

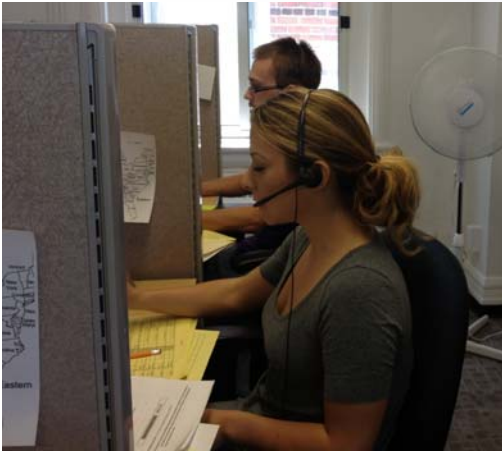


Iowa Social Science Research Center

Annual Report 2011-2012



Activities During Academic Year 2011-12



In May 2010, with the support of the Office of the Vice President for Research and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Iowa Social Science Research Center was reformulated as a division of the UI Public Policy Center. During 2011-12, the staff continued to build on the success of its inaugural year by increasing the visibility of the center and meeting the growing demand for services. Accomplishments from 2011-12 are highlighted below.

- ◆ Assisted with the submission of 43 grant proposals for a total of \$9,906,640 of funding; of these six grants were funded for a total of \$790,664, and 19 proposals are still pending.

- ◆ In addition to completing projects initiated in 2010-11, the center fielded eight new surveys or research-based initiatives (Polk County Health Services Consumer Program Evaluations 2012, Hawkeye Polls October 2011 and December 2011, Engineering Alumni Survey, Colon Cancer Longitudinal Study Pilot, PAADRN Bone Density Survey, First Tech Challenge Survey, and UI Employee Caregiving Survey).

- ◆ Scheduled seven surveys or research-based initiatives for summer and fall 2012 (Wise Guys Survey, State of Iowa Water Sustainability Survey, UI EOD Unwelcome Behavior Survey, Rural Disaster Preparedness Survey, Hawkeye Poll 2012, DentaQuest Survey, and Health Benefits Exchange Project). Provided cost estimates for an additional sixteen projects, with nine pending.

- ◆ Conducted 3,309 telephone interviews with average duration ranging from 11 to 33 minutes.

- ◆ Trained 14 UI students (Data Collection Methodology, Human Subjects Training, and CITI Certification).

- ◆ Worked with 17 Departments/Units on grant development, survey research development, and data collection including: Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Communication Studies, Statistics, School of Urban and Regional Planning, School of Social Work, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, College of Nursing, College of Public Health, College of Law, College of Dentistry, College of Engineering, College of Medicine, National Advanced Driving Simulator, Widernet, and Office of the State Archaeologist.

- ◆ Represented the University of Iowa at the Center for the Advanced Study of International Competitiveness Special Issue and Research Conference, *China Business and International Competitiveness: Economics, Politics, and Technology*.

Funded Grants

- ◆ *Assessing the Role of Ecological Change on Economic and Demographic Transformations Between the Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age in the Sizandro River Valley, Portugal*, Katina Lillios, Department of Anthropology, and Joe Artz, Office of the State Archaeologist; National Science Foundation, **\$235,534**
- ◆ *Workshop on the Meltdown of the Icelandic Economy*, Paul Durrenberger, Department of Anthropology; National Science Foundation, **\$104,787**
- ◆ *Color Coding: The Effect of Skin Tone on Health Outcomes*, Mary Campbell, Department of Sociology; National Science Foundation, **\$174,132**
- ◆ *Zooarchaeological and Taphonomic Analysis of West Fork Rock Creek (10Oa275) Fauna*, Matthew Hill, Department of Anthropology; Weber State University, **\$5,000**
- ◆ *World Values Survey: Comparing Taiwan and Mainland China*, Wenfang Tang, Department of Political Science; Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, **\$75,000**
- ◆ *Managing International Water Conflicts*, Sara Mitchell, Department of Political Science; United States Agency for International Development, **\$196,211**

Publications/Presentations

- ◆ Leicht, Kevin. (2012) *Borrowing to the Brink: Consumer Debt in America*. In Katherine Porter, *Broke: How Debt Bankrupts the Middle Class* (pp. 195-217). Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press.
- ◆ Leicht, Kevin and Pete Damiano, Kristi Fitzpatrick, Lisa Werner and Ben Earnhart. *Social Science and the College of Education*. Presentation at the College of Education. December 2011.
- ◆ Leicht, Kevin and Kristi Fitzpatrick, Lisa Werner and Ben Earnhart. *Social Science and Nursing Research*. Presentation at College of Nursing Research Forum. November 2011.
- ◆ Leicht, Kevin, and Kristi Fitzpatrick, Lisa Werner and Ben Earnhart. *Iowa Social Science Research Center at UI*. Presentation at Social Science Interdisciplinary Group Colloquium. September 2011.
- ◆ Fitzpatrick, Kristi. *Funding Strategies for Graduate Students in Political Science*. Presentation at Political Science Graduate Student Forum. September 2011.



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