The Contribution of Obesity to International Differences in Life Expectancy" by Neil Mehta, Samuel Preston, and Andrew Stokes *In production*

### Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:

- "Primary and Secondary Employment Impacts of Local Economic Development Projects" by Christopher Cunningham, Julie Hotchkiss, and Melinda Pitts *In production*
- "Uncertainty and Financial Frictions" by Tao Zha and Kaiji Chen *In production*
- "The Relationship between Foreclosures and Small Business Survival" by Gustavo Canavire, Karen Leone de Nie, and Myriam Quispe-Agnoli *In production*

### Georgia State University:

- "Response Bias in Earnings in the Current Population Survey" by Christopher Bollinger and Barry Hirsch *In production*

### University of Georgia:

- "How is the Migration of High Skilled Workers Affected by Economic and Non-economic Factors?" by Jeffrey Dorman and Warren Brown *In production*

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