

BSPS MEETINGS

Postgraduate student rep:
Laura Jones, Loughborough University.
Email: lrsity.

BSPS Council from September 2007

At the BSPS AGM in July (Minutes already circulated to the membership), it was agreed that new Council members and officers would continue to be elected at the annual AGM, but that new members and officers would assume office at the Annual Conference immediately following that year's AGM. This is because outgoing Council members and officers have often made a major contribution to the organization of that year's Conference, and the new arrangement was felt to be more equitable. From 10 September, therefore, the new Council and Hon. Officers are:

Hon. Officers:

President: Professor Paul Boyle, University of St. Andrews.
Email: p.boyle@st-andrews.ac.uk

Vice-President: Professor Emily Grundy, Centre for Population Studies, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Email: emily.grundy@lshtm.ac.uk

Hon. Treasurer: Roy Lewis, Essex County Council. Email: roy.lewis@essexcc.gov.uk

Hon. Secretary: Dr. Rebecca Sear, London School of Economics. Email: R.Sear@lse.ac.uk

Council:

Dr. Clare Holdsworth, University of Liverpool.
Email: clare.holdsworth@liv.ac.uk

Dr. Tiziana Leone, London School of Economics.
Email: T.Leone@lse.ac.uk

Cecilia Macintyre, GRO-Scotland.
Email: cecilia.macintyre@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Dr. Sabu Padmadas, University of Southampton.
Email: ssp@socsci.soton.ac.uk

Dr. Sara Randall, University College London.
Email: s.randall@ucl.ac.uk

Professor Ludi Simpson, University of Manchester.
Email: ludi.simpson@man.ac.uk

Jonathan Swan, Office for National Statistics.
Email: jonathan.swan@ons.gsi.gov.uk

Professor David Voas, University of Manchester.
Email: voas@man.ac.uk

Dr. Paul Williamson, University of Liverpool.
Email: p.williamson@liv.ac.uk

Pelotas): *Reproductive events, stigma, and mental morbidity: class struggles amongst youth in Pelotas, Brazil.*

• **Maria Helena Bastos** (Thames Valley University) *Promoting evidence-informed obstetric care in middle-income countries: Challenges and opportunities.*

Followed by open question session

17.30 end.

This day meeting is open to all, and there is no charge. However, pre-registration is required – please email pic@lse.ac.uk or phone 020 7955 7666 to pre-register.

A limited number of travel bursaries of up to £50 are available for BPS student members wishing to attend and needing to travel from outside London to the event. Please send email applications to pic@lse.ac.uk by the 31st August to apply. Successful applicants will be notified by 7 September.

◀ ◀ ◀

AGM meeting report - Infant Mortality, a Continuing Social Problem

Following the 2007AGM on 4 July 2007, a BPS day seminar ‘Infant Mortality. A Continuing Social Problem’ was held at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences. This marked the centenary of the publication of *Infant Mortality: A Social Problem* by Sir George Newman in 1906.

Bob Woods (University of Liverpool) opened the meeting with a thought-provoking paper discussing ‘*What Newman didn’t know*’

argued that due to the substantial decline in infant mortality it was hard to measure inequality over time and space and that other measures such as breastfeeding could be used to illustrate

Links Between Internal Migration, Commuting and Inter-Household Relationships

Internal Migration of Britain's Ethnic Groups

Living Arrangements - Childcare

Living arrangements, health and well-being: a European perspective

Intergenerational contributions to childcare across Europe

[Understanding the unmet needs of families with severely disabled children](#)

Health - Well-Being - Employment

Exploring Geographies of Happiness and Well-Being in Britain

Does Step-Parenting Influence Mental Health?

How Does Employment Affect Cardiovascular Risk? A Life-Course Approach

Treating Longitudinal Data as Longitudinal: Comparing Models to Describe Employment Status and Health Trajectories in British Household Panel Survey

[Decomposition of changes in disability-free life expectancy by cause: England, 1991-2001](#)

Education - Leisure

The Impact of Educational Qualifications on Trends in Leisure Activities

career profile. Awards are tenable for up to three years, at up to £150,000 FEC. The deadline for applications is **15 October 2007** for awards to be taken up after April 2008. Awards will be announced at the end of **March 2008**.

Details and application forms are available from

stimulating topic and engaging presentation. Professor Boyle is the new President of the British Society for Population Studies who have kindly provided sponsorship for this and previous POPFEST conferences.

The keynote speech marked the end of the formal sessions on day one and delegates moved on to a wine reception sponsored by the Division of Social Statistics. One of the aims of POPFEST is to provide an opportunity for postgraduate students to make connections with each other and discuss their work with their peers. The wine reception and conference dinner which followed proved to be an excellent occasion for such activities and was enjoyed by all.

Day two of the conference began with a more methodological session on Quantitative Methods for population studies chaired by Caroline Young who is from the University of Southampton, as were all of the presenters in this session. The first presentation by Hukum Chandra explored small area population proportion estimates. This was followed by Leonardo Trujillo who presented his study on the consistency of data in repeated surveys. Finally Solange Correa spoke about her work to find methods for correcting for bias in multilevel models using sample survey data. The next session returned to a more substantive perspective with a session on Family, Parenthood and Identity chaired by Dewi Ismajani Puradiredja from the London School of Economics. Pia Schober, also from the London School of Economics, began the session with a presentation on domestic workload and its implications on childbearing decisions in Britain. This was followed by Alexandra Skew from the University of Southampton who presented her work on the repartnering patterns of lone parents in the UK. Finally Nienke Hornstra from the University of Groningen gave a presentation on second generation Moroccan migrants living in the Netherlands and how they construct a transnational identity.

After a lunch sponsored by the Faculty of Law, Arts and Social Sciences, delegates were treated to a guest speech by Dr Sabu Padmadas from the Division of Social Statistics at the University of Southampton. Dr Padmadas shared with us some of his experience of academic life and PhD study and gave a very useful and humorous presentation of practical hints and advice about the PhD process.

The last session of the day was on the theme of sexual health chaired by Claire Bailey from the University of Southampton. The session began with a presentation by Anirban Roy from the University of Sussex who presented work on negotiating sexuality and the politics of the body in India. This was followed by Billie de Haas from the University of Groningen with a study about the perception of Dutch adolescents' towards their risk of exposure to STI's. Beth Sonkin from the University of Southampton then gave a presentation on using a latent class approach to define risky sexual behaviour. Day two of the conference was concluded by a presentation on condom use among female sex workers in rural and urban Indonesia by Dewi Ismajani Puradiredja from the London School of Economics.

The final day of POPFEST 2007 began with session talks on

the theme of contraception chaired by David Clifford from the University of Southampton. The first speaker of the day was Claire Bailey from the University of Southampton who gave a presentation on the fear of side effects acting as a barrier to contraceptive use in Ghana. This was followed by Yohannes Wado from the University of Groningen who presented work on reproductive preferences and the demand for contraception in Ethiopia. The first session was followed by a dedicated poster session where four posters were displayed during an extended coffee break. Annemarie Ernsten from the University of Groningen presented a poster showing the influence of experiences at first pregnancy on health care use during a second pregnancy in Egypt. Susan Ramsay from the University of Manchester presented a poster of her work on spatial variations in demographic experiences in Cuba. Joanna Rozanska, also from the University of Manchester, presented a poster about the influence of religion in childbearing decisions. Tatyana Sologub from Karazin Kharkiv National University in the Ukraine presented a poster about anticipation effects in the formation of oncological disease.

Following the poster session the final session of the conference was chaired by Bernard Baffour from the University of Southampton on the theme of fertility. Sunnee Billingsley from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Spain began the session with a presentation on her efforts to untangle the post-Communist fertility puzzle. This theme was continued by David Clifford from the University of Southampton with a look at post-Soviet fertility change in Tajikistan. Finally the last presentation was given by Joanna Rozanska from the University of Manchester who presented her work on lowest low fertility and the shifting cultural context in Poland.

The conference ended with a prize giving ceremony, with prizes awarded for the two best presentations and one best poster as voted for by the conference delegates. The winners of the presentation prizes were Pia Schober and Dewi Ismajani Puradiredja both from the London School of Economics and the prize for best poster presentation was awarded to Annemarie Ernsten from the Population Research Centre at the University of Groningen.

POPFEST was originally founded by postgraduate students from Southampton in 1993 and so we have been delighted to be able to bring the conference back to Southampton for its 15th year. POPFEST 2007 was a great success and proved to

hard work of the POPFEST 2007
Conference Committee: Guy Abel, Alexandra Skew, Claire
Bailey (chair), Caroline Young,
David Clifford, Bernard Baffour.

For more information about POPFEST 2007, including
photographs and copies of presentation slides please visit the
website at: <http://www.socstats.soton.ac.uk/popfest2007>

Organizing POPFEST 2008 are a team of PhD students from
the Population and Places (POPLA) research group within the
Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research (CCSR)
at the University of Manchester. Details of the event will be
made available on the POPLA web pages here:
<http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/popla>

POPFEST 2007 Conference Organizing Committee

