Inaugural ACRDC Research Conference Held Oct. 18-19
Thirty-three researchers from across the ACRDC Consortium Institutions gathered in Athens, GA, to attend the research conference. Nine researchers presented their work in the RDC and topics included:

- smoking behavior
- behavior of entrepreneurial firms
- causes and consequences of obesity
- educational outcomes of adopted children
- the importance of job information networks
- the success of Manufacturing Extension Partnerships
- the role of management practices in energy efficiency
- the role of information technology in vertical integration of firms

John Haltiwanger (University of Maryland) and Paige Ouimet (UNC-Chapel Hill) presented keynote addresses, "Workplace Concentration of Immigrants," and "Employee Stock Ownership Plans: Employee Compensation and Firm Value," respectively.

NSF Funding Opportunities Suited for Use of RDC Data

**Smart Health and Wellbeing (SHB)**
Through the Smart Health and Wellbeing (SHB) Program, NSF seeks to address fundamental technical and scientific issues that would support much needed transformation of healthcare from reactive and hospital-centered to preventive, proactive, evidence-based, person-centered and focused on wellbeing rather than disease.

The Center would like to enhance its efforts to support analytic and methodological research in support of its surveys, and to engage in the education and training of researchers in the use of large-scale nationally representative datasets. NCSES welcomes efforts by the research community to use NCSES data for research on the science and technology enterprise, to develop improved survey methodologies for NCSES surveys, to create and improve indicators of S&T activities and resources, and strengthen methodologies to analyze and disseminate S&T statistical data.

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)**
The purpose of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is to help ensure the vitality and diversity of the scientific and engineering workforce in the United States. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in fields within NSF's mission.
Science of Science and Innovation Policy (SciSIP)
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501084
The Science of Science & Innovation Policy (SciSIP) program supports research designed to advance the scientific basis of science and innovation policy. Research funded by the program thus develops, improves and expands models, analytical tools, data and metrics that can be applied in the science policy decision-making process.

Stay Connected with Census Research and Researchers
Census has launched two new ways for the research community to stay informed about research at Census and make it easier to access Census research data tools and opportunities: "Research@Census" (http://www.census.gov/research/) gives you access to recent working papers, seminars, and data information. "Research Matters" (http://researchmatters.blogs.census.gov) is a blog featuring insights about research development, issues, and history; subscribe and stay informed!

Center for Economic Studies Mentorship Program
CES wants to assist doctoral candidates who are actively engaged in dissertation research in economics or a related filed using Census Bureau microdata at a Research Data by:
(1) assigning a mentor to advise the student on use of Census micro data, and
(2) provide travel expenses to visit CES to discuss research with staff economists.
Application guidelines: http://www.census.gov/ces/researchprograms/mentorship.html

Stay Tuned...
Announcement about the newest consortium member will be made early in 2013.

Projects and Proposals
See the ACRDC web site (aysps.gsu.edu/acrdc) for information and links for writing proposals. The list below reflects only those projects that are active or are under review. There are many more in production.

Emory University:
"Soft Drink Taxes and Childhood Obesity"  
  by David Frisvold, Jason Fletcher, and Nathan Tefft  
  Active

"Trends in the Determinants of Race/Ethnic Disparities in Child Health"  
  by Neil Mehta, Hedy Lee, and Kelly Ylitalo  
  Active

"The Contribution of Obesity to International Differences in Life Expectancy"  
  by Neil Mehta  
  Active

"The Distributional Effects of Tobacco Control Policies on Smoking Outcomes"  
  by Erik Nesson  
  Active
University of Tennessee-Knoxville:
"Imputing Small Area Sample Weights for Public Use Microdata: Increasing the Geographic Scope of the PUMS" by Nicholas Nagle, Barbara Buttenfield (U of CO), and Stefan Leyke (U of CO) 
"Improving the Connection Between the Spatial and the Survey Sciences" by Nicholas Nagle and Seth Spielman (U of CO) 
"Contextual Effects of Community Characteristics on Health Care Behaviors among Older Foreign-born Individuals" by Sunha Choi 
Active

Georgia State University:
"Determinants of Educational and Developmental Outcomes among Adopted and Non-adopted Children" by Regina Werum (Emory), Tomeka Davis (GSU), Irene Browne (Emory), and Simon Cheng (U of CT) 
"Place, Race/Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship in the Global Era: A Comparative Analysis" by Cathy Yang Liu and Qingfang Wang (UNC-Charlotte) 
Active

University of Georgia:
"The Going Public Decision and the Product Market" by Jack He and Shan He (LSU) 
"LEHD Infrastructure Project" by Ian Schmutte and others at Cornell U 
"The Origins of Entrepreneurship" by Jack He, Mercedes Delgado (Temple U), Wayne Gray (Clark U), and others at Boston 
"Employee Risk Tolerance and Corporate Decisions" by Jack He and Tao Shu 
Pending

Georgia Institute of Technology:
"Evaluating the Long-term Effect of NIST MEP Services on Establishment Performance" by Jan Youtie, Sanjay Arora, Cliff Lipscomb (Greenfield Advisors), and Andy Krause (Greenfield Advisors) 
"Organizations in the Digital Economy: Information Technology Use, Complementary Investments, and Their Impacts on Firm Outcomes" by Chris Forman, Kristina McElheran (Harvard), Lynn Riggs (Baylor), Naomi Hausman (NBER), and Robert Bray (Northwestern) 
"Productivity, Supply Chain Structure, and Information Technology Investment: Investigating Endogenous I.T. Investment by Firms" by Chris Forman, Kristina McElheran (Harvard), Shane Greenstein (Northwestern) 
Pending

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