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# 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)





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**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





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## 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:





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## 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).





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## **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>





## **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<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 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





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## **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 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Jefferson Building).**
- 4. New research (NIH) on data confidentiality and contextual information in public-release data sets.**





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# 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

Directorate	Number of Proposals	Number of Awards	Funding Rate	Average Award Amount*
NSF Overall	55,559	13,015	23%	-
Biological Sciences	8,060	1,557	19%	\$398,089
Computer, Info Science, & Engineering	6,486	1,585	24%	\$176,312
Education & Human Resources	5,056	931	18%	-
Engineering	13,230	2,379	18%	\$258,278
Geosciences	4,819	1,690	35%	\$403,822
Math & Physical	9,421	2,680	28%	\$218,153
Social, Behavioral, & Economic	5,621	1,260	22%	\$347,685

From: [www.dellweb.bfa.nsf.gov/](http://www.dellweb.bfa.nsf.gov/)

\*Excludes student grants and fellowships



## NSF FY 2005-2010 Funding Numbers for Social & Economic Sciences

SES Program	Number of Proposals		Number of Awards		Funding Rate		Average Award Amount*	
	2005	2010	2005	2010	2005	2010	2005	2010
SES Overall	2,047	2,536	529	585	26%	23%	\$207,875	\$251,513
Decision, Risk & Management Sciences	140	191	33	56	24%	30%	\$169,657	\$217,690
Economics	412	484	124	100	30%	21%	\$179,767	\$249,333
Law & Social Sciences	158	270	43	57	27%	21%	\$122,684	\$141,494
Political Science	258	451	55	90	21%	20%	\$155,682	\$188,457
Sociology	373	442	94	119	25%	27%	\$103,612	\$127,854

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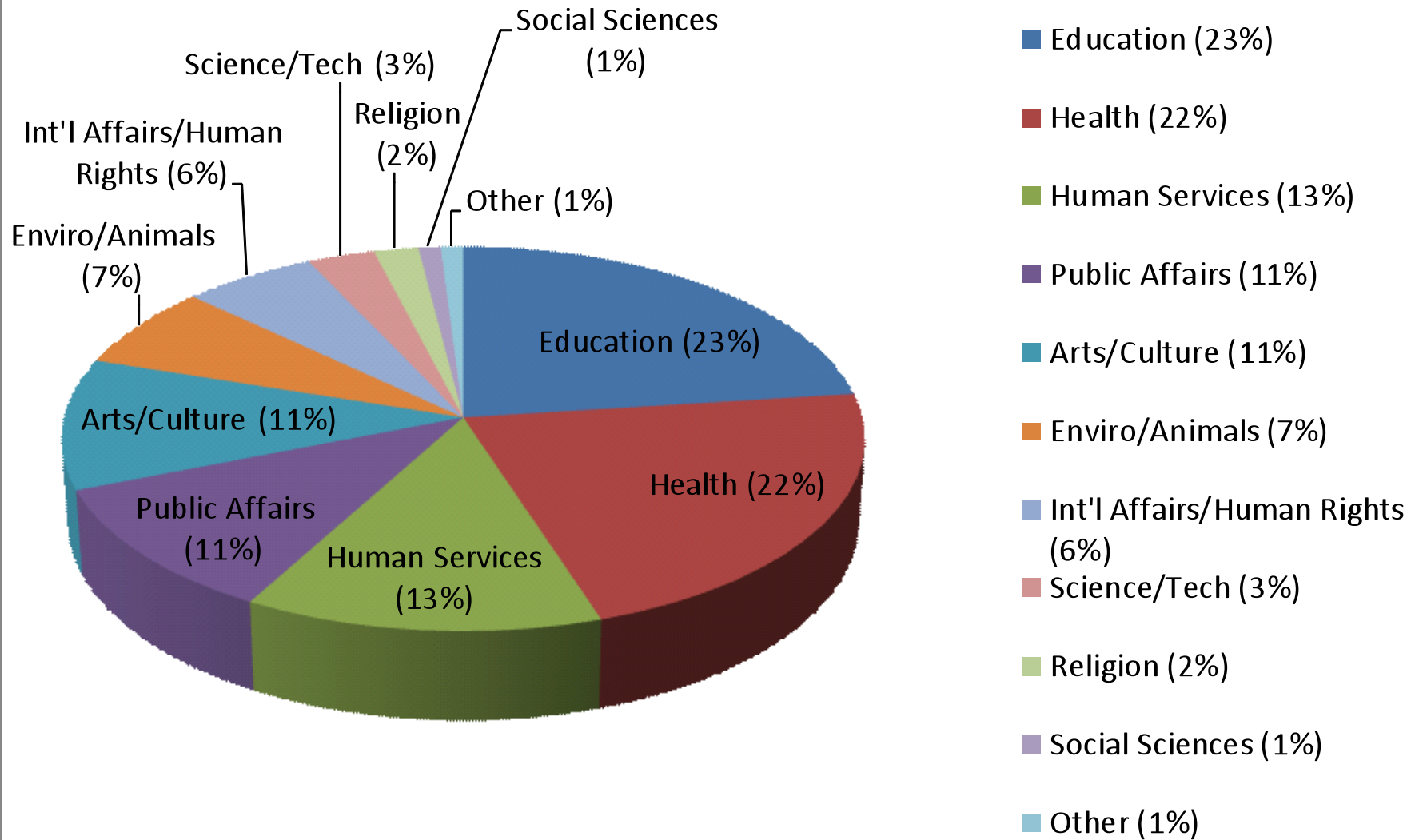
\*Excludes student grants and fellowships



## 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](http://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](http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/statistics)





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## Funding Trends

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







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## 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



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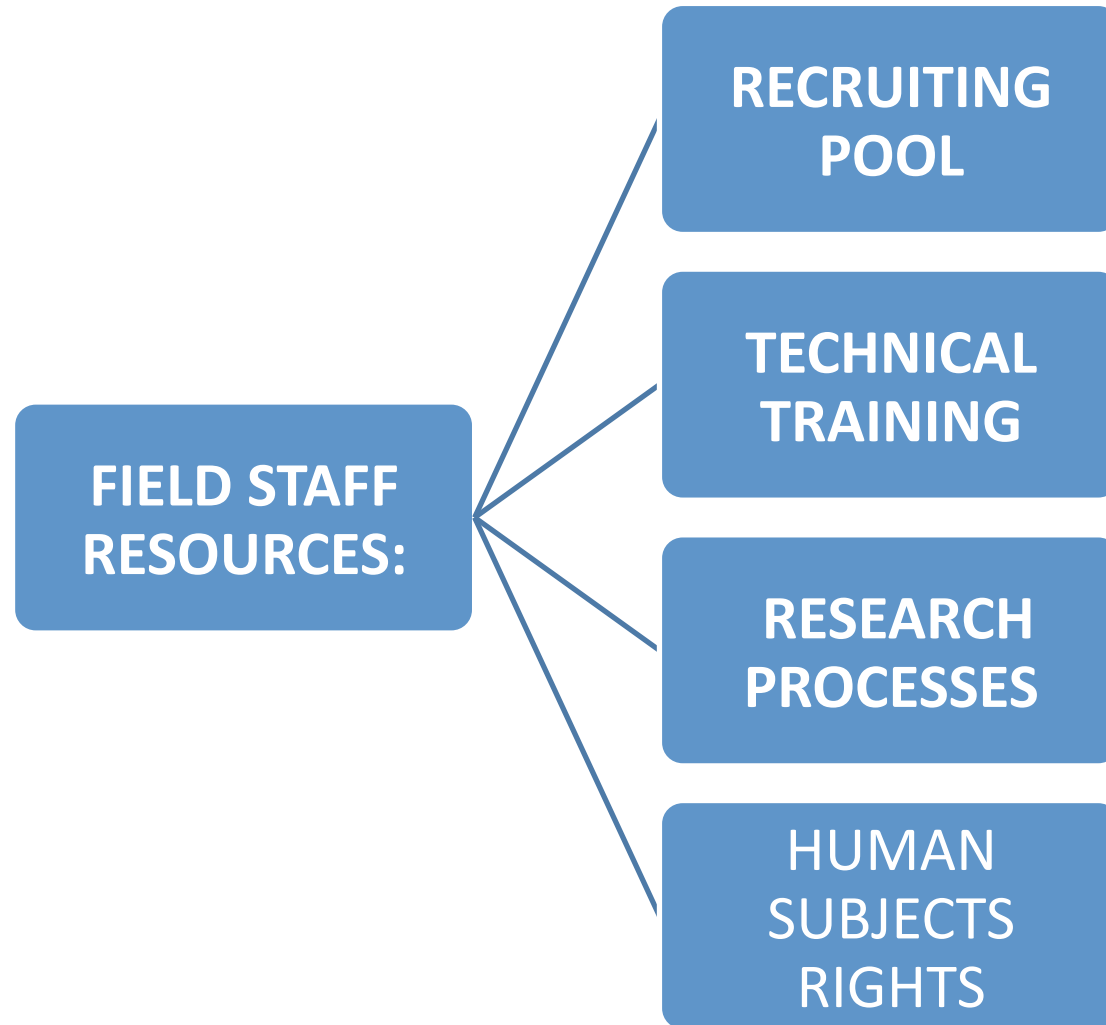


## TECHNICAL RESOURCES: (WEB-BASED)

- **QUALTRICS: UI-Approved Hosted Web-Survey Product (June 2011)**

- **SCRIPT MANAGEMENT**
- **DATA ACCESSIBILITY**
- **DISTRIBUTION CONTROL**







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## **OFFERING TO RESEARCHERS:**

- **CLEAN DATA**
- **EXPERIENCED STAFF**
- **PROCESS MANAGEMENT**
- **COMMUNICATION**





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# 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