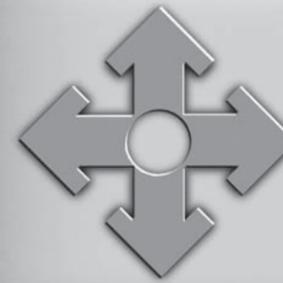




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AASRO Update

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The Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO) was formed in 2008 to support the mutual interests and confront the common challenges of academic-based survey research organizations.

through an annual survey, and some is directed at educating ourselves, university or government officials, or the public about sound survey practice. This is a brief update about two of those activities.

AASRO's purpose is "to facilitate mutual support among member organizations" by

1. Promoting excellence and integrity in the conduct of survey research.
2. Providing both formal and informal education and training for effective organization and administration of academic survey research organizations.
3. Advancing the educational and research role of survey research organizations across diverse university structures.
4. Promoting the values of academic survey research: methodological innovation, scientifically grounded data collection practices, and public dissemination of important survey research results.

AASRO ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of AASRO is fast approaching. This year's meeting will be hosted by the University of New Hampshire in Durham, February 28 through March 2. Andy Smith, Director of UNH's Survey Center and the current AASRO program chair, has put together a wonderful agenda that will keep us focused on AASRO's key goals.

Two of the sessions are particularly focused on addressing the second point listed above.

On Friday, Hollis McGuire of the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center will discuss survey centers as small businesses. Virtually all of the directors of academic survey research organizations were trained in something other than running a business, but, in fact, that is what many directors spend much of their time doing. This session should be both interesting and helpful so that the senior leadership of our survey organizations might spend their limited and valuable time doing this well.

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Later on that day, Ashley Bowers (Indiana University) and Patty Maher (University of Michigan) will give a presentation on the Project Management Institute Frameworks. This is a widely used approach to building and certifying competence in project management. Ashley and Patty will discuss its usefulness and benefits for project management in survey organizations.

The agenda also will include presentations on conducting surveys using address-based sampling approaches and on collecting data via social media such as Facebook, both of which also fit neatly into the second point (and possibly the fourth as well).

There will, of course, be the usual wonderful conversation, commiseration, and celebration that make these meetings stimulating, uplifting, and useful.

To register, please visit the "Meetings" section of the AASRO Web site (AASRO.org).

EDUCATING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Several issues have arisen this year that have posed threats to survey practice generally, to specific surveys directly, or to many surveys indirectly. AASRO has and is responding to each of these.

In the spring, there were widespread discussions in Congress about reducing the budget for the Census Bureau. AASRO's Executive Committee, on behalf of AASRO, signed a letter expressing great concern regarding the adverse consequences of such underfunding for the ongoing functioning of the Bureau and the data quality of Census products. The letter urged Congress to fully fund the Census Bureau.

In early summer, Congressman Tipton (R-CO) offered an amendment to H.R. 5325, the Fiscal Year 2013 Energy and Water Appropriations Act. The amendment prohibited the Bureau of Reclamation and other agencies covered under the legislation from funding surveys in which money is included or provided for the benefit of the responder. The U.S. House of Representatives adopted the amendment by a large margin (355–51).

Subsequently, Congressman Tipton indicated that he intended "...to pursue legislative options to ban all federal agencies from including taxpayer dollars in surveys for the benefit of the responder." This would have potential impacts on surveys conducted by many AASRO member organizations.

The Executive Committee of AASRO prepared and sent a letter to legislators explaining the value of incentives at improving response rates, reducing nonresponse bias, reducing survey costs, and ensuring data quality. The letter argued that taxpayers are ultimately the primary beneficiaries of such incentives when better data become the basis of government decisions.

More recently, there have been two proposals in Congress that would directly affect the Census Bureau—particularly the American Community Survey (ACS)—and indirectly affect most of our member organizations.

The ACS is predominantly a mail survey with phone and personal follow-up of a random sample of American households. It was initiated in 2005 as a replacement for the long-form of the decennial Census survey and is conducted continuously by the Census Bureau to provide detailed demographic, housing, social, and economic information on households. Because it is conducted continuously, it provides users of the data a much more accurate snapshot of the U.S. population and trends between the censuses at the national, state, county, and municipality levels than were previously possible.

Because it is a part of the Census survey, responding to it is legally mandatory. Its response rates have been 97–98%.

One proposal would make responding to the ACS voluntary. Key tests have indicated that making it voluntary would reduce response rates by at least 20%, thereby increasing the risk of bias. This would greatly undermine the utility of the ACS data for its many users (businesses, marketers, school districts, government agencies, etc.), especially for smaller geographic areas. It also would drive up the costs of the ACS.

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search projects in our telephone and fieldwork divisions. The successful applicant will work within an interdisciplinary team (a) assisting investigators in developing and implementing cost-effective and scientifically innovative survey research designs; (b) overseeing project implementation; (c) managing a staff of project managers, project assistants, supervisors, programmers, and budget consultants; and (d) collaborating with Penn State faculty to develop research proposals, papers, and publications. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in a social science discipline (including but limited to survey methodology, psychology, sociology, education, public health, or political science) and research experience. Excellent written and oral English communication and interpersonal skills are required. Background and experience in any of the following areas will be considered a plus: prior work in medium to large survey research organization, survey experiments, survey programming (e.g., CATI, CAPI, or Web surveys), sampling, applied statistics. Interested applicants for this three-year appointment, with competitive salary and benefits, and excellent possibility of renewal, should send (1) a letter of application describing research interests, career goals, and experience; (2) a curriculum vita; and (3) names of three professional references to Tracy Scala—SRC Search, Survey Research Center, The Pennsylvania State University, The 330 Building, Suite 105, University Park, PA 16802

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. For more information, contact SRC Director Kurt Johnson (kdj11@psu.edu) or SRC Academic Director Eric Plutzer at (Plutzer@psu.edu). Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce.

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The second proposal in the FY2013 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill (H.R. 5326) would cut \$116 million from the Census Bureau’s budget request, reducing the budget to the point that the ACS would have to be canceled altogether. The Census Bureau has testified that replacing the Census long form with the ACS greatly simplified, expedited, and made more efficient the 2010 Census while improving its overall response rate. Importantly, it reduced the cost of the 2010 Census significantly.

Aside from the host of businesses, school districts and government agencies that depend on the ACS-generated data, many or most AASRO organizations would be adversely impacted by both of these proposals as well. ACS results are used by countless other surveys to gauge the representativeness of their samples and to make appropriate weighting adjustments to improve their accuracy.

The Executive Committee is preparing a letter to inform U.S. senators and representatives as to why we think both proposals are ill-advised.

AASRO continues to work on meeting the other goals of the organization as well. An update on many of these other efforts will be presented at the annual meeting.

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CURRENT RESEARCH

Further information on the studies described in this section should be obtained from the organizations conducting the studies at the addresses given at the beginning of each organization’s listing. Neither Survey Research nor the Survey Research Laboratory can provide this information. Study summaries are accepted by Survey Research with the understanding that additional information can be released to others.

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Georgia Poll. The SRC conducted the fall 2012 Georgia Poll between November 20th and 28th, 2012, when a telephone interview was administered to an RDD probability sample of 503 Georgia residents 18 years old or older. The purpose of the survey was to assess perceptions of Georgians toward health care and Obamacare. The cooperation rate (AAPOR cooperation rate 3) for the study was 28.5%. *Principal Investigator:* James Bason.

Georgia Drunk Driving Survey 2012–2013. SRC conducted this survey between December 11th, 2012, and January 8th, 2013. Data were generated from a telephone interview of an RDD probability sample of 401 Georgia residents age 18 or older. Data for the pre-survey were collected between December 11th and 19th, 2012 ($n = 200$), and data for the follow-up survey were collected between January 2nd and 8th, 2013 ($n = 201$). The purpose of the survey was to assess attitudes and knowledge of Georgia residents about laws governing drinking and driving and general information about knowledge of highway safety in Georgia, and to assess changes in Georgia residents’ attitudes before and after the annual traffic safety campaign “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” conducted by the Georgia

Governor's Office of Highway Safety prior to Christmas and running through New Year's Eve. The cooperation rate for the study was 24.3%. *Principal Investigator:* James Bason.

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2012 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies (CSLLEA). To provide an accurate sampling frame for the Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) program, the Bureau of Justice Statistics periodically sponsors the CSLLEA. The census is the most systematic and comprehensive source of national data on the number of sworn and non-sworn personnel employed by law enforcement agencies nationwide and provides a complete accounting of policing agencies that employ the equivalent of at least one full-time sworn officer by collecting data on law enforcement agency functions, facilities, personnel, and budget. In addition to providing an accurate sampling frame, the CSLLEA is itself a valuable source of information on trends in law enforcement employment in the U.S. *Project Director:* David Herda.

2012 NORC Presidential Election Study. This study was designed to measure public opinion about important issues the country faces—economic recovery, health care costs, and extreme partisanship. The survey consists of two rounds of data collection. The first round went into the field before the November 2012 presidential election and was a nationally representative household survey of 2,136 adults. The second round examines post-election attitudes and perceptions and was conducted in the weeks just after the 2012 presidential election with 1,125 respondents recontacted from the first round. The survey attempts to provide information from the American people that will help inform our national discussion around how to bridge the partisan divide and solve our most pressing problems and was conducted by NORC in partnership with the following experts: Mark Hansen, Univ. of Chicago; Andrea Campbell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Stephen Ansolabehere, Harvard University; and Benjamin Page, Northwestern University. *Principal Investigator:* Kirk Wolter, *Project Director:* Tricia McCarthy.

California Health Exchange Research. The California Health Benefit Exchange, Dept. of Health Care Services, and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board have been working together to collaborate on the planning and implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the important changes it will bring. This collaboration includes developing a marketing and outreach plan to inform Californians about the full range of affordable health coverage that will be available. NORC is leading the overall evaluation planning efforts for the new California Exchange, which involves working with senior staff and external stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan to assess the Exchange's short- and longer-term effectiveness in achieving its mission. To support the development of the plan, NORC is conducting over 400 in-depth interviews with consumers, eight focus groups with small business owners, and 25 in-depth interviews with insurance agents. The project team built an Access database to allow staff to code recordings of interviews simultaneously. *Project Director:* Larry Bye.

HIV Open Data Project Evaluation. This project is a multiphase endeavor funded by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy that seeks to address several known challenges associated with monitoring HHS-funded HIV prevention, treatment, and care services, including the lack of consistency among key indicators, an inability to summarize progress across HHS-funded programs, and a lack of interoperability among systems for reporting programmatic and fiscal data. The project is intended to inform planning activities in support of the HIV Open Data Project by evaluating the feasibility of data streamlining and harmonization strategies across HHS-funded HIV prevention, treatment, and care services. *Project Director:* Stuart Michaels.

Rural Health Workforce Network Development Planning Grant Program Evaluation. The evaluation of the Rural Health Workforce Network Development Planning Grant Program, a project of

PERSONNEL NOTES

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.

NORC's Research Programs welcome **Trevor Tompson** as Principal Research Scientist and Director of the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, Senior Research Scientist **Gretchen Torres** (Health Care Research), and Methodology Fellow **Michael Stern** (Center for Excellence in Survey Research). Bios of these and other NORC experts can be found at www.norc.org/Experts/Pages/default.aspx.

Over the past year, the Indiana University Center for Survey Research has been re-organizing and growing the professional staff. **Lilian Yahng** was promoted to the Director of Research and Development and Research Laboratory. **Jamie Roberts** was promoted to Director of Research Administration and Management Services. **Maryanne McDonnell** was promoted to Director of Business Operations and Human Resources. Our technology leads—**Kevin Tharp**, Director of Technologies, and **Jason Francis**, Lead Programmer—also had their positions classified into a higher level by the university.

Isabel Montemayor and **Nicole Sundin** recently joined the staff at the Univ. of Northern Iowa Center for Social and Behavioral Research as Evaluation Research Associates.

RTI's Research Computing Division welcomes **Absolom Masendeke** as Interim Gender Activity Director, **Josh Anderson** as a Programmer/Analyst, and **Nehal Trivedi** as a Research Programmer Analyst. The Survey Research Division has been joined by **Cristalle Promier**, **Matthew Letterman**, **Mike Best**, **Allissa Chambers**, and **Kayla Vaughn**

as Survey Specialists. **Cole Napper** has joined the Survey Research Laboratory Research Division as a Research Survey Research Laboratory Specialist.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NATE SILVER TO SPEAK AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY IN APRIL

Nate Silver of the *New York Times* and founder of Fivethirtyeight.com has been called a "spreadsheet psychic" and a "number-crunching prodigy" by *New York Magazine*. Nate comes out of the world of baseball statistics, but during the 2009 presidential election primaries, he turned his sights and his amazing predictive abilities and forecasting models to the game of politics and current events—with incredible results that were replicated in the 2012 elections. *TIME* has named him one of the world's 100 Most Influential People in 2009. His new book, *The Signal and the Noise: Why Most Predictions Fail—But Some Don't*, is a tour of modern prediction science, uncovering a surprising connection among humility, uncertainty, and good results.

His talk—*Big Data: Powerful Predictions through Data Analytics*—is scheduled for Friday April 5, 2013, from 1:30–3:00 P.M.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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 Irmccall@uic.edu. Survey Research does not charge a fee for these postings.

Research Assistant/Research Associate. Penn State's Survey Research Center is seeking qualified applicants for a research faculty position to provide scientific support and oversight for re-

PowerPoint presentation was given to the Laramie City Council. *Principal Investigators:* Trent Holder and Michael Dorssom.

City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Survey, 2012. In summer 2012, WYSAC conducted another community survey for the City of Laramie, for its Dept. of Parks and Recreation, which followed the same methodology as the one described above. The survey instrument focused on citizens' use and satisfaction with the recreational facilities managed by the City. A total of 400 completes were obtained. A PowerPoint presentation of the results was delivered to the Department. *Principal Investigators:* Trent Holder and Michael Dorssom.

Adult Tobacco Surveys, 2012. WYSAC conducted these surveys (sanctioned by the CDC) for the states of Idaho (3,000+ telephone interviews), North Dakota (1,800+ telephone interviews), and Wyoming (2,100+ telephone interviews). All were conducted on RDD samples augmented by cell phone samples as CDC protocols now dictate. *Principal Investigator:* Brian Harnisch, *Project Director:* Bistra Anatchkova.

Wyoming Dept. of Transportation (WYDOT) Customer Satisfaction Survey, 2012. In fall 2012, WYSAC conducted the 6th iteration of a biennial customer satisfaction survey for the WYDOT. WYSAC conducted the first such survey in 2002. The 2012 iteration augmented, for the second time, the landline telephone sample with a cell-phone subsample. The 2012 effort returned over 900 completes. Trend analyses were conducted to analyze changes over time. Two in-person Power Point presentations will be delivered to WYDOT in January 2013. *Principal Investigator:* Brian Harnisch; *Project Director:* Bistra Anatchkova.

Minnesota Work Site Wellness Survey, 2012. WYSAC conducted this survey for the Minnesota Dept. of Health. WYSAC has experience conducting such surveys in Wyoming (first in 2006 and again in 2011). The surveys collect information on worksite wellness policies and procedures in the workplace. The survey used a dual mode of data

collection (online and paper) and was conducted on a sample stratified by size of work site. A report analyzing the findings is being finalized, and a PowerPoint presentation will be delivered to the client. *Principal Investigator:* Michael Dorssom.

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Health Care Experience Survey. This province-wide study measures the public's access to physicians by interviewing a random selection of Ontarians on their experiences seeking primary health care. The Institute is completing approximately 2,800 CATI interviews across Ontario in 2013. Respondents will be asked about their satisfaction with health care in Ontario, about their personal health, and if they have a family doctor. This study is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. To learn more about the study, visit www.ontario.ca/healthsurvey or call ServiceOntario at 1-866-979-9300 (toll free). *Principal Investigator:* Sten Ardal (Health Analytics), *Study Director:* David Northrup.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) Monitoring. First implemented in 1977, the CAMH Monitor is the longest ongoing addiction and mental health survey of adults in Canada. The survey is designed to serve as the primary vehicle for monitoring substance use and mental health problems among Ontario adults. The CAMH Monitor provides trend data in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, mental health, as well as gauges public opinion toward tobacco and alcohol policies. In addition, the CAMH Monitor explores new topics, previously unmeasured, such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and traumatic brain injury. In 2013, the Institute will conduct approximately 3,000 CATI interviews among Ontarians. This study is funded by the Government of Ontario. *Principal Investigator:* Robert Mann, *Study Director:* John Pollard.

the Rural Health Outreach Tracking and Evaluation Program, will gather information on the activities grantees are engaging in to establish programs to encourage health professions students and residents to practice in rural communities. Researchers from NORC and the Univ. of Minnesota developed an evaluation framework that describes research questions and methods to monitor the grantees over the course of the three-year grant program. For the initial phase of the study, the research team conducted a literature review and developed profiles of the grantees. The team also administers a survey annually to nine of the grantees and conducts interviews with the nine grantee administrators. In addition, two site-visits are conducted each year of the grant program. *Project Directors:* Michael Meit and Alana Knudson.

Survey on Teen Relationships and Intimate Violence (STRiV). NORC is conducting the first comprehensive survey of teen dating violence in the U.S. Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, this survey, which will use a random sample of U.S. households, will provide a representative estimate of the prevalence of dating violence and risk factors for dating violence. The goal is to understand how widespread dating violence is among U.S. adolescents age 10–18. Unfortunately, current estimates of dating violence are incomplete and sometimes contradictory, often focusing on victimization to the exclusion of perpetration. With additional information about risk and protective factors, researchers and practitioners will be able to design and implement effective programs to prevent dating violence. *Principal Investigators:* Bruce Taylor and Elizabeth Mumford.

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An Evidence-Based Photonovella to Encourage Safe Meat Handling and Cooking Practices among Low Socioeconomic Status African-Americans. SRL is conducting 200 in-person in-

terviews with patients at two Chicago health clinics about their meat handling and cooking practices. These respondents are given a photonovella after the in-person interview. Approximately three weeks after the interview, SRL will call them to conduct telephone follow-ups on the same project. *Project Coordinator:* Isabel Farrar.

FamilyNet Evaluation. The FamilyNet Centers are a part of the SmartCommunities program, which works to ensure increased digital access and use for families, businesses, and other institutions in five Chicago neighborhoods: Auburn Gresham, Chicago Lawn, Englewood, Humboldt Park, and Pilsen. Researchers at the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) are working with the FamilyNet Centers on a program evaluation to discover how participants in the programs are using the Internet. Data are being collected via telephone interviews, with questions addressing broadband adoption, knowledge, self-reported skills, uses for job search, work, health, education, e-government services, and community information. Respondents also are asked about barriers to use, unintended consequences, further needs, what was helpful about FamilyNet programs, and suggestions for improvement. *Principal Investigator:* Karen Mossberger (UIC), *Project Coordinator:* Anne Diffenderffer.

Randomized Controlled Trial of Peer-Led Wellness Interventions in Georgia. This study is a trial of the efficacy of an intervention designed to enhance wellness and physical health called Peer Support Whole Health and Resiliency (PSWHR). PSWHR is delivered by Certified Peer Specialists (CPSs) at peer support centers in Georgia. Recruitment of study participants will occur at Community Service Boards operated by AmericanWork, a public sector behavioral health provider, in Augusta and Columbus. With their informed consent, 300 people in mental health recovery will be randomly assigned to either PSWHR or services as usual. PSWHR participants will meet weekly in individual sessions with CPSs to pursue whole health goals and participate in a whole health support group. Data collection will occur at study baseline, 3-months, and 6-months post-baseline. The primary outcome will be self-reported improvement in physical and mental health symptoms. Secondary

outcomes will include health-related quality of life and enhanced ability to engage in health self-management. Also assessed will be satisfaction with the intervention, and fidelity to the model will be monitored throughout the study. The project is being conducted in collaboration with the Georgia Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, AmericanWork, and Appalachian Consulting Group. *Principal Investigator:* Judith Cook (Univ. of Illinois at Chicago), *Project Coordinator:* Marni Basic.

Illinois Medical District Commission (IMDC) Economic Impact Survey. SRL is surveying employers who are part of the IMDC to assist in the preparation of a report assessing the District's economic impact. The survey will collect information from IMDC organizations (mainly universities, hospitals, state agencies, and R&D laboratories) about their industries, employment, wages, non-wage costs, revenues, state and local tax payments, the percentage of their revenues that come from within the Chicago metropolitan area, and whether they have spun off any other companies in the Chicago area. *Project Coordinator:* Sowmya Anand.

UIC Library Survey. SRL is consulting with the UIC Library to understand patrons'—mainly University students, staff, and faculty—patterns of use of the Library system. The main aim is to get an overview of the frequency and timing of in-person and Web-based visits to the library, use of library resources during these visits, and the value of these resources to the patron's own work. *Project Coordinator:* Sowmya Anand.

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Life Stresses, Family and Partner Support, and Cancer Care for Women. This ongoing survey of 5,000 female cancer survivors seeks to assess the level of support from intimate partners and the effect of other life stresses on recovery. *Principal*

Investigator: Ann Coker, *Project Director:* Ron Langley.

Local Health Department Smoking Attitudes Surveys. This ongoing project subsidized by the Kentucky Tobacco Policy Research Program measures attitudes about tobacco use and awareness of its effect on health outcomes in local communities. It also measures support for local smoke-free laws in public places. UK-SRC recently completed surveys in Owen, Gallatin, Carroll, Pendleton, and Magoffin counties. *Principal Investigator:* Ron Langley, *Project Director:* Marianne Clark.

Kentucky Office for Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Client Satisfaction Survey. This annual client satisfaction survey is conducted for KY OVR. *Principal Investigator:* Kathy Sheppard-Jones, *Project Director:* Marianne Clark.

Kentucky Office for the Blind (OFB) Client Satisfaction Survey. This annual client satisfaction survey is conducted for KY OFB. *Principal Investigator:* Christina Espinosa, *Project Director:* Marianne Clark.

Driver Attitudes and Awareness Survey. This annual survey addresses Kentucky driver behaviors and attitudes regarding safety belt use, speeding, impaired driving, and distracted driving. *Principal Investigator:* Ken Agent, *Project Director:* Ron Langley.

Suicide Bereavement in Military Veterans and Their Families. This dual-frame telephone survey of 2,000 Kentucky veterans and 1,200 nonveterans addresses attitudes about suicide, suicide ideation, and personal experience with loss by suicide. Veterans also are interviewed about personal experience with other (nonsuicide) sudden and traumatic deaths. *Principal Investigator:* Julie Cerel, *Project Director:* Ron Langley.

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Wyoming Alcohol Use Related Issues Survey 2011–2012. WYSAC conducted a large-scale statewide telephone survey for the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police regarding the public's opinion on a wide range of alcohol consumption related issues. The survey also included questions about the public's perception of Wyoming Law Enforcement. Over 4,600 completes

were obtained from a sample stratified by county, thus allowing for both statewide and county-level estimates. The survey was in the field from December 2011 to February 2012; the final report was delivered in November 2013. *Principal Investigator:* Brian Harnisch, *Project Director:* Bistra Anatchkova.

City of Laramie Citizen Survey, 2011–2012. In late 2011 and early 2012, WYSAC conducted the third iteration of the City of Laramie Community Survey for the City of Laramie, Wyoming. WYSAC conducted the first of these surveys in 2006. By design, the survey is intended to gauge levels of satisfaction and preferences regarding City of Laramie services, as well as to gather opinions about other issues of importance to the citizens of Laramie. The survey used a dual mode of data collection; it was offered online and in hard copy. Over 600 completes were obtained. The report compared the findings from all three iterations, where relevant. A

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Pennsylvania area in 1995 when the children were in middle school. The FRP's goal is to study how families change and develop as children grow into adults and start their own families.

Waves 11 and 12, the only waves of data collection conducted by SRC, brought significant changes to the study. For the first time, a phone survey was combined with a lengthier online or mail survey. After completing a phone interview, participants were given a link to a customized online questionnaire or were mailed a copy of a customized paper questionnaire, based on their responses to the phone survey. In Waves 11 and 12, the study expanded its scope to interview the romantic partners of the young adults who have been participating in the study since early middle school. *Principal Investigators:* Susan McHale and Nan Crouter.

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Providing Dental Care to Children under 3 Years Old: A Survey of Dentists. The Maternal and Child Health Program at the Univ. of Washington's School of Dentistry sponsored a 2012 survey to learn about the needs of dental providers who bear the responsibility of providing quality dental care to children under age 3. The findings will be used to help improve educational efforts for both parent and providers. Dentists and dental hygienists in Oregon were contacted and asked to complete a questionnaire about this topic. Dental providers were initially contact by mail with nonresponders being contacted by phone at the end of the data collection period. There were 335 completed questionnaires, resulting in a response rate of 52%. *Principal Investigator:* Danna Moore, *Study Director:* Kent Miller.

Information about Heat and the Elderly. SESRC collaborated with the Northwest Center for Public Health Informatics at the Univ. of Washington to

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design and conduct a telephone survey of the general population of Washington State regarding their interest in a service that would inform respondents if a loved one is in an area with a heat event or heat emergency. A sample of 1,000 random phone numbers in Washington State was used. The interviews for this survey began on September 25, 2012; calling was concluded on October 10, 2012. A total of 100 completed interviews were obtained from the sample. The interview averaged four minutes and three seconds in length. *Principal Investigator:* Rose Krebill-Prather, *Study Director:* Dave Schultz.

Extending the Forest Service Message to Diverse Urban Publics Survey. In fall 2012, the SESRC conducted a telephone survey for the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station for the purpose of the collecting information from California residents in three urban regions. The survey focused on participation in outdoor recreation, barriers to participation, and use of various media types. The results will help researchers improve their ability to provide information to natural resource managers on communication and information dissemination to diverse urban publics. The SESRC obtained 1,466 completed and 111 partially completed responses over the 10 weeks of data collection, yielding an overall sample error of $\pm 5\%$. The cooperation rate for the survey was 39%.

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State of the State Survey (SOSS). In mid-October, OSR concluded data collection for the 63rd SOSS, a telephone (both landline and cell phone) survey of Michigan adults conducted roughly quarterly since 1994. In addition to the SOSS standard consumer confidence/financial well-being and performance of the governor and president questions, topics included health, healthcare, and health insurance; newborn screenings; the value of a college education; computer and Internet access; and a series of experiments on question wording within ballot proposals ($n = 1,018$). The AAPOR response rate (RR4) was 31.6%. As with all previous rounds of SOSS, the data set, code book, and methodological report will be posted to OSR's Web site for online analysis or download in six months. *Project Manager:* Graham Pierce.

Suicide Prevention Program Evaluation. Larry Hembroff and Nat Ehrlich have completed an evaluation of the effectiveness of a three-year suicide prevention initiative at MSU. The program—Freshmen Accessing Community and Embracing Survival (FACES)—was funded by SAMHSA's Garrett Lee Smith Fund. The evaluation involved multiple surveys of students, faculty, and staff across multiple years, participants in a distress recognition and intervention training program, analysis of counseling center patient contacts across time, and reported incidents for treatment by year from surrounding hospital systems. The evaluation indicated significant program effectiveness but identified areas for improvement. *Principal Investigator:* Jan Collins-Eaglin (MSU Counseling Center).

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Conservation Attitude Survey. Five hundred and five (505) likely 2012 New Hampshire voters were interviewed by telephone between June 22 and July 3, 2012. The specific areas of interest were attitudes about conservation issues and funding in New Hampshire. The survey found that New Hampshire voters supported investing in land conservation efforts, and more than three quarters of (81%) think the State of New Hampshire should spend public funds for land conservation. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 4.4\%$. *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

WMUR-UNH New Hampshire Primary Poll. Four hundred sixty-one (461) randomly selected likely New Hampshire Republican Primary voters were interviewed by telephone between January 5 and January 8, 2012. This survey was conducted to determine voting behavior in the January Republican presidential primary election in New Hampshire. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 4.6\%$. *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Granite State Poll 44. Five hundred twenty-seven (527) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between January 25 and February 2, 2012. The Granite State Poll is a quarterly survey of public opinion in New Hampshire. This study was conducted to determine present attitudes concerning the New Hampshire political environment, public policy, and consumer confidence in the state. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 4.3\%$. Included is a subsample of 495 likely general election voters (margin of sampling error $\pm 4.4\%$). *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Granite State Poll 45. Five hundred thirty-eight (538) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between April 9 and April 20, 2012. The Granite

State Poll is a quarterly survey of public opinion in New Hampshire. This study was conducted to determine present attitudes concerning the New Hampshire political environment, public policy, and consumer confidence in the state. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 4.2\%$. Included is a subsample of 486 likely general election voters (margin of sampling error $\pm 4.4\%$). *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Granite State Poll 46. Five hundred eighty-one (581) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between August 1 and August 12, 2012. This study was conducted to determine present attitudes concerning the New Hampshire political environment, public policy, and consumer confidence in the state. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 4.1\%$. Included is a subsample of 555 likely general election voters (margin of sampling error $\pm 4.2\%$). *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Granite State Poll 47. Six hundred and thirty-eight (638) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between September 27 and September 30, 2012. This study was conducted to determine present attitudes concerning the New Hampshire political environment, public policy, and consumer confidence in the state. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 3.9\%$. Included is a subsample of 600 likely general election voters (margin of sampling error $\pm 4.0\%$). *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Boston Globe 32. Five hundred and forty-four (544) randomly selected Massachusetts likely voters were interviewed by landline and cell phone between March 21 and March 27, 2012. The *Boston Globe* poll was conducted to determine voting behavior in the Massachusetts Senate Election in November. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 4.2\%$. *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Boston Globe 33. Six hundred and fifty-one (651) randomly selected Massachusetts likely voters were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between May 25 and May 31, 2012. The *Boston*

Globe poll was conducted to determine voting behavior in the Massachusetts Senate Election in November. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 3.8\%$. *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Boston Globe 34. Five hundred and two (502) randomly selected Massachusetts likely voters were interviewed by landline and cell telephone between September 21 and September 27, 2012, to determine voting behavior in the Massachusetts Senate Election in November. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 4.4\%$. *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Boston Globe 35. Five hundred and eighty-three (583) randomly selected Massachusetts likely voters were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between October 24 and October 28, 2012, again to determine voting behavior in the Massachusetts Senate Election in November. The survey's margin of sampling error is $\pm 4.1\%$. *Principal investigator:* Andrew Smith.

WMUR-UNH Election Poll. Six hundred and thirty-five (635) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between September 4 and September 10, 2012. This survey was conducted to determine voting behavior in the elections for President, Governor, and Congress in New Hampshire. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 3.9\%$. Included is a subsample of 592 likely general election voters (margin of sampling error $\pm 4.0\%$). *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

UNH Election Poll. Seven hundred and seventy-three (773) randomly selected New Hampshire likely voters were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between October 17 and October 21, 2012, to determine voting behavior in the elections for President, Governor, and Congress in New Hampshire. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 3.5\%$. *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

WMUR-UNH Election Poll. Seven hundred and eighty-nine (789) randomly selected New Hampshire likely voters were interviewed by landline and

cellular telephone between November 1 and November 4, 2012, to determine voting behavior in the November elections for President, Governor, and Congress in New Hampshire. The margin of sampling error for the survey is $\pm 3.5\%$. *Principal Investigator:* Andrew Smith.

Carsey Institute Community and Environment in Rural America (CERA) Survey. The CERA Survey is an ongoing project launched in 2007 to better understand the changing social, economic, and environmental factors in different rural parts of the country and the implications for sustainable community development policies and practices. In 2012, 1,303 residents of King, Kitsap, Mason, and Pierce counties in Washington were interviewed by telephone between January 17 and February 17, 2012, and 678 residents of Skagit and Whatcom counties in Washington were interviewed by telephone between July 19 and August 26, 2012. *Principal Investigator:* Tracy Keirns.

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Protected Repository for the Defense of Infrastructure against Cyber Threats (PREDICT) Coordination Center (PCC). RTI has been awarded the recompete of the study, continuing work with DHS S&T to establish a repository of security-relevant data for cyber security research. As the PCC, RTI works with data providers to identify data that can be included in the repository and works with data hosts to store the repository data sets, provide appropriate access and security mechanisms, and assure data confidentiality. RTI also provides a portal where researchers can search a catalog of available data sets and apply for access to them. *Project Director:* Charlotte Scheper.

National Implementation of the In-Center Hemodialysis CAHPS® Survey. RTI International is working under contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to coordinate this survey, which is designed to collect data from patients

about the care they receive from in-center hemodialysis facilities. RTI will provide training, technical assistance, and oversight of multiple independent survey organizations that will administer the survey and analyze data from the national survey. *Project Director:* Judith Lynch.

Patient Survey—Community Health Centers.

The Health Resources and Service Administration contracted with RTI International to conduct this national survey of patients seeking service from Community Health Centers, Migrant or Seasonal Farmworker Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless Programs, and Public Housing Primary Care Programs. The patient survey will determine how well providers are able to meet the needs of their communities and assess the quality of the care delivered. *Project Director:* Kathleen Considine.

FDA Tobacco Use Panel. To inform existing and future regulatory actions, RTI has been contracted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Tobacco Products to establish a high-quality probability-based Web-based panel of tobacco users. The panel will include 4,000 tobacco users who are willing to participate in a series of studies over a three-year period to evaluate consumer perceptions of tobacco products, including their labeling, advertising, and marketing. *Project Director:* Susan Kinsey; *Principal Investigator:* Matthew Farrelly.

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Family Relationships Project (FRP). In fall 2012, the SRC began the programming of multiple instruments for Wave 12 of the FRP. The FRP is a longitudinal mixed-mode study that has repeatedly measured the development of 200 families through in-person, telephone, and Web interviews with four family members (two parents and two offspring). Families were originally recruited from the central