Activities During Fiscal Year 2013-14

The ISRC continued its transformation during 2013-14 with the operationalization of its new staffing structure allowing for continued growth of the Center’s activities. This new structure welcomed a new Director and Associate Director to the ISRC. Accomplishments from 2013-14 are highlighted below.

◆ Assisted with the submission of 41 grant proposals for a total of $5,735,626 of funding; of these, 11 grants were funded for a total of $1,091,086, and six proposals are still pending.

◆ In addition to continuing projects initiated in 2012-2013, the center fielded 15 surveys or research-based initiatives (Polk County Health Services, Medicaid Evaluation 2013 II, Iowa Water Sustainability Study, Iowa DOT Seat Belt Survey, Hawkeye Poll, Pick a Better Snack Survey, Community Care Coordination Evaluation, Decline in Prenatal Screening Study 2014, Iowa Care Survey 2014, PREP Transcription, Anti-Bullying Transcription, Iowa Care Transcription, HPV Data Entry, National Consumer Survey of Driving Safety, Wildfire and Stress Survey).


◆ Conducted 9,674 telephone interviews with average duration of 20 minutes.

◆ Trained 48 University of Iowa students in social science research activities including data collection methodology and human subjects training.

◆ Worked with 11 Departments/Units and across seven Colleges on grant development, survey research development, and data collection including: Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Communication Studies, Economics, Geography and Sustainability Sciences, Physics, Linguistics, Health Management and Policy, Journalism and Mass Communication, Occupational and Environmental Health. School of Social Work, College of Nursing, College of Dentistry, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Public Health, College of Law, College of Nursing, and College of Business.
Funded Grants

- *Situational Factors and the Victim-Offender Overlap*, Mark Berg, Department of Sociology, National Institute of Justice; **$99,994**

- *Understanding the Relationship between the School Breakfast Program and Food Insecurity*, David Frisvold, Department of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture.; **$74,994**

- *Experimental Essay Film on Cyprus’s Bird Life*, Richard Weibe, Department of Communication Studies, Princess Grace Foundation; **$18,370**

- *North Korea: Anthropology of Totalitarianism*, Sonia Ryang, Department of Anthropology, National Science Foundation; **$99,207**

- *Samuel L. Becker Memorial Conference: Interesting Questions in Health, Social Change and Technology*, Isaac West, Department of Communication Studies, National Communication Association; **$5,000**

- *Early Career Projects: Indoor Air and Climate Change*, James Tamerius, Department of Geography, Florida State University, Environmental Protection Agency; **$215,114**

- *Supplemental: Workshop on the Meltdown of the Icelandic Economy*, Paul Durrenberger, Department of Anthropology, National Science Foundation; **$18,900**

- *International Workshop on National Contexts for Unions*, Paul Durrenberger, Department of Anthropology, National Science Foundation; **$75,000**

- *Why Do Citizens Engage in Bureaucratic Corruption? Political Causes and Consequences of "Illicit Exchanges" in the Post-Soviet Region*, William Reisinger and Vicki Claypool, Department of Political Science and Marina Zaloznaya, Department of Sociology, Department of Defense—Army Research Office; **$379,416**

- Proposed *Extension for Moral Schemas, Cultural Conflict, and Socio-political Action*, Steve Hitlin and Rengin Firat, Department of Sociology, Department of Defense—Army Research Office; **$94,355**

- *Honoring the Care Wishes of Nursing Home Residents*, Mercedes Bern-Klug, Department of Social Work, John. A. Hartford Foundation; **$10,000**
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