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## CURRENT RESEARCH

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**Grand Canyon State Poll.** This biannual statewide RDD CATI survey was conducted in September 2001 ( $n=412$ ) and April 2002 ( $n=405$ ). Topics included possible military and diplomatic responses to September 11 and willingness to trade civil liberties for security. Other topics were use of new technologies, racial profiling, Indian casino gambling, Arizona's gubernatorial race, and evaluation of state officials. Also, the instrument contained a longitudinal module on crime victimization and crime prevention, the third in 5 years. *Director:* Fred Solop.

**Racial Profiling Study.** To determine whether racial profiling occurs in Coconino County, AZ, the county attorney and public defender's offices jointly funded the coding of 16,000 recorded traffic stops taking place on Interstate 40. For purposes of comparison, the racial composition of motor vehicle law violators then was recorded by observers traveling on the interstate at posted speed limits. A similar study is underway in Yavapai County. *Director:* Fred Solop.

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**Multiple Myeloma Cancer Patient Pilot Study.** This pilot study was a cooperative effort between the IEA and the Univ. of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy (MIRT). Its primary goal was to collect information from targeted multiple myeloma patients and a control group of their siblings as prerequisite information for the subsequent grant application to the NIH Specialized Program for Research Excellence. This mail and CATI study collected data from 25 myeloma cancer patients and 21 of their siblings on environmental factors related to their occupational, residential, diet, and medical histories. *Principal Investigators:* Mark McManus (IEA) and Ann Coleman (MIRT).

**Transit Operator Compliance Issues Regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.** This study is a cooperative effort between the IEA, the law firm of Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus, and the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). Its primary goal is to develop a mail questionnaire and coordinate its administration to approximately 400 transit operators across the nation regarding ADA implementation, service delivery, complimentary paratransit services,

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employment issues, etc. Focus groups, e-mail, and standard mail are being used to collect data. *Principal Investigators*: Dianne Metzler and Mark McManus.

**2001 Annual Economic Impact of Arkansas Volunteerism.** This is an annual effort to estimate the economic impact of volunteerism in Arkansas. Data are collected via an initial mailing, a follow-up mailing, and telephone contacts of non-respondents. Data are collected on each organization's number of volunteers, hours served, and estimated dollar value. A total of 1,332 public and non-profit organizations representing 14 different groups comprised the population for the 2001 study. *Principal Investigators*: Pat Davis and Janice Cook.

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**ATSDR Exposure Investigation.** Under contract with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), NORC completed the site-based data collection for "The Louisiana Calcasieu and Lafayette Parishes Dioxin and Volatile Organic Compounds Exposure Investigation." The purpose of the study was to measure exposure to dioxin and volatile organic compounds in Calcasieu and Lafayette Parish residents. A total of 400 respondents in 4 age quotas participated in the study. Locally, NORC worked with realtors and the hospitality industry to secure site office space in both parishes that could provide the study with the privacy needed to administer the questionnaire and the facilities to accommodate a laboratory for the blood draw. NORC employed traveling interviewers with site-based data collection experience and local interviewers who helped facilitate community support and participation. Finally, through the use of an Internet-based scheduling system, the telephone center in Chicago was able to work in tandem with the field staff in Louisiana to schedule participants. As needed, field staff contacted participants with disconnected phone service in person to remind them of their appointments. *Project Director*: Alma Kuby, *Project Officer*: Sharon Campolucci (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

**2002 General Social Survey (GSS).** In June 2002, NORC completed data collection for the 2002 Round of the GSS. This year's data collection marked the first round under a multiple year National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to continue administration of

this survey. Since 1972, the GSS has monitored trends and constants in attitudes, behaviors, and attributes among Americans and examined the structure and functioning of society. The GSS design is based on a national area-probability sample of the U.S., using NORC's national sample frame. This year's was the first GSS data collection round conducted using CAPI technology. As with previous rounds, the survey instrument includes a core module sponsored by the NSF grant as well as modules representing the research interests of more than a dozen supplemental funders. *Principal Investigator*: Tom Smith, *Project Director*: Karen Grigorian.

**2001 National Survey of Prosecutors (NSP).** Funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), U.S. Department of Justice, NORC has conducted a survey of all U.S. State court prosecutorial offices in order to collect information on funding, staffing, workload, special categories of felony prosecutions, and involvement in community related activities. This was the first census of all state prosecutors—prior NSPs have included a sample of prosecutors. Data collection was conducted by mail, with extensive telephone follow-up with all non-responders. *Project Director*: Natalie Suter, *Project Officer*: Carol DeFrances (BJS).

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**Perceptions of Smoking-Related Symptomatology.** SRL is conducting focus groups of current and former smokers to explore their perceptions of the connections between their smoking and symptoms such as coughing, headaches, difficulty sleeping, etc. Further, to determine if there are cultural differences in the willingness to make a connection between smoking and various symptoms, focus groups are being conducted with Caucasians, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Koreans, and Chinese. *Principal Investigators:* Frederick Kviz (School of Public Health, UIC), Melissa Clark (Brown Univ.), and Timothy Johnson; *Project Coordinator:* David Schipani.

**Review of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Personnel Records.** The purpose of this review of the personnel records of 2,950 highway maintenance workers was to examine IDOT's disciplinary and mandatory drug testing practices. SRL's review resulted in a written report to IDOT. *Principal Investigator:* Timothy Johnson, *Project Coordinator:* Christine Orland.

**Neighborhood Violence Evaluation: West Humboldt Park, Englewood, and West Garfield Park.** During October and November 2001, SRL interviewed 323 adults living in 1 of 3 Chicago neighborhoods. The purpose of this CATI survey of listed households was to determine the perceived level of violence in these 3 neighborhoods. *Principal Investigator:* Gary Slutkin (Chicago Project for Violence Prevention, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago), *Project Coordinator:* Ingrid Graf.

**Clergy Perceptions of Youth Violence.** SRL is conducting CATI interviews with 200 clergy located in Chicago's 10 highest crime districts about youth violence in their neighborhoods. Data collection will be complete in September. *Principal Investigator:* Gary Slutkin (Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, UIC), *Project Coordinator:* David Schipani.

**Undergraduate Commuters Survey.** During October–December 2001, SRL conducted CATI interviews with 380 undergraduate students at UIC who commute. Students were asked about the types of services they want and/or need on campus. *Principal Investigator:* Kim Savage (Campus Auxiliary Services, UIC), *Project Coordinator:* Isabel Calhoun Farrar.

**Substance Abuse Treatment Need and Treatment Utilization Among Youth Entering the Illinois Juvenile Corrections System.** Using data collected in mid-2000 via CAPI interviews with 401 youth, SRL examined the factors associated with the need for substance abuse treatment and treatment utilization among this population. The analysis also investigated possible cultural differences in treatment need and utilization. The National Data Evaluation Services, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment provided funding. *Principal Investigator:* Timothy Johnson, *Project Coordinator:* Ingrid Graf.

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**Kansas Policy Survey.** In December–February, SRC conducted 1,641 CATI interviews with a stratified random sample of Kansas residents. The questionnaire asked respondents about their views on the current problems facing the state, support for taxes to increase spending on state aid for K-12 education, alternative/renewable energy sources, and various proposed security plans after September 2001. This was the second statewide survey in 2001. *Project Director:* Donald Haider-Markel, *Project Manager:* Chad Kniss.

**Tobacco Use and Attitude Survey, 2002.** In April–June, SRC conducted approximately 2,000 CATI interviews with a random sample of Saline County, KS, residents. This was a follow-up survey to a baseline survey conducted in the summer of 2001. It was designed to measure what impact, if any, that a state-sponsored anti-tobacco campaign had on the attitudes toward tobacco and use of tobacco in one Kansas county. *Project Director:* Donald Haider-Markel, *Project Manager:* Chad Kniss.

**Building Health Neighborhoods Survey.** In June–August, SRC is conducting 1,500 CATI interviews with a stratified random sample of residents in five Kansas City metropolitan area counties. The survey is designed to examine the extent to which people involve themselves in their communities. The Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development and the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, MO, sponsored the survey. *Project Director:* Donald Haider-Markel, *Project Manager:* Chad Kniss.

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**Resident Assessment of Pain Management.** This methodological study aims to compare the answers obtained from nursing home residents about their experience of pain and pain medications with the responses obtained from proxy respondents. Analyses will focus on the ability of family members and close friends to accurately report the resident's experience of pain and the nursing home's management of the pain. The design calls for 450 interviews: 150 paired interviews with cognitively intact nursing home respondents and their proxies (300 interviews total), and 150 interviews with proxy respondents for cognitively impaired respondents. All patient interviews will be conducted face to face at the nursing home, while proxy interviews will have the option of being completed over the telephone. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is providing funding. *Study Director:* Brian Clarridge.

**National End of Life Care Study.** This is the first of two planned data collections from a national sample of death certificate informants on the end of life care received by individuals before they died. The goal is to examine differences in health care delivery practices by place of death (hospital, nursing home, home), by geography, and by intervention practices (ICU use). Data collection is designed to cover 25 states under a 2-stage probability sample design. The target is 1,300 completed interviews: 800 randomly selected from statewide data files, 250 from high medical intervention areas, and 250 from low medical intervention areas. The data collection concept and many of the procedures closely followed the National Mortality Followback Study of 1993. The study is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. *Study Director:* Brian Clarridge.

**Self Determined Life Closure.** In collaboration with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, CSR is involved in the design of a questionnaire about life closure. The goal is to obtain useful feedback from dying individuals and their families about the important social and health care domains that determine the quality of an individual's death. The questionnaire will be capable of being administered by a hospice staff member for a patient or family member and will consist of a relatively small number of questions. The study will include a field test covering 180 families in 3 test hospice facilities. Data collection will be managed at the separate locations with data entry and analysis occurring at CSR. *Study Director:* Brian Clarridge.

**Surgical Volume Matters: Helping Patients Pick Hospitals.** A national telephone survey of Medicare beneficiaries who have undergone recent surgery ( $N=600$ ) will be conducted this year. The goals are to learn how Medicare patients currently choose hospitals for high-risk surgery and to determine the extent of Medicare beneficiaries' knowledge about volume and risk. The project is funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. *Principal Investigator:* John Birkmeyer (Dartmouth Medical School), *Study Director:* Patricia Gallagher.

**Organizational Determinants of HIV Care Improvements.** Sponsored by the Health Resources and Services Administration, a longitudinal mail survey of medical directors and clinicians working at HIV/AIDS clinics across the U.S. was conducted to evaluate a program designed to improve patient care. A total of 463 questionnaires from intervention and control sites were completed at baseline and 462 during the recently completed second wave of the survey. *Principal Investigator:* Paul Cleary (Harvard Medical School), *Study Directors:* Patricia Gallagher and Floyd Fowler, Jr.

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**Family Formation, Context, and Well-Being: A Re-Interview.** Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, this study will re-interview the 3,400 respondents from the first wave in 1995-96 who were sampled from 21 metropolitan areas across the U.S. The purpose is to provide a better understanding of the relationship between attitudes toward marriage and family and attitudes about race, ethnicity, religion, gender roles, and economic well-being. *Principal Investigator:* Belinda Tucker (UCLA), *Survey Manager:* Lloyd Hemingway.

**Surveys of Consumers.** Begun in 1946, the Surveys of Consumers is the longest ongoing study of consumer attitudes and expectations. The survey has been replicated in this country as well as in 3 dozen other countries and is based on a representative sample of all U.S. households, with 500 telephone interviews conducted each month. The historical data series are available at <http://www.umich.edu/~umsurvey>. *Project Director:* Richard Curtin, *Research Associate:* Rebecca McBee, *Survey Manager:* Michael Shrank, *Research Technicians:* Julia Locklear, Ann Munster, and Brenna Muldavin.

**Health and Retirement Study (HRS) 2002.** Approximately 19,500 CAI interviews will be completed nationwide in Wave 6 of this study. The HRS was designed to provide researchers, policy analysts and program managers with reliable, current data on the economic and physical well-being of Americans 50 and older. Also, it was intended to furnish insight into how health and wealth interact with work, retirement, and family responsibilities over time to affect decision making. Mode of administration is primarily telephone. *Principal Investigator:* Robert Willis, *Survey Director:* Nicole Kirgis.

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**2001 Minnesota State Survey.** This was Part 2 of the 18th annual omnibus survey of adults in Minnesota. From October 2001 to January 2002, RDD CATI interviews were completed with 802 adults. The survey was sponsored by government agencies and the Univ. of Minnesota and explored quality of life, technology, environment, housing, and the Univ. of Minnesota. *Project Manager:* Pam Jones, *Study Director:* Rossana Armson.

**2001 Twin Cities Area Survey.** This was the 19th annual omnibus survey of adults residing in the 7-county Minneapolis-St. Paul area. A total of 804 RDD CATI surveys were completed between December 2001 and March 2002. The survey was sponsored by government agencies and the Univ. of Minnesota and included the following nine topics: quality of life, transportation, non-profit social or human services, acceptable behavior, housing, environment, technology, higher education, and demographics. *Project Manager:* Pam Jones, *Study Director:* Rossana Armson.

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**Appropriateness of Placement Level in Substance Abuse Treatment Programs.** Using an in-person clinical diagnostic interview based on DSM-IV criteria, CAR

conducted CAPI interviews at Nevada treatment centers with a randomly selected sample of clients receiving state-supported treatment in 6 of Nevada's 15 counties. The purpose of the research was to compare actual treatment placement level decisions made by center personnel for each client/patient against the results of CAR's independent clinical interviews. Data from the 256 CAPI interviews were translated into DSM-IV diagnoses using an algorithm designed to produce scores indicative of abuse or dependence for 7 core substances. The presence (or absence) of DSM-IV diagnoses for abuse or dependence for each client then were translated into an appropriate treatment placement level using ASAM Patient Placement Criteria (PPC-2). Funding for the research was provided by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. *Principal Investigator:* Judy Calder (CAR/Dept. of Human Dev. and Family Studies), *Project Managers:* Paula Nichols-Rodriguez and Tyler Bee.

**The Economic Impact of TANF Payments.** This is a longitudinal study of the economic impact of monthly TANF payments on recipients and on those who reside in each recipient's household. In addition to measurement of basic demographic variables, changes in household composition, employment status, total monthly household income, and a variety of other measures of economic and psychosocial adjustment factors are being examined using a "change over time" paradigm. Data collection, which recently has been completed, has been ongoing for 2 years using electronically scannable mail-out questionnaires, reminder post-cards, and CATI interviews, with all of the foregoing supported by incentive payments for respondents. Each TANF recipient was surveyed during the first month of receipt of TANF payment and then was followed up at 3-, 6-, 9-, 12-, 18-, and 24-month intervals, with a new wave of sample of approximately 200 recipients added each month. The Social Security Administration provided funding. *Principal Investigators:* Judy Calder (CAR) and Dick Bartholet (College of Business Administration, UNR), *Project Managers:* Kathy Imasaki, Michiko Okura, and Betty Foerster.

**Child Care Work Force Study.** Designed as a census of the entire Nevada childcare workforce, this research surveyed 426 directors/owners of licensed child care centers, 5,339 teachers/child care providers in these licensed centers, 607 licensed homecare providers, 450 unlicensed homecare providers, a random sample of parents whose children are receiving child care, as well as licensure agency personnel. A separate on-site observation paradigm was developed to assess the quality of childcare using standardized instruments. The study objectives included the following: (1) establish a statewide directory of the child care work force in Nevada; (2) characterize the status of current wages

## Survey Research Soliciting Lead Articles for Upcoming Issues

The *Survey Research* newsletter is extending an invitation to those in the survey research field to submit original work on topics of interest to the survey research community—such as methods for reducing nonresponse, experience with Web surveys, and strategies for recruiting and retaining interviewers—for inclusion in an upcoming issue. Submissions should be between 750 and 1,500 words and can be sent to [krish@srl.uic.edu](mailto:krish@srl.uic.edu).

and working conditions of child care providers, including a demographic profile of child care providers themselves; and (3) provide specific recommendations to the Nevada legislature with regard to improvement of the availability and quality of child care in Nevada. The Social Security Administration provided funding. *Principal Investigators*: Eva Essa (Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies, UNR) and Judy Calder (CAR/Dept. of Human Dev. and Family Studies), *Project Manager*: Kimberly Barr.

**Estimating Substance Abuse and Treatment Need in Rural Nevada.** This was an optimized RDD CATI survey of adults in rural Nevada counties designed to assess met and unmet demand for substance abuse treatment for alcohol and other drugs and was completed in April 2002. Data collection on this survey of 1,399 adults was conducted using funding provided by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. The prevalence of abuse and dependence for alcohol and other drugs was measured using a CATI-based clinical interview, the results of which were scored to produce the prevalence of diagnoses of abuse or dependence for each of seven substances separately, using DSM-IV criteria. Those interviewed were asked about their use of alcohol and 6 other substances, previous treatment history, employment, insurance status, a wide variety of demographic descriptors, access to treatment and perceived need for treatment, and measures of psychosocial adjustment. *Principal Investigator*: Judy Calder (CAR/Dept. of Human Dev. and Family Studies), *Project Managers*: Kathy Imasaki and Tyler Bee.

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**Granite State Poll, April 2002.** The Survey Center conducted CATI interviews with 694 New Hampshire adults between April 10 and April 18, 2002. The Granite State Poll is a quarterly survey of public opinion in New Hampshire and is conducted to determine present attitudes concerning the New Hampshire political environment, public policy, and consumer confidence in the state. *Principal Investigator*: Andrew Smith.

**Biosolids Survey.** This nationwide CATI survey of 1,069 adults was conducted between February 15 and March 15, 2002, for the Center of Environmental Communications. The purpose of the survey was to assess knowledge and attitudes about the use of biosolids. *Principal Investigator*: Andrew Smith.

**New Hampshire Women's Business Survey.** Approximately 400 female business owners or CEOs in New Hampshire were interviewed in May 2002. The purpose of the CATI study was to identify barriers to the creation and growth of women-owned businesses. *Principal Investigator*: Andrew Smith.

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**Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).** IPEDS is a single, comprehensive system built around a series of interrelated surveys designed to collect institution-level data on institution characteristics, enrollment, program completion, faculty, staff, finances, and graduation rates from 6,636 Title IV institutions. In fall 2000, the Web-based system replaced the paper questionnaires previously used for this ongoing data collection. *Project Director:* Janice Kelly.

**Education Longitudinal Study of 2002.** Sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics, this study examines the relationship between early high school experiences and experiences in postsecondary education and the work force. Group administration of student questionnaires and cognitive tests in math and reading were conducted with approximately 20,000 tenth grade students in about 800 schools across the nation between January and May 2002. Questionnaires also are being mailed to those students' math and English teachers, the students' parents, and school administrators and library media center coordinators at each school. Nonresponse follow-up for students and parents will be conducted with CATI technology. The students' transcripts will be collected in 2 years. *Project Director:* Dan Pratt, *Principal Investigator:* Steven Ingels, *Associate Project Director:* Ellen Stutts.

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**Annual Community Health Evaluation Survey (ACHES 2002).** One thousand CATI interviews will be completed this year, including an oversample of low-income and elderly populations. Topics concern the health and well-being of residents in Northeast Ohio, neighborhood perceptions, and September 11. This is the fourth year data has been collected for this study funded by the Sociology Dept. *Principal Investigators:* T. Gallagher, R. Johnson, A. Kroska, A. London, K.

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**Problem Drinking Among African American Workers.** This is the second wave of CATI interviews following 2,247 interviews completed a year ago by KSU, the Univ. of Georgia, and Indiana Univ. The project is examining alcohol use among African Americans and is funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. *Principal Investigator:* J. Martin, *Project Manager:* Brian McDonald.

**Stress, Coping, and Well-Being of Custodial Grandparents.** For this study, 900 CATI interviews will be completed over the course of an initial screening interview and two ballots, consisting of 700 grandmothers and 200 grandfathers. This project receives its funding from the National Institute of Mental Health. *Principal Investigator:* G. Smith.

**Religious Coping and Well-Being.** Two hundred CATI interviews will be completed this summer of the D.C. metropolitan area. Topics include how religious beliefs and practices are used to cope and how some of these coping behaviors are related to an older person's sense of control. *Principal Investigators:* Cindy Grandjean and G. Smith, *Project Manager:* Brian McDonald.

**Academic Transfer Retention Survey.** This spring, 350 CATI interviews of transfer students into KSU were completed. Topics included several aspects of the transfer process: admissions, advising, campus life, financial aid, and orientation. The Office of Academic Transfer and the Admissions Office provided funding for the study. *Principal Investigator:* Bebe Lavin, *Project Manager:* Brian McDonald.

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**Homeowners Survey.** The purpose of this mail survey funded by the National Science Foundation was to study the moving patterns of Franklin County, OH, homeowners. Two survey waves were conducted in 2001, and a third follow-up wave was done after September 11 to measure the effect of this national disaster on relocation patterns. A total of 3,620 interviews were completed. *Project Manager:* Lewis Horner.

**The Grandmother's Study: Intergenerational Caregiving to Youth.** This NIH-funded project studied the role of grandmothers in the caregiving of their grandchildren. Three types of caregiving arrangements were studied, including very low incidence households that contained grandmothers as the sole caregiver of a grandchild. RDD screening was used to identify 1,000 grandmother caregiving households. Follow-up interviews will be conducted later in 2002. *Project Manager:* Lewis Horner.

**Perceptions of the American People Survey.** The National Science Foundation funded this study of Americans' attitudes about Americans, seeking to measure levels of interpersonal trust, support for democratic processes, and other dimensions of national identity. RDD CATI interviews were conducted with approximately 1,230 Americans. *Project Manager:* Matthew Courser.

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**The Greater Cincinnati Survey.** This semi-annual omnibus survey of Cincinnati area adults on public knowledge, attitudes, and behavior is funded by multiple external agencies and organizations. The fall 2001 survey was conducted with 1,570 adults during November and December. RDD CATI interviews were conducted with adults living in the 8-county Greater Cincinnati region and asked about several topics, including transportation issues, parks and recreation, charitable contributions, and solid waste. The spring 2002 survey included approximately 1,500 RDD CATI interviews and asked about public utilities, services for families and children, and tourism. *Principal Investigators:* Kim Downing, Eric Rademacher, Thomas Shaw, and Al Tuchfarber.

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**Josephine County Survey.** OSRL conducted 405 RDD CATI interviews with Josephine County, OR, residents December 2001–January 2002. This study

was the first in a series of annual surveys to help Josephine County government's self-evaluation. It aimed to establish benchmarks and determine residents' opinions about county services, policies and taxes; growth issues; civic participation; and county government's communication with citizens. *Principal Investigator:* Patricia Gwartney, *Project Director:* Toshihiko Murata.

**Teacher Standards and Practices Commission Survey.** In January 2002, OSRL finished 405 CATI interviews (random from list) with active licensed Oregon educators. The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) sponsored this survey to ascertain how well TSPC communicates with educators by telephone, U.S. mail, e-mail, and in person. The survey also asked educators about their opinions and experiences with recent changes in teacher licensing rules. *Principal Investigator:* Patricia Gwartney, *Project Director:* Tony Silvaggio.

**Deschutes County Community and Family Survey.** OSRL conducted 389 RDD CATI interviews in February 2002 for the Univ. of Oregon's Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior (IVDB). The survey discerned Deschutes County residents' opinions and experiences with community services, family programs, teenage crime, and school safety issues. IVDB will use the results to evaluate programs for at-risk youth and public safety. *Principal Investigator:* Patricia Gwartney, *Project Director:* Toshihiko Murata.

**Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) "Double Fine" Survey.** ODOT asked OSRL to complete 651 RDD CATI interviews in February–March 2002 with Oregonians who drive at least 75 miles per week. The study aimed to improve Oregon highway safety by investigating why drivers exceed posted speed limits. Questions covered respondents' behavior in double-fine traffic zones near construction, schools, and safety corridors. *Principal Investigator:* Patricia Gwartney, *Project Director:* Toshihiko Murata.

**North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks Survey.** OSRL completed 411 CATI interviews (random from list) in March–April 2002 with farm/ranch families who have minor children. Researchers at Eastern Washington Univ.'s Center for Farm Health and Safety are using the results to examine parents' behavior and opinions concerning ages at which children start performing certain farm/ranch tasks. The results also are providing researchers with feedback about national

guidelines for children's farm/ranch work. *Principal Investigator:* Patricia Gwartney, *Project Directors:* Vikas Gumbhir and Juyeon Son.

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**Evaluation of the Philadelphia Youth Violence Reduction Partnership (YVRP).** ISR will be conducting interviews for Public Private Ventures' Evaluation of the YVRP funded by the William Penn Foundation. Data collection commenced during the summer of 2002 and includes baseline CATI interviews with 300 youth age 12–24 who have been referred to the YVRP in Philadelphia police precincts. Data collection also includes an ongoing effort to maintain up-to-date location information for every respondent who completes a baseline interview, so that an 18-month follow-up interview can be completed with at least 80% of the respondents. Follow-up interviews will be attempted by CATI but also will use CAPI. *Study Director:* Peter Mulcahy.

**Behavioral and Academic Adjustment in Elementary School.** Together with researchers from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and the Univ. of Texas at Houston School of Public Health, ISR will be investigating the adjustments children experience as they transition from preschool to first grade. This study, funded by NIH, will select 480 households in Baltimore with a child entering first grade during fall 2002 for participation. The primary caregiver of the focal child will participate in a CAPI interview, followed by a CASI questionnaire while the interviewer administers a series of structured assessments to the focal child, including the Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test, the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, and the Harter Pictorial Scale of Perceived Competence and Acceptance for Young Children. The home visit will culminate in a videotaped series of interactions between the mother and child that are designed to indicate the level of connectedness and autonomy between them. Follow-up CATI interviews will be administered in the spring of 2003. *Study Director:* Peter Mulcahy.

**Study of Parents and Adult Offspring.** ISR is currently conducting the pilot phase of this NIH-funded study. The study seeks to examine the dynamics of the

parent-offspring tie. Through telephone screening of households in the Philadelphia area, interviewers are identifying 24- to 44-year-old non-Hispanic Caucasian and African American adults who live within 50 miles of, but not with, two healthy parents. All three—the offspring and both parents—must agree to participate in the study, which includes a 60-minute telephone interview with each member of the triad and two subsequent in-person videotaped dyad interviews, one with the mother and the offspring and one with the father and the offspring. Telephone screening also is identifying a group of similar offspring who live farther than 50 miles from their healthy parents. Only offspring are participating in the 45-minute distant CATI interview. The full-scale study of 190 triads and 152 distant CATI interviews began in July 2002. *Principal Investigator:* Karen Fingerman (Gerontology Center, Pennsylvania State Univ.), *Study Director:* Ellin Spector.

**Pathological Gambling: Courses, Consequences and Causes.** This NIH-funded study seeks to improve our understanding of gambling behaviors and beliefs and how these are influenced by family and daily experiences, as well as the impact gambling has on quality of life and associated social, economic and psychological factors. There are 2,400 members of the Vietnam Era Twins Registry being invited to participate in this CATI study. A concurrent instrument reliability study will include 10% of the main study respondents. *Principal Investigator:* Seth Eisen (Veterans Administration Medical Center), *Study Director:* Ellin Spector.

**The Effects of Bicultural Socialization on Self Formation in Middle Childhood: Follow-Up Study of Girls Adopted from China.** This project, funded by the Johann Jacobs Foundation, studied a sample of 356 girls, 5½–12 years of age, adopted from China into households in 38 states. The 517 adoptive parents were surveyed in 1996. After updating location information for the sample, questionnaires were mailed to children and their adoptive parents in March 2002. Completed questionnaires were received from 327 of the primary parents, 140 of the second parents, and 322 of the children. *Principal Investigator:* Richard Tessler (Social and Demographic Research Institute, Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst), *Study Director:* Ellin Spector.

**Young Men's Pathways to Adulthood Study.** With funding from the William T. Grant Foundation, ISR is tracing the 1,881 participants in the 1988 National Survey of Adolescent Males (NSAM), most of whom were re-interviewed in 1991 and 1995. In-depth interviews

will be conducted with approximately 50 of the 150 men (now approximately 29–34 years of age) currently living in Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago, Baltimore, and Washington, DC. The expectation is that this project will lead to a fourth wave of the NSAM. *Principal Investigator*: Freya Sonenstein (The Urban Institute), *Study Director*: Ellin Spector.

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#### Waco Independent School District Survey 2002.

This CATI study of adult Waco residents asked 6 questions about the Waco Independent School District. Specific topics were the overall grade given to the school as well as a grade given to the academics, support for the promotion policy, safety issues, and the most often used information source. *Directors*: Larry Lyon and Tillman Rodabough, *Project Manager*: Debbie Marable, *Coordinators*: Larry Lyon, Tillman Rodabough, and Elizabeth Kelly.

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**Annual Survey of Academic and Research Libraries.** This survey, sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries, is now in its fourth year. A Web-based survey of 1,678 U.S. and Canadian libraries at academic institutions, the study gathers data on library collections, expenditures, library operations, and local characteristics or attributes. *Principal Investigator*: Thomas Guterbock, *Project Directors*: John Lee Holmes and Ryan Hubbard.

**Prince William County Annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey.** Approximately 1,100 CATI interviews were completed to assess citizen satisfaction with government services in Prince William County, VA. A similar survey was conducted in Albemarle County. *Project Director*: Kate Wood.

**Virginia Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Customer Satisfaction Survey.** For the fifth consecutive year, CSR conducted a DMV-sponsored survey to determine the level of satisfaction among Virginia residents who used DMV services the year before the survey. The sample included 1,236 Virginia adults. *Project Director*: David Hartman.

**Roanoke County Schools: Parent & Citizen Survey.** Using RDD and listed sample, this survey of 1,097 residents of Roanoke County, VA, measured parent and non-parent satisfaction with the current programs and policies of the county's school system. This survey was sponsored by Roanoke County Schools. *Project Director*: Kate Wood.

**2001 Policy Expectations Survey.** Sponsored by the National Science Foundation through a grant to The Ohio State Univ., CSR conducted a survey of 669 voters in Virginia and 638 voters in New Jersey prior to the 2001 gubernatorial elections. *Principal Investigators*: Dean Lacy (The Ohio State Univ.) and Philip Paolino (Univ. of Texas), *Project Directors*: Thomas Guterbock and Paul Schroeder.

**Virginia Dept. of Transportation (VDOT) Customer Satisfaction Survey.** This statewide RDD telephone survey asked 4,400 drivers in Virginia about satisfaction with features of major highways and secondary roads. The project called for complex sample design and weighting in order to accurately represent the state's nine VDOT districts and 45 residencies. *Project Directors*: Thomas Guterbock and Brian Meekins.

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**Badger Poll.** To kick off what is hoped to be a continuing "poll of record" for Wisconsin, the UWSC completed its first Badger Poll in March 2002. This RDD survey of adult state residents was sponsored in part by the *Capital Times* newspaper and Wisconsin Public Broadcasting. The second poll was conducted in June 2002. Ten surveys, each of approximately 500 residents, are planned yearly. *Survey Director*: Donald Ferree.

**Prostate Cancer Re-interview Study.** In April–May 2001, about 1,000 respondents were interviewed, and UWSC currently is attempting to re-interview as many

of these individuals as possible. This wave of data is being collected for the Minnesota Veterans Administration Hospital. *Principal Investigator:* Melissa Partin, *Project Director:* Debbie Wright.

**Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation (WDOT) Omnibus Study.** This CATI survey will be the first of what may be a series of statewide studies for WDOT. The study will consist of Core and Module sections to measure and track residents' behavior, attitudes, and opinions relating to WDOT issues. UWSC expects to complete approximately 800 interviews with this RDD sample. *Principal Investigator:* Don Hagen, *Project Director:* Danna Basson.

**Wisconsin Omnibus National.** The UWSC will conduct its first national omnibus RDD study in late summer/early fall. This omnibus is a vehicle for modules intended for both methodological and substantive research and includes standard demographics. Anticipated future frequency is quarterly. *Project Director:* Donald Ferree.

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**History of Drinking Survey.** ISR is conducting a study on behalf of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to explore why and how some people change addictive behaviors without the use of treatment programs and other support systems. Information gleaned from this study will be adapted for use in current alcohol treatment programs. ISR is conducting approximately 3,000 CATI interviews with randomly selected residents in households across Ontario in the spring and summer of 2002. The research methodology for this study includes audiotaping of some open-ended responses relating to strategies respondents have used to stop or reduce their drinking, and there is a brief mail-back questionnaire to gather information on major life events in respondents' lives. The study is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. *Principal Investigator:* John Cunningham (CAMH), *Study Director:* David Northrup.

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## PERSONNEL NOTES

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Survey Research reports on the new appointments and promotions of professional staff at academic and not-for-profit survey research organizations, as well as those of the for-profit organizations that are patrons of the newsletter.

John Thompson will join NORC this summer as Executive Vice President. He is currently the Principal Associate Director for Programs at the U.S. Bureau of the Census with responsibility for programs in the Agency's Demographic, Economic, and Decennial Directorates. Prior to this appointment, he was the Associate Director for the Decennial Census from 1997 until mid-June 2001 and was responsible for all aspects of Census 2000. He is an Elected Fellow of the American Statistical Association. Also, Caren Skoulas has joined NORC as Chief Financial Officer. She comes to NORC after holding senior positions at the Univ. of Chicago. Skoulas is currently the University's Associate Provost for Planning where she has responsibilities on major initiatives, such as implementation of the University's Campus Master Plan and expansion of the college. She also served as Budget Director for the University between 1992 and 1999.

Robert Lee joined The Ohio State Univ.'s Center for Survey Research as Director of Operations in December 2001. Previously, he served as Director of Operations for Freeman, Sullivan & Co. of San Francisco and as Associate Director of the Univ. of Wisconsin Survey Center.

John Lee Holmes recently joined the staff at the Center for Survey Research at the Univ. of Virginia as Research Specialist with primary responsibility for mail and Web-based surveys. David Hartman, formerly of the School of Business Management at Michigan State Univ., has joined CSR staff as part-time Senior Research Director.

Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, who is scientific director at ZUMA, was invited to take a guest chair at the IPMZ Zurich and held this appointment part-time from March to July 2002. Beatrice Rammstedt will join ZUMA on September 1, 2002 as a project leader. Prior to this position, she has been a scientific collaborator at the chair of psychology, Univ. of Jena.

The Survey Research Laboratory at the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago welcomes Lori Harmon, who has joined the Chicago office as a project coordinator. Previously she was a survey specialist II at NORC.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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This section contains listings of employment opportunities in survey research organizations. Listings can be sent to the editors at the address in the newsletter or e-mailed to [krish@srl.uic.edu](mailto:krish@srl.uic.edu). Survey Research does not charge a fee for these postings.

Temple Univ.'s Institute for Survey Research has openings for **Field Administrators** and **Senior Field Administrators** who will work out of offices on the University campus in Philadelphia, PA. Both positions recruit, hire, train, and manage field coordinators, interviewers, telephone interviewers, and supervisors to collect data on survey projects. These positions require directly related survey research, administrative, and computer-assisted interviewing experience. Computer skills including word processing, database management, and basic spreadsheet functions also are required, as are strong verbal communication skills. Responsibilities include tracking study progress, precise record keeping, and writing instruction manuals, memos, and end of study data collection reports. A generous benefit package is available, including 403b and tuition remission. Please respond to [peter@temss2.isr.temple.edu](mailto:peter@temss2.isr.temple.edu) with a resumé and cover letter.

The Research Triangle Institute has openings for **Survey Managers**, **Senior Survey Directors**, and **Survey Methodologists** at its North Carolina, Atlanta, Rockville, and Chicago offices. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree with a background in social science research methods, and 3+ years of experience in survey design and implementation. Senior Survey Directors must have 10+ years of experience serving as a project director in other senior management roles on research contracts. Entry-level Survey Methodologists positions require a Master's degree in survey methodology or other related field, course work in survey methods, and 1+ year of post-degree experience in survey design and implementation. Senior-level methodologist positions require 5+ years of post-degree experience in survey methods research. RTI offers competitive salary and excellent benefits. Submit resume online at <http://www.rti.org>. For more information, contact Sheila Knight, Research Triangle Institute, P.O. Box 12194, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, or send e-mail to [sknight@rti.org](mailto:sknight@rti.org).

The Survey Research Center at the Univ. of Michigan has openings for **Regional Field Managers** and is seeking to fill the position of **Manager of Survey Services Lab (SSL)**. The SSL Manager duties include

overseeing all centralized telephone data collection, mail survey implementation, coding, and data entry functions. Individuals interested in these positions are encouraged to send a letter of introduction and resume to Nancy Bylica, Institute for Social Research, Survey Research Center, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Informal inquiries can also be made via e-mail to [bpennell@isr.umich.edu](mailto:bpennell@isr.umich.edu). The Univ. of Michigan is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Center for Survey Research (CSR), Univ. of Massachusetts Boston, has an opening for a **Senior Research Fellow**. CSR is looking for applicants with special interest in methodological aspects of survey research (e.g. sampling, question design and evaluation, web-based surveys, computer-assisted data collection), and/or new analytic techniques (e.g. multi-level statistical analysis, analysis of longitudinal data, nonresponse bias). A successful applicant must have a Ph.D. in a social science, demonstrated analytic skills, and an ability to develop funding for her/his own research interests. Considerable experience with large-scale probability sample survey projects is essential. CSR offers a competitive calendar-year salary commensurate with experience. Application review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Send vita to Director, Center for Survey Research, Univ. of Massachusetts Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Survey Research Center (SRC) at the Univ. of California, Berkeley seeks candidates for the **Director of Survey Operations (DSO)**. Along with the faculty Director of the SRC, the DSO has primary responsibility for developing and selecting projects based upon their scientific merit and technical feasibility. The DSO directs the SRC's survey operations including fieldwork and administrative, statistical, and technical services. Candidates must have substantial experience and background managing survey research operations employing all types of samples and methodologies (e.g., list and RDD samples, mail, telephone, and in-person surveys). They should be familiar with survey research involving multi-language and hard-to-reach populations, sensitive topics, and embedded experiments and complex flow. Specialized knowledge of CATI instrumentation, especially CASES, is highly desirable. Candidates must have extensive knowledge of social science research designs and analysis, factors determining survey costs, and proven ability to manage multi-million dollar contract and grant research projects. Advanced degree in the social sciences or equivalent work experience is required. The salary range for this position is from \$71,500 to \$128,600. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send CV to SRC, c/o Fern Glover, 2538 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94720. For further infor-

mation, contact Henry Brady, Director of the Survey Research Center, at 510-642-3008 or [hbrady@csm.berkeley.edu](mailto:hbrady@csm.berkeley.edu). Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

RAND announces openings for two positions. The **Manager of Survey Operations** will work collaboratively with other members of a management team to oversee data collection operations that support a range of social research projects. Primary responsibilities include project forecasting; working with clients to plan and staff data collection projects; assisting with project budgeting, training, and oversight of survey operations supervisors and junior managers; insuring the implementation of data safeguarding; and quality control. Responsibilities also include routine review and updating of training protocols for data collection staff and survey processing staff, conduct of annual performance appraisals of survey operations staff, and routine review of current and future operations space needs. Minimum education required is a BA/BS, and candidates must have 3–5 years of experience as a supervisor or manager of data collection operations across multiple data collection modes (mail surveys, telephone surveys, in-person interviews). The position requires experience with at least one computer-assisted interview application. Candidates must have familiarity with Microsoft Access and be advanced users of Microsoft Office. Candidates must demonstrate experience working across multiple projects and tasks, must demonstrate experience in recruitment and training of data collection staff, and should possess a minimum two years' experience in budgeting or monitoring cost and performance. The **Telephone Survey Center Manager (TSC manager)** is responsible for the overall management and scheduling of the Telephone Survey Center. The TSC manager oversees the daily activities and maintenance functions within the TSC, including management of resources across projects, equipment inventory, and project billing tasks. The TSC manager works directly with project coordinators and senior management staff. Also, the manager is responsible for maintenance and updating of training, quality control, and supervision protocols. The minimum education requirement for this position is a BA/BS, and candidates must have strong organizational, administrative, communication, and supervisory skills. The position requires the ability to troubleshoot, monitor, motivate, and critique. A qualified candidate must have at least 2 years of call center supervisory or management experience and proficiency in at least one computer-assisted interview application. Job candidates must have familiarity with Microsoft Access and be advanced users of Microsoft Office. For additional information on these positions, contact Julie Brown, Director, RAND Survey Research Group, P.O. Box 2138, Santa Monica, CA, 90407-2138, 310-393-0411, fax: 310-451-6921, e-mail: [Julie\\_Brown@rand.org](mailto:Julie_Brown@rand.org).

The Institute for Survey and Policy Research at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has an opening for an **Information Processing Consultant**. Principal duties include (i) questionnaire development; sample design; survey methodology; information technology applications (e.g., CAPI, CATI, Web-based surveys); quality assurance methods; and designing, analyzing, and reporting methodological studies; (ii) consulting with faculty, students, and clients regarding data analysis and statistical software; (iii) microcomputing and internet instructions; and (iv) miscellaneous duties, including backup for various ISPR projects and the microcomputer labs. Minimum qualifications include a Master's degree (Ph.D. preferred) in Social Sciences with an extensive background in microcomputer applications, sample surveys, and social science research methods. Candidate must have experience in designing and implementing large sample surveys, preferably in the field of Health or Environmental Economics, working on social science research projects, and he/she should be able to interact with faculty, students, and clients in their applied research and teaching. This is a 100%, 12-month position, and salary is commensurate with qualifications. To apply, send resume, official transcript, 3 letters of reference, and a sample of your work to Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Swarnjit S. Arora, Director, Institute for Survey and Policy Research, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Application must be postmarked by September 9, 2002. UWM is an AA/EO employer and educator strongly committed to maintaining a climate supporting equality of opportunity and respect for difference based on gender, culture, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, and lawful activities. We particularly encourage applications from individuals who would enhance and diversify our workforce.

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