

CSSCR Spring 2012 Newsletter

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COMPUTER ROOMS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am—9:00pm
Wednesday, Friday 8:00am—5:00pm
We are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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The Center for Social Science Computation and Research (CSSCR) is an interdepartmental computer center in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington. CSSCR provides facilities and consulting support for computing activity related to teaching and research at the University. This newsletter is published quarterly, and if you have items you would like included, please contact Fred Nick at 543-8110, or fred@u.washington.edu. Thank you for reading this little tiny print. Some images copyright www.clipart.com. Go look at this splendiferous website!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Spring is here. The cherry trees in the Quad are blooming, and Spring quarter is underway. Since the trees are so beautiful, this would be a good chance to drop by the Quad and see them. And while you're so close drop by and get a tour of CSSCR, if you have not visited since we moved back to Savery!

Register your classes early, we are already quite full this quarter.

Have a pleasant Spring quarter.

-- *Fred Nick*



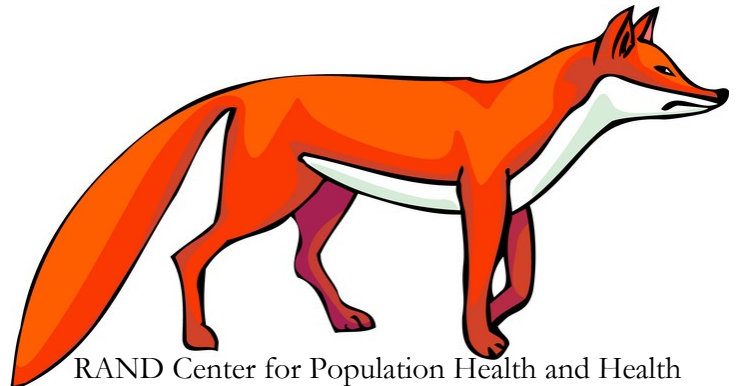
FROM THE ARCHIVIST

NEW CDROMS/DVDS:

American Community Survey 2009
American Community Survey 2010
Census 2010 Summary File 1
Census 2010 Summary File 1 in 2000 Boundaries

NEW ONLINE DATA:

ABC News/Washington Post Monthly Poll, Oct 2010
American Community Survey 2006-2010 5-Year for WA
Candidate Countries Eurobarometer 2001.1, Oct 2001
CBS News/New York Times Monthly Poll #1, July 2010
CBS News/New York Times Monthly Poll #4, Oct 2010
Census 2010 Summary File 1 for WA
Economic Integration Agreements: Historical database of entry into Economic Integration Agreements, 1960-2000
Generational Memory and the Critical Period: Evidence for National and World Events, 1985-2010



RAND Center for Population Health and Health Disparities (CPHHD) Data Core Series: Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status (SES) Index, 1990-2000 [U.S.]
RAND Center for Population Health and Health Disparities (CPHHD) Data Core Series: Segregation Indices, 1990-2000 [United States]
RAND Center for Population Health and Health Disparities (CPHHD) Data Core Series: Disability, 2000 [United States]
Transatlantic Trends Survey, 2010
Understanding the Fear of Street Gangs: The Importance of Community Conditions [Santa Ana, California, 1997]



2012 Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

Registration for the 2012 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research is now open! This year's Program includes 78 courses, 41 in the two four-week sessions, and 37 short workshops. Further detailed information about the 2012 ICPSR Summer Program, including course descriptions, schedule, faculty, registration instructions, and fee structure, is available on ICPSR website:

<http://icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog/>

Registration for courses in the 2012 Summer Program is very easy. Just go to the online portal (located on the "Registration & Fees" page of the Summer Program website), log in to your ICPSR MyData account (if you do not have an existing MyData account, you will be prompted to create one), enter your personal information, select your courses, and make arrangements for payment. That's all there is to it!

The University of Washington is an ICPSR member institution so you would get the member discounted rate. Please note that there is a discount for early enrollments to the four-week sessions that are paid in full before May 1, 2012. Also see other discounts on the "Registration & Fees" page of the Summer Program website

Please feel free to contact ICPSR directly with any further questions you might have about any aspect of the 2012 ICPSR Summer Program (e-mail: sumprog@icpsr.umich.edu; phone: 734-763-7400).

CSSCR CLASSES SPRING 2012

Here are the ways you can sign up for classes: Call 543-8110; stop by 110 Savery Hall during office hours; send e-mail to ascocarp@u.washington.edu, including the class you wish to take, your name and department; or sign yourself up on our Web page. <http://julius.csscr.washington.edu/>

Introduction to GIS

Instructor: Joe Eckert
Date: Tuesday, April 17
Time: 1:00PM to 2:00PM
Place: Savery 117

PDF-izing Your Dissertation or Thesis

Instructor: Dixielynn Gleason
Date: Tuesday, April 24
Time: 8:30AM to 9:30AM
Place: Savery 121

Data Preparation and Beautification Techniques

Instructor: Colin Beam
Date: Monday April 30
Time: NOON to 1:00PM
Place: Savery 121

Data Management in Stata

Instructor: Kristan Seibel
Date: Monday May 7
Time: NOON to 1:00PM
Place: Savery 121

UW WordPress

Instructor: Jeff Mathias
Date: Wednesday, May 9
Time: 5:00PM to 6:00PM
Place: Savery 121

SAS with the Five-year American Community Survey Data

Instructor: Tina Tian
Date: Thursday, May 10
Time: 2:00PM to 3:00PM
Place: Savery 121

Introduction to SPSS

Instructor: Stephanie Lee
Date: Thursday, May 10
Time: 3:30PM to 4:30PM
Place: Savery 121

If you would like to request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disabled Student Services, 448 Schmitz, 543-8924 (V/TDD). If you have a letter from Disabled Student Services indicating you have a disability that requires academic accommodations, please present the letter to Fred Nick at CSSCR so we may discuss the accommodations you might need for class.



CSSCR CLASSES SPRING 2012

CSSCR offers free, non-credit classes to UW faculty, students and staff. Computer classes are also offered by University Computing Services (543-5970), UW Extension (543-2300) and the College of Engineering Continuing Education (543-5539). To sign up for CSSCR classes, call 543-8110, or stop by 110 Savery during office hours, or use our Web page. <http://julius.csscr.washington.edu/>

Introduction to GIS

Just looking to make a map? We can help with that.

This is an extremely short introduction to GIS aimed at non-geographers. Learn how to load geographic shapefiles, join them to tabular data, and produce pretty cartographic representations. File management practices will be considered (learn how to get rid of that red exclamation point) and we cover some common sources for GIS data. Specific questions welcomed!

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Place: Savery 117

PDF-izing Your Dissertation or Thesis

The UW has jumped into the Electronic Age and is now requiring students seeking graduate degrees to submit their final publications as PDFs. Here's a short overview on ways to do that.

Instructor: Dixielynn Gleason
Date: Tuesday, April 24
Time: 8:30AM to 9:30AM
Place: Savery 121

Data Preparation & Beautification Techniques

A substantial amount of data cleaning and formatting is typically necessary before data analysis can proceed. This course will cover basic approaches for data cleaning and preparation. Examples will be shown in Excel, SPSS & R.

Instructor: Colin Beam
Date: Monday April 30
Time: NOON to 1:00PM
Place: Savery 121

Data Management in Stata

This class will help researchers work with messy data problems in Stata. We will discuss common problems and solutions for merging data, reshaping files, working with panel data or nested data, string and numerical commands, create variable commands (egen commands), and date commands. Prior experience with Stata is helpful.

Instructor: Kristan Seibel
Date: Monday May 7
Time: NOON to 1:00PM
Place: Savery 121

UW WordPress

This class will explore options for free web publishing and hosting offered by the University with an emphasis on developing WordPress blogs and websites. We will also cover UW branding standards and templates.

Instructor: Jeff Mathias
Date: Wednesday, May 9
Time: 5:00PM to 6:00PM
Place: Savery 121

Introduction to SAS

In this beginning class, some basic features of SAS and basic data analysis procedures will be covered. The topics include: an overview of the SAS system, how to create SAS data sets and to access permanent SAS data sets, as well as formatting data, concatenating and match merging data sets, and some basic statistics procedures.

Instructor: Tina Tian
Date: Thursday, May 10
Time: 2:00PM to 3:00PM
Place: Savery 121

Introduction to SPSS

This course will cover the basics of the SPSS package. This is an ideal course for students with no experience with this software. We will cover the structure of SPSS and how to input, manipulate, analyze and show statistical data.

Instructor: Stephanie Lee
Date: Thursday, May 10
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