WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

IPSR is excited for the changes ahead in 2022. We are in the midst of hiring for two positions, we are eagerly anticipating the kickoff of a strategic planning process, and we have started redesigning our website. IPSR staff have formed a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee to focus and enhance our efforts around equity in our organization and in our work. We see these projects as crucial to our core mission to facilitate and advance social science research at KU and in the state of Kansas.

Research Data Center at KU
Currently, the Census Bureau has a Research Data Center (RDC) in Kansas City, Missouri. KU is now preparing an application for a new branch in Lawrence, Kansas. This would substantially reduce travel time for researchers both in Lawrence and anywhere to the west, including Topeka, Manhattan, Wichita, Emporia, and Salina.

A Census RDC is a way of using otherwise unavailable restricted US federal government data in one's research. This can be both for Census data itself or for data from other federal agencies that use the Census network of RDCs instead of building their own across the country.

The success of the application depends on our ability to demonstrate that a broad range of projects led by researchers from different institutions will benefit from the capacity an RDC at KU will offer. We invite colleagues from KU and other institutions between Lawrence, Kansas, and Denver, Colorado, to participate in this application. Complete this form to share your project, or contact David Slusky (david.slusky@ku.edu) to learn more about the application and next steps.

**IPSR Staff News**

After several years of dedicated and exemplary service to IPSR, Whitney Onasch will be moving on to a new position as a Scientific/Grant Writer for Frontiers: Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Kansas Medical Center. We congratulate Whitney on this new opportunity although we're sorry to see her leave.

**RESEARCH CENTER UPDATES**
Center for Compassionate & Sustainable Communities

Accolades
CCSC director Ward Lyles, Penn Pennel, and Rachel Riley won the Editor’s Choice award in the journal *Natural Hazards Review* for their manuscript on the Tulsa Turnaround and how Tulsa went from being the most flood-prone city in the country in the 1970s to a national leader in flood mitigation by the 1990s. This publication grew from NOAA-supported work done in collaboration with Southern Climate Impacts Planning Project in Oklahoma.

Proposals
The CCSC team is leading a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessment $5 million proposal with Mid-America Regional Council ($1m/yr). If funded, this grant will support five years of climate adaptation research and engagement, positioning KU as a key hub in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska for applied science to support sustainability and equity.

The CCSC team was also involved in EPA and NSF proposals, both related to climate change impacts (specifically heat waves), public policy and planning, and improving equity, as well as a Sloan Foundation proposal with multiple other universities to look at green energy transition and equity.

Ward Lyles submitted a proposal to the Carnegie Foundation to support work to understand why and how non-Native settlers in the US are opting to voluntarily return land to the Indigenous peoples from whom it was taken. This project dovetails with vital conversations at KU and beyond about our collective and individual relationships to land and to each other.

Sabbatical
CCSC director Ward Lyles is on sabbatical in Spring 2022 to recharge, wrap up some projects, and prepare to launch new projects.
Center for Environmental Policy

MOU with EPA Region 7

The Center for Environmental Policy (CEP) and Environmental Protection Agency (Region 7) are signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that facilitates several mutually beneficial activities. These activities include collaborating on joint research projects and sharing information about research-related training and seminars. EPA Region 7 will share information about student internship and employment opportunities and will offer grant application training to CEP affiliates. EPA Region 7 will share training tools with CEP, and in turn, CEP will serve as a community partner and resource to EPA Region 7 for research related seminars and special events. In addition, CEP and EPA Region 7 will encourage and facilitate visits among EPA personnel, and CEP affiliates for research consultations, meetings, workshops, and tours.

The signing will take place in late February 2022.

CEP & Research Rising

The Center for Environmental Policy is involved in one of the Research Rising proposals selected for Phase 2 of the process. The proposal examines energy transition.

The goal of this proposal is to form the Energy Transition and Resilience Institute at the University of Kansas in order to help society make the transition to cleaner energy systems that are broadly available across the planet (“energy transition”). The research institute will (1) develop new technologies that produce low-cost accessible energy with lower emissions, store energy, and preserve water resources, and (2) design innovative mitigation strategies with the ultimate goal of sustaining the planet and its inhabitants, while reducing the threats to societal well-being caused by climate change and energy inequity.
Center for Indigenous Science, Research, and Technology

Publications
Dr. Jay T. Johnson, Director of the Center for Indigenous Research, Science, and Technology (C-FIRST), and Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Geography & Atmospheric Science, is collaborating with co-editors and authors on a special edition on Indigenous Research Sovereignty for the Environment & Planning F journal under the RCN: Facilitating Indigenous Research, Science, and Technology Network (FIRST) grant, which was extended until March 2023.

HERS Summer Internship Program
Dr. Johnson continued work as the co-director of the Haskell Environmental Research Studies (HERS) summer internship program. The HERS staff met regularly throughout the fall, focusing their efforts on curriculum development, HERS 2022 planning, recruitment, and alumni resource development. The HERS program was nominated for an award of excellence from the University Economic Development Association (UEDA), which has been deferred until next year due to travel restrictions. HERS alumni attended the 2021 Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) in Phoenix, AZ.

Proposals
Four 2021 HERS alumni submitted applications for the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) with NSF. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Joseph Brewer, submitted a grant application with the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership. Dr. Johnson also submitted a grant application with the Mellon Foundation, both moving forward.

Questions? Interested in learning more about the HERS program? Contact Mandy Frank, mandy.frank@ku.edu.
Center for Military, War, and Society Studies

Visiting Scholar
The Center is hosting a visiting PhD student from the University of Tokyo. Shoji Nakamura will be spending a year at the CMWSS and KU’s history department, studying the history of US economic and financial policies toward veterans. We’re also hosting Professor Karen Hughes from the Swinburne University (Australia), a Fulbright scholar who is researching Australian Indigenous war brides who came to the United States following World War II. The Center will host a small symposium centered around her research this spring.

Teaching Military History
We’re also launching a set of essay prizes in the history of US military, war, and society. One is for AP students in high schools, and one each for ROTC students and for any university undergraduate. Our teachingmilitaryhistory.com website continues to grow, with new pedagogical essays and syllabi, and we’re planning a symposium for fall 2022.

The War on Drugs: A History
The War on Drugs: A History, based on a Center-sponsored symposium and edited by KU professor David Farber, was just published by New York University Press.

Center for Science, Technology &
Economic Policy

Governor’s Council on Tax Reform
Donna K. Ginther advises the Kansas Governor’s Council on Tax Reform, connecting changes in the Kansas economy to implications for tax policy, with support from IPSR staff members. In the coming weeks, the team will publish the final report, including a series of recommendations from the Council to the Governor’s office, of their findings.

The Status of Women in Kansas
Donna K. Ginther, Genna Hurd, Xan Wedel, Thomas Becker, and Patricia Oslund have prepared a report on The Status of Women in Kansas in cooperation with United WE. The report is an update of a 2016 report. This publication details the socioeconomic status of women in Kansas and the KC metro area, comparing outcomes of women and men across several social and economic indicators. Read more information and the full report.

Center for the Study of Injustice

The Center for Migration Research, part of the Center for the Study of Injustice, is excited to feature research led by Cheryl Holmes, Research Project Director at the School of Social Welfare.

Holmes recently completed the project “Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers and Health Research: Developing Capacity for PCOR.” This research aimed to include migratory and seasonal agricultural workers, 75 percent of whom are born outside the US, in conducting patient-centered outcomes research. In addition, Holmes now leads “Health, Food, and Family: Rural Systems and COVID-19 Decision Making.” This project will create a patient-centered/comparative research agenda that represents priorities from different constituencies and reflects the needs that guide their decisions around COVID-19, including related to vaccination.

These projects led to several resources, including:

- Research Agenda: Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers and COVID-19
COLUMNS

Funding opportunity – Human Networks and Data Science

The National Science Foundation Human Networks and Data Science program (HNDS) supports research that enhances understanding of human behavior by leveraging data and network science research across a broad range of topics. HNDS research will identify ways in which dynamic, distributed, and heterogeneous data can provide novel answers to fundamental questions about individual and group behavior. HNDS is especially interested in proposals that provide data-rich insights about human networks to support improved health, prosperity, and security.

This program has an infrastructure track that funds the development of data resources and relevant analytic techniques that support fundamental Social, Behavioral, and Economic research. The program also has a core research track to advance theory in a core SBE discipline by the application of data and network science methods.

This program accepts applications in early February and mid-July annually.

If you’re interested in pursuing this or other funding opportunities, please contact Nancy Cayton Myers (ncmyers@ku.edu) to discuss your ideas.
Stimulus Payments and Checking Account Balances

This New York Times graph shows how beneficial the stimulus was for lower-income families. Lower-income families could use the payments to cover expenses they otherwise wouldn’t have had the ability to meet, compared to higher-income families who were instead able to save their stimulus checks. The graph suggests that many families will be stranded without stimulus payments.

COMING EVENTS

Spotlight on Care

Join us on select Thursdays throughout the semester for Spotlight on Care, a series focused on care and well-being practice. Events are open to all. Find registration and details on The Commons website.

Spotlight on Care is co-hosted by The Commons, the IPSR Center for
Compassionate & Sustainable Communities, the Spencer Museum of Art and the Emily Taylor Center for Women & Gender Equity, with support from the Environmental Studies Program, the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Center for Faculty Development & Mentoring.

Center for East Asian Studies Book Talk

February 15, 6 to 7:30 pm: Join us for a moderated book talk with Hui Faye Xiao, Professor and Chair of East Asian Languages & Cultures, and Hyunjin Seo, Oscar Stauffer Professor and Associate Dean of Journalism & Mass Communications, facilitated by Yan Bing Zhang, Professor of Communication Studies. Register to attend.

Hui Faye Xiao's book, *Youth Economy, Crisis, and Reinvention in 21st-Century China: Morning Sun in the Tiny Times* (Routledge, 2021), surveys the explosive youth culture in twenty-first century China, an active and powerful force catalyzing cultural innovations, social changes, and collective efforts, re-inventing a pluralistic and multivalent youth (*qingnian*) in an age of enormous change, division and uncertainty.

Trade War Lab

Mark your calendars for two more speakers in Spring 2022 in the Trade War Lab series, coordinated by Jack Zhang, assistant professor of political science.

**Tuesday, February 22:** Dr. Bryan Early from SUNY Albany on "Branded: Enforcing Economic Sanctions by Tarnishing Corporate Reputations."

**Friday, March 25:** Dr. David Bulman from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies on "The feedback between administration tariff goals and public opinion in the U.S. China Trade War."

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