Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC)
Social Science Interest Group, PPC

Agenda

1. The original mission (Kevin).
2. Where we are at right now (Kevin)
3. Research Support (Kristi)
4. Survey/data collection support (Lisa)
5. Computing and IT support (Ben)
6. Hawkeye Poll (Fred)
Original Mission: to provide social science research infrastructure and make it available to a wide variety of constituents who conduct social scientific research at The University of Iowa
Progress so far: (Fall 2009 – present):

1. We now officially exist as an affiliate of the Public Policy Center under the VPR office, with additional oversight by CLAS (per an MOA).

2. We are, officially, the Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC) – here’s our logo:
Progress so far: (Fall 2009 – present):

3. We’ve hired (as a result of two university-wide searches)

-- **Kristi Fitzpatrick** as Associate Director in charge of administration, grants, IRB, post-award administration, communications, and outreach.

-- **Lisa Werner** as Field Director in charge of the call center, data collection, survey expenses, data collection supervision, and data collection costs/bids.

Assisted by: **Ben Earnhart**, Information and Technology Support (25% with ISRC; 75% in Sociology/CLAS).
Progress so far: (Fall 2009 – present):

4. We are now helping faculty and graduate students with grant applications and pre-award preparation.

5. We are now fielding surveys and providing other grant support.

6. We’ve engaged in outreach to social science cognate departments and units.

7. We have a website:  [http://www.isrc.uiowa.edu](http://www.isrc.uiowa.edu)
Progress so far: (Fall 2009 – present):

8. We are dialoging with the new director and staff of the IRB.

9. We are the point location for UI involvement in the CIC-level Center for the Advanced Study of International Competitiveness. (15 faculty on the UI campus – all colleges) – meeting in Chicago April 1\textsuperscript{st}-2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2011).

http://www.cic.net/home/Faculty/casic.aspx

10. We currently have six surveys in the field and have processed around $1$ million in grants the past year
Progress so far: (Fall 2009 – present):

11. We’re officially a State Census Data Center.

12. We are your contact for the ICPSR data archive.

13. We represent the university to COSSA (the Consortium of Social Science Associations, a lobbying group that supports social science funding in Washington)
Current and Future Issues:

1. The funding environment for social science in Washington.
2. Expanding more into research interfacing with Public Health and the College of Medicine.
3. Maintaining our current location (the 8th Floor of the Jefferson Building).
4. New research (NIH) on data confidentiality and contextual information in public-release data sets.
Funding for Social Science Research
• Federal Sponsors
  – National Science Foundation (FY10 - $255 million)
  – National Institutes for Health (FY10 - $3.5 billion)
  – Department of Education – IES (FY10 - $659 million)
  – Others with programs: DOD, DHS, NIJ, NEH

• Private Foundations
  – In 2009, Top 50 Foundations gave $177M for Social science projects
# NSF FY 2010 Funding Numbers by Directorate

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*Excludes student grants and fellowships
## NSF FY 2005-2010 Funding Numbers for Social & Economic Sciences

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NIH Funding for Social Science Research

• NIH FY2010 Total Funding for OBSSR - $3.53 billion

• Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (FY10 $26 million)
  – Research on behavioral and social processes; biopsychosocial research; methodology and measurement in the behavioral and social sciences
  – Issues funding announcements across institutes

• OPPNET (FY10 - $12 million)
  – Started in July 2009 to expand NIH investment in behavioral and social science research
  – In FY12, $30 million budget
  – Supplement existing NIH projects
% of grant funding from foundations by subject category in 2009

- Statistics from foundationcenter.org/findfunders/statistics
Top Ten Private Foundation for Social Sciences

• John Templeton Foundation (92 awards totaling $17 million)
• Freeman Foundation (71 awards totaling $16.9 million)
• MacArthur Foundation (37 awards totaling $13.6 million)
• Ford Foundation (55 awards totaling $11.8 million)
• The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (19 awards totaling $10.8 million)
• Alfred Sloan Foundation (45 awards totaling $10.6 million)
• The Simons Foundation (7 awards totaling $7.3 million)
• The Rockefeller Foundation (24 awards totaling $6 million)
• The Susan Thompson Buffet Foundation (6 awards totaling $5.5 million)
• The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Inc. (69 awards totaling $5.4 million)

-From foundationcenter.org/findfunders/statistics
Funding Trends

• Interdisciplinary
• Institutional diversity
• Collaboration outside institution
• Research experiences and training for undergraduates, graduates, and Post Docs
• Global perspective
• Research for public policy
Good news?

• ISRC
• Other support on campus
  – Grant development support from VPR
  – Social Science Funding Program
  – Trainings (Morrison and others)
• Human Subjects Office
• Division of Sponsored Programs
ISRC DATA COLLECTION SERVICES: MODES

- TELEPHONE DATA COLLECTION
- WEB-BASED DATA COLLECTION
- MAIL-BASED DATA COLLECTION
- FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEW
- FOCUS GROUP
**TECHNICAL RESOURCES: (PHONE-BASED)**

- 25 STATON COMPUTER ASSISTED TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING (CATI) NETWORK / SENSUS:
  - SKIP PATTERN CONTROL
  - RANGE OF FOIL LIMITS/ RANDOMIZATION
  - SAMPLE MANAGEMENT
  - DISPOSITION CODING/TRACKING
  - APPOINTMENT MANAGEMENT
  - DATA ACCESSIBILITY
TECHNICAL RESOURCES: (WEB-BASED)

• QUALTRICS: UI-Approved Hosted Web-Survey Product (June 2011)
  - SCRIPT MANAGEMENT
  - DATA ACCESSIBILITY
  - DISTRIBUTION CONTROL
FIELD STAFF RESOURCES:

- RECRUITING POOL
- TECHNICAL TRAINING
- RESEARCH PROCESSES
- HUMAN SUBJECTS RIGHTS
OFFERING TO RESEARCHERS:

- CLEAN DATA
- EXPERIENCED STAFF
- PROCESS MANAGEMENT
- COMMUNICATION
Who Am I?

Ben Earnhart
Data and Computing Consultant
ISRC
and
Department of Sociology
What do I do?

- Fix printers
- Secondary Data: ICPSR Rep, Census Rep, other sources
  - Write surveys for call center
  - Post-processing of data
    - Web Surveys
    - Custom coding
    - SPSS, SAS, Stata