#WeAreTheWetlands

This series of posters was completed by students in the Environmental Issues unit of the Wakarusa Wetlands class taught by Professors Jay T. Johnson, Joseph P. Brewer, Cody Marshall, and guest instructor Dave Loewenstein. Inspired by the decades-long struggle to protect the Wakarusa Wetlands from the now-built K-10 traffic way, students from both Haskell and KU worked in pairs to imagine how to re-engage the Lawrence community with the continued challenges facing this ecosystem and the cultural life which it embodies. The Spencer Museum of Art’s Integrated Arts Research Initiative, through a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, supported this project. 
Visit https://ipsr.ku.edu/cfirst/projects/wearethewetlands.shtml to learn more and to see these spectacular posters.

Research Spotlight: What influences police decision-making?
Patricia Sattler, a doctoral candidate in School of Social Welfare, recently won a $78,783 fellowship from the National Institute of Justice to study the influences that shape police decision-making and engagement with victims of violent crimes. Her research, “Macro-level Influences on Police Decision-making and Engagement with Victims of Serious Violent Crimes: A Narrative Case Study of Two States,” will explore the factors that influence officers' decision-making and case processing and how these factors shape their engagement with
victims of serious violent crime in two states. Sattler’s study will include interviews with 40 certified law enforcement officers in rural and urban settings in multiple jurisdictions across Arizona and Nebraska. In addition to these interviews, she’ll analyze policies, procedures, training materials and other relevant documents from individual jurisdictions.

Sattler was awarded an NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship under the program for the Social and Behavioral Sciences. This funding supports doctoral students for research that improves knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science. Nancy Jo Kepple, assistant professor of social welfare, is the chair of Sattler’s committee, and Steven Maynard-Moody, professor of public affairs & administration, will serve as Sattler’s methodologist and substantive expert.

If you are, or you know, a graduate student seeking funding to support their research, let us know by contacting Nancy Myers (ncmyers@ku.edu).

NSF supporting document rules changing
The National Science Foundation is updating its Proposal & Awards Policies & Procedures Guide effective for proposals submitted or due, and awards made, as of June 1, 2020. One of the big changes: NSF will now require researchers to use an NSF-approved format for the biographical sketch and current and pending support. For more information, including the updated formats (when they’re available), see this page for the biosketch: https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp and this page for current and pending support: https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/cps.jsp

Questions or concerns? Contact Nancy Myers (ncmyers@ku.edu).

Serving the Sunflower State
IPSR is an organization with deep Kansas roots, not only because the majority of our staff members were born and raised in our fair state. Under the leadership of Governor Laura Kelly, IPSR staff and directors are supporting the state through service.

• Hannah Britton, professor of political science and women, gender & sexuality studies and director of the Center for the Study of Injustice, which includes the Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Initiative, was appointed to the Human Trafficking Advisory Board for the state.
• Xan Wedel, senior research data engineer and lead for the Kansas State Data Center, is helping ensure that all Kansans are counted in the 2020 Census through the Kansas Complete Count Committee.
• Donna Ginther, professor of economics, director of the Center for Science, Technology & Economic Policy, and interim director of IPSR, is advising the Council on Tax Reform.

Since a key part of IPSR’s mission is a focus on policy-relevant questions, we’re especially excited to see these connections between scholarship and policy develop. Thanks for your service, Hannah, Xan, and Donna!

Funding opportunity: Building a Culture of Health with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
With help from Dort Daley, professor of public affairs & administration, IPSR hosted Alonzo Plough, VP, Research-Evaluation-Learning and Chief Science Officer of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. RWJF aims to build a national Culture of Health and awards grants to public agencies, universities, and charities to achieve that goal. We learned during Plough’s visit that RWJF is planning a national collaborative to invest in health equity research across diverse sectors with an objective to accelerate learning and action.

If you’d like to learn more or seek funding from RWJF, we’re happy to help. To get started, contact Nancy Myers (ncmyers@ku.edu).
**Ask IPSR: Ask the program officer**

Q: I looked through a funding solicitation, and it seems like the work I’m doing is exactly the kind of research this funder wants to support. I’ve heard in the past that it’s a good idea to check in with a program officer if I’m not sure that my work is a good fit. Do I still need to do that if my work is a great fit?

A: Yes! We strongly encourage you to contact the program officer as soon as you seriously consider applying for funding. If you start with an email, you can include a brief summary of the research project that you have in mind. Consider noting that you’re available to discuss by phone in case they prefer that format to email.

Program officers will rarely (if ever) tell you whether they think your proposal will be funded, but they can help you understand the goals for a program and may be able to advise you about whether the work you’re doing is responsive to those goals. If your work isn’t a great fit, they might be able to recommend another program in the agency that’s a better fit. And—this is key—they can share with you any tacit expectations or aims for the program.

**Visualization of the Moment: Why does the 2020 Census matter?**

This month, we’ve got a timely visualization for you in anticipation of the 2020 Census. Why does the census matter? Sure, political representation is important. But so is money! Find out how important, in dollar amounts, the census is for key federal programs with this graphic from Reuters: [https://graphics.reuters.com/USA-CENSUS/010092JZ39N/index.html](https://graphics.reuters.com/USA-CENSUS/010092JZ39N/index.html)

**IPSR in the news**

Beth Bailey, Foundation Distinguished Professor in history and director of the Center for Military, War, and Society Studies, spoke with KCUR’s Central Standard about her research on hair and race in the US military. Hear the interview: [https://www.kcur.org/post/seg-1-two-womens-marches-seg-2-hair-conflicts-military#stream/0](https://www.kcur.org/post/seg-1-two-womens-marches-seg-2-hair-conflicts-military#stream/0), and check out her publication “The US Army and the ‘Problem of Race’: Afros, Race Consciousness, and Institutional Logic,” in The Journal of American History.

Donna Ginther, professor of economics and interim director, IPSR, spoke with Carolyn Y. Johnson of the Washington Post to discuss recent research showing that “subtle differences in how women describe their discoveries may affect their career trajectories.” Men tend to describe their work with words like “unique” and “excellent” more frequently than women. For the full story: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/12/16/men-are-more-likely-than-women-call-their-science-excellent/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/12/16/men-are-more-likely-than-women-call-their-science-excellent/)


**Preparing the next generation of scholars**

Are there words of wisdom you’re keen to share with a multidisciplinary group of social science doctoral students? We’re interested in learning what IPSR affiliates might want to pass on to the IPSR Doctoral Fellows. If you’re interested in presenting a fall program session to develop our fellows’ research and professional skills, let us know by contacting Whitney Onasch ([wonasch@ku.edu](mailto:wonasch@ku.edu)).
IPSR director candidate visits
Join us for events that will help shape the future of the Institute for Policy & Social Research. Candidates for the IPSR Director position will each make a public presentation and then stay for a meet and greet in Blake 210 from 10:30 to 11:30 am on Wednesday, January 29 and from 11 am to 12 noon on Thursday, January 30. Candidate names and CVs are posted on the Office of Research website (https://research.ku.edu/employment).

Need some three-rings?
IPSR has an abundance of three-ring binders (2-inch width). Should you or your colleagues need them, please let Carolyn Caine (caine@ku.edu) know. Please note that these must be used for KU purposes.

EVENTS

We Remember: A Ten-Year Retrospective on the Earthquake in Haiti.
*Fatal Assistance in Haiti Post-Earthquake* on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 4 to 7 pm in the OMA Classroom, showing the film *Fatal Assistance* by Raoul Peck, followed by a Q&A with Rachel Denney and Pere DeRoy (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies) and Bartholomew Dean (Anthropology). Refreshments will be provided.

Remembering the Earthquake 10 Years Later on Thursday, January 30 from 12 noon to 3 pm in the Kansas Room of the KU Memorial Union, showing the film *Ayiti, Mon Amour*, by Guetty Felin followed by Q&A with Jean Eddy Saint Paul (Sociology, Brooklyn College, Founding Director of the CUNY Haitian Studies Institute) and Giselle Anatol (English), moderated by Rachel Denney (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies).

An informational meeting on the 2020 Census will include presentations from, and time for a Q&A with, Xan Wedel (Kansas State Data Center and IPSR), and Frankie Foster-Davis, who works in recruitment for the census, on January 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the auditorium of the Lawrence Public Library.

Center for Compassionate & Sustainable Communities Spotlight on Care takes place most Wednesdays at noon throughout the semester at The Commons, Spooner Hall. Coming up:
January 29, Care and Justice: Learn about the relationship between compassion and social justice, and theories of linkages between compassion and justice, and try a few practices to support your own efforts.
February 5, Mental Health & Self-Care: Learn more about the relationship between mental health and self-care, how to use self-care to help support mental well-being, and how to know when additional support is needed.
February 12, Slow Research: Explore notions of Fast and Slow in relation to pace, productivity, and pleasure in the academy.

Educate & Act Civic Engagement in 2020: Part I: Understanding the Census, a panel on how census data is used, how the results affect the population, what the process for collecting information is, and who is involved in the process, including Tiara Floyd (Student Body President), Donna Ginther (Economics and interim director, IPSR), Xan Wedel (Kansas State Data Center and IPSR), and Virginia Phillips (US Census Bureau), on February 4 at 5:30 pm at The Commons in Spooner Hall.
Center for Migration Research event, **Stacey Vanderhurst** (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies) on “**Naïve, Desperate, or Determined? Making Sense of High-Risk Migration,**” February 5, 3:30 to 5 pm, Kansas Union, International Room.

Sawyer Seminar: **Moya Bailey** (Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Northeastern University), “**Misogynoir in Medicine,**” February 5, 5:30 pm, Hall Center for the Humanities, Conference Hall.

The **Center for Compassionate & Sustainable Communities** is hosting **Megan Horst** (Urban Studies and Planning, Portland State University) on “**Centering Social Justice in Climate Action with Talk,**” Coffee at The Commons 10 am, February 6, and on “**Planning for Just and Sustainable Communities: Reflections on food systems and climate action planning in the Pacific Northwest,**” at 6 pm, February 6 in Dole Human Development Center 2092.

IPSR research lunch: **Joey Orr**, Andrew W. Mellon Curator for Research, Spencer Museum of Art, “**Research and Working with the Spencer Museum of Art,**” February 7, 11:45 am to 1 pm in Blake 210. Let us know if you’re attending by writing Carolyn Caine (caine@ku.edu).

**Red Hot Research No. 60: Queer Research** featuring **Megan Paceley** (Social Welfare) and moderated by **Nicholas Syrett** (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies), The Commons, Spooner Hall, February 7 from 4 to 5:30 pm.

Sawyer Seminar: **Ama de Graft Aikins** (Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London), “**Chronicity and Systems of Care in Ghanaian Communities in Europe,**” February 19, 5:30 pm, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, Roberts Amphitheater.

Center for the Study of Injustice Qualitative Research Graduate Student event, **Jay T. Johnson** (Geography & Atmospheric Science and director, Center for Indigenous Science, Research and Technology) on “**Empowering Methodologies,**” February 21, 3 to 4:30 pm, Blake 210.

Hall Center for the Humanities Resident Fellow Seminar: **Germaine Halegoua** (Film & Media Studies) will discuss ongoing research for a book-length project about the **political economic, cultural, and socio-technical histories of dark fiber networks within the United States**, February 26 at 12:00 pm. RSVP required at least one week in advance.

Sawyer Seminar: **Deborah Willis** (Photography & Imaging, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University), “**Critical Narratives in Visualizing the Black Body in Photography and Popular Culture,**” February 26, 5:30 pm, KU Lawrence, The Forum, Marvin Hall.

**32nd Annual Seaver Lecture, David Slusky** (Economics), “**What to Expect When You’re Unexpectedly Expecting: Reproductive Rights Restrictions in Trump’s America,**” March 4, 2020, 4:30 to 6 pm, Hall Center for the Humanities Conference Hall.

Center for Migration Research event, **Cheryl Holmes** (Social Welfare), **Suzanne Gladney** (Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund), **Toniann Richard** (Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri), & **Kimberly Reynolds** on “**Partnering with Migratory & Seasonal Agricultural Workers: Building Capacity for Healthcare Delivery and Research.**” March 4, 5:30-7 pm, Location TBD.
Sawyer Seminar: **Charly Evon Simpson** (playwright and teacher), “**Rendering the Invisible, Visible: Writing about Black Women’s Bodies**,” March 4, 5:30 pm, KU-Lawrence, Memorial Union, Malott Room.

Sawyer Seminar: **Duana Fullwiley** (Anthropology, Stanford University), “**The Faces and Facets of Belonging: The Seen and the Unseen in Scientific Visions of Genetic Human Difference**,” March 16, 5:30 pm, KU Lawrence Memorial Union, Alderson Auditorium.

IPSR research lunch: **Mary Hill** (Geology) will discuss her NSF-funded project “**FEWtures: Innovation Analysis Framework for Resilient Futures, with Application to the Central Arkansas River Basin**,” March 20, 11:45 am to 1 pm in Blake Hall 210. Let us know if you’re attending by writing Carolyn Caine (caine@ku.edu).

**Red Hot Graduate Research No. 14** moderated by IPSR doctoral fellow **Elise Higgins** (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies) March 20 from 4 to 5:30 pm at The Commons, Spooner Hall.

**Kansas Health Economics Conference**, convened by **David Slusky** (Economics), takes place on Monday, March 23 at the Adams Alumni Center.

Annual Blackmar Lecture, **Tom Vanheuvelen**, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota, “**The Right to Work, Power Resources, and Economic Inequality**,” on March 24, 3:30 pm in the Centennial Room of the Kansas Memorial Union.

Hall Center for the Humanities Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Workshop: **Mariah Crystal** (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies), “**Liberation on Two Fronts: Women in the Transnational Anti-Apartheid Movement**,” March 28, 12 noon to 1:30 pm. RSVP required at least one week in advance.

Center for Migration Research event, **Alexander Diener** (Geography & Atmospheric Science) on “**Nationalization, Place Attachment, & Migration Decisions in Kazakhstan**,” April 1, 3:30 to 5 pm, Bailey 318.

Center for the Study of Injustice Qualitative Research Graduate Student Event: A panel on **international research ethics**, with **Juliana Carlson** (Social Welfare), **John Kennedy** (Political Science), and **Ebenezer Obadare** (Sociology), April 3, 3 to 4:30 pm, Blake 210.

Hall Center for the Humanities Resident Fellows Seminar: **Rachel Denney** (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies), “**INGOs and the State in Guatemala, Haiti, and Jamaica**.” April 6, 2020 12 noon. RSVP required at least one week in advance.

Center for Military, War, and Society Studies symposium: “**The War on Drugs: Fifty Years, a Trillion Dollars, and Thirty Million Arrests**,” convened by **David Farber** (History), April 11, all day, Hall Center for the Humanities. Registration required; contact Carolyn Caine (caine@ku.edu).

Sawyer Seminar: **Therí Pickens** (English, Bates College), “**Black Madness :: Mad Blackness**,” April 16, 6 pm, Lawrence Public Library Auditorium.

Center for Compassionate & Sustainable Communities **Symposium on Climate Justice and Climate Compassion: Policy Innovation, Public Service, and Collective Action**, convened by **Ward Lyles** (Urban Planning), Thursday, April 16, 9 am to 4 pm and Friday, April 17, 9 am to noon, at The Commons, Spooner Hall. The symposium will bring together a group of thought leaders and practitioners working in the realms of
climate justice and climate compassion to share knowledge and develop models for policy innovation, public service, and collective action, using Lawrence, Kansas as a testbed.

Sawyer Seminar: **Rana A. Hogarth** (History, University of Illinois), “**Medicalizing Blackness and Measuring Miscegenation: Race-Crossing Studies and the Legacies of Slavery**,” April 29, 5:30 pm, Hall Center for the Humanities Conference Hall.

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