

ACRDC Newsletter

A report of activities of the Atlanta Census Research Data Center

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A Celebration for the Newest Census Research Data Center

On Monday, September 26, 2011, 75 people descended on the Atlanta Fed to celebrate the imminent opening of the Atlanta Census Research Data Center. Once some security fine-tuning takes place, the ACRDC will be open for business.

After a brief tour of the lab, researchers, students, civil servants, dignitaries, administrators, and other friends of the ACRDC listened to Dr. Robert Groves, Director of the U.S. Census Bureau relate how important Research Data Center activity is to improving the products and purpose of Census. He also emphasized how crucial it is that researchers never forget where each of their data points comes from -- they represent a person or an enterprise who has entrusted us with their personal information; that trust can never be taken too lightly.



During lunch, Dr. Patrick Bayer from Duke University shared with the gathering how restricted Census micro data has been essential in his investigations of hiring networks. He finds that residing on the same block, especially with people of similar sociodemographic characteristics, significantly increases the probability of working together compared with even residing in nearby blocks.

Links to the video of both Dr. Groves' and Dr. Bayer's presentations will soon be posted on the ACRDC web site (aysps.gsu.edu/acrdc/grandopening.html), as well as many more pictures from the event, and the opening remarks made by Dr. Barry Hirsch, Chair of the RDC Review Board, which chronicles the "birth" (as Dr. Groves would put it) of the ACRDC.

Only Three RDC Health Data Presentations Left -- Don't Miss Out!

LiveMeeting available: Contact Stephanie Robinson, srobinson7@cdc.gov, 770-488-5092

Thursday, October 13, 1:30p-2:30p: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES): New Data and Research Possibilities at the RDC

Wednesday, October 19, 1:00p-2:30p: NCHS Surveys Linked to Medicaid Data

Tuesday, October 25, 1:30p-2:30p: National Survey of Family Growth 2006-2010 Data

Projects and Proposals

Check out the ACRDC web site (aysps.gsu.edu/acrdc) for information and links that facilitate proposal writing.

Georgia Institute of Technology:

- "Travel Patterns" by Laurie Garrow, Josie Kressner, and Gregory Macfarlane *Proposal in production*
"Industrial Classification of Innovative Firms" by Diana Hicks *Proposal 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 *Proposal in production*
"Home Equity Lending and Small Business: Relaxing Credit constraints in Texas" by Chadi Abdallah, William Lastrapes, and Ian Schmutte *Proposal in production*

Emory University:

- "Soft Drink Taxes and Childhood Obesity" by David Frisvold, Jason Fletcher, and Nathan Tefft *Active Project*
"The Effect of Educational Quality on Health Outcomes in Later Life" by David Frisvold and Ezra Golberstein *Active Project*
"Trends in the Determinants of Race/Ethnic Disparities in Child Health" by Neil Mehta, Hedy Lee, and Kelly Ylitalo *Active Project*
"The Contribution of Obesity to International Differences in Life Expectancy" by Neil Mehta, Samuel Preston, and Andrew Stokes *Proposal in production*
"The Distributional Effects of Tobacco Control Policies on Smoking Outcomes" by Erik Nesson *Proposal in production*
"Determinants of Educational and Developmental Outcomes among Adopted and Non-adopted Children" by Regina Werum, Tomeka Davis (GSU), Irene Browne, and Simon Cheng (U of CT) *Active Project*

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:

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

Georgia State University:

- "Response Bias in Earnings in the Current Population Survey" by Christopher Bollinger (U of KY) and Barry Hirsch *Proposal in production*
"Differential Impacts of Incarceration on Food Security in the U.S." by Sally Wallace and Robynn Cox *Proposal in production*
"Comparison of the distributions of Production and Energy Efficiency in Manufacturing" by Gale Boyd (Duke) and Mark Curtis *Active Project*

Louisiana State University:

"Assessing the Impact of Misreporting Medicaid Status on Measures of the Uninsured"

by Dek Terrell

Proposal in production

University of Tennessee-Chattanooga:

"Higher Education Opportunities and Local Employment Conditions"

by Michaël Bonnal

Proposal in production

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