Updated list of Academic and Not-for-Profit Survey Research Organizations

It has been eight years since we last published the List of Academic and Not-for-Profit Survey Research Organizations (LANSRO). The list—which starts on page 2 of this issue—contains updated information regarding those academic and not-for-profit survey research organizations that have communicated with us or have otherwise come to our attention. It does not claim to be a list of all such organizations, and we would appreciate hearing from any others. The full listing is posted and is maintained and updated at www.srl.uic.edu/lansro.htm. Additions and corrections can be sent to srl-survey@uic.edu.

The map below shows the geographic distribution of the organizations that are in the continental U.S.

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★ Not-for-profit survey research center
★ Not-for-profit survey research center with multiple locations
White dots denote AASRO members
Not on map: three centers in Canada (all of which are AASRO members) and one center in Germany

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Seeking Notes from the Field

Survey Research is extending an invitation to all readers to contribute brief articles that highlight practical field experiences and lessons learned collecting survey data from special populations, using new technologies, or working in unusual environments. See the first "Notes from the Field" article that appeared in issue 46(3). This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience with the survey research community. We will consider articles of any length, but 750 to 1,500 words is a good target. Send submissions to srl-survey@uic.edu
International Conference on Survey Methods in Multinational, Multiregional and Multicultural Contexts (3MC)

The second international 3MC conference was held in Chicago July 25–29, 2016. It focused on methods, tools, strategies, and protocols that maximize comparability of survey data across countries, languages, and cultures. Attended by more than 180 researchers from 32 nations, the goal of the conference was to work on cross-national and cross-cultural survey research methods. The conference was the second international meeting designed to focus explicitly on these topics—the first was the 3MC conference held in Berlin in 2008.

All presentations from the 2016 conference will be posted at the conference Web site at www.csdiiworkshop.org/index.php/3mc-2016. A conference monograph—which will be published by Wiley—will highlight the methodological, operations, and technical advances in international survey research that have occurred since the Berlin meeting.

**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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ALL Kids Enrollee Survey. SRU recently completed this survey to assess the experiences of care among Medicaid beneficiaries in Alabama. The questionnaire included Child Medicaid core items concerning chronic conditions as well as items from the dental care, access to specialist care, and coordination of care supplements of the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®). *Principal Investigator:* Andy Rucks, *Project Director:* Paul Wolff.

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CSUS-Valley Vision Panel. ISR is partnering with Valley Vision, a Sacramento nonprofit, to build a Central Valley Area online survey panel. As with CALSPEAKS (our statewide panel), this is the only regional panel to use probability-based sampling methods. Starting in October of 2016, we will conduct quarterly surveys of our own and omnibus surveys into which other scholars, policymakers, and media professionals can buy.

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Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Metro Atlanta Speaks Survey. The Institute managed a landline and cell phone survey of 5,200 randomly selected adults living in the 13-county metro Atlanta region to ask about a host of “quality of life”
issues facing people in the metro area. ARC uses this data to help with future planning initiatives, and the results of the survey are incorporated into numerous online presentations available on the ARC Web site. Project Manager: Terry Sloope.

Atlanta Journal Constitution (AJC) Middle-Class Survey in Metro Atlanta. On behalf of AJC, the Institute conducted a survey—by landline and cellular telephone—of 625 adults living in the 10-county metro Atlanta region. Participants were asked their opinions about what it means to be middle class in America and the issues that the middle class faces. AJC used the results from the survey to create the four-part series entitled “The Riddle of the Middle,” which appeared in the AJC and on its Web site. Project Manager: Terry Sloope.

Fort Valley State University (FVSU) Economic Agriculture Surveys. FVSU partnered with the Institute to conduct two surveys examining the economic impact of agricultural practices on meat-processing facilities and dairy farmers. Both surveys employed multimode data collection methodology that included online, paper, and telephone instruments. The first study asked representatives of meat-processing facilities in Georgia questions to assess the economic impact of adhering to food safety regulations. The second study examined the economic impact of—interest in—grazing dairy cows in the Southeast. Project Manager: Kelleigh Trepanier.

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Survey (MNGWPD). The Institute managed a landline and cell phone survey of 4,500 adults living in the 15-county service area of the MNGWPD. The goal was to assess opinions on issues related to water conservation and the extent to which respondents engage in water saving behaviors in the home. Project Manager: Terry Sloope.

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Title VI National Resource Centers (NRC) Evaluation. SRL is conducting this federal Dept. of Education funded evaluation of six Title VI NRCs at the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to assess the degree to which the centers are accomplishing their stated mission of promoting understanding, research, outreach, teaching, and engagement with their international regions. The centers are the Center for African Studies, the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, the European Union Center, the Center for Global Studies, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and the Russian, East European and Eurasian Center. The evaluation includes surveys of conferences, symposiums, workshops, courses, summer programs, and other events. Project Coordinator: Isabel Farrar.

UIC School of Public Health (SPH) Surveys on Training for Emergency Infectious Disease (EID) Response. SRL is assisting the SPH to develop a questionnaire that will be used to conduct interviews of hospital staff and trainers, all of whom have received training about personal protective equipment for patients with infectious diseases such as Ebola. Phone interviews are planned for trainers and focus groups and a Web survey for trained staff. Project Coordinator: Isabel Farrar.

Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) RainReady Survey. In March 2016, SRL assisted CNT with questionnaire development and consultation for a survey of six south suburban Chicago communities on flooding in and around their residences. The project goal is to identify flood risk and solutions across the communities. Project Coordinator: Isabel Farrar.
Census of Veterinarians: Employment and Compensation. SRL conducted this Web survey of veterinary professionals to understand factors associated with different levels of income and debt and to measure unemployment and underemployment within the profession. A list sample that included members of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, the Arizona Veterinary Medical Association, and the Texas Veterinary Medical Association was obtained from the AVMA. Data collection extended from May through early July 2016, with 3,134 completed questionnaires submitted. Project Coordinator: Sowmya Anand.

4-H Career Development Survey. The Illinois State 4-H office conducted an online survey of members of its 4-H programs who are high school seniors to understand the impact that 4-H has had on their future career goals and preparedness for college or a career. SRL programmed the Web questionnaire and sent out e-mail invitations to a list sample of 1,404 students. Everyone who completed the questionnaire received a $5 Amazon.com gift e-code. The initial e-mail invitation to the survey was sent March 7, 2016, and it stayed open for about four weeks, with two reminders sent to nonrespondents in the interim. Two hundred and eighty-seven respondents completed or partially completed the online questionnaire (20.4% of the starting sample). Project Coordinator: Sowmya Anand.

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The 2015 Annual User Survey: Illinois Tobacco Quitline (ITQL). This survey is a multimode project (mail, Web, and phone) for which the respondents are drawn from a list of unique callers provided to SRO by the American Lung Association. For the 2015 assessment, 3,126 unique callers were randomly selected to participate in the study, of which 651 completed interviews. Respondents provided input about their experience with the ITQL regarding the quality of Quitline counselors and nicotine replacement therapy products received, as well as their overall experience with the program. SRO is able to calculate quit rates for respondents by asking about current and prior tobacco usage. SRO has been conducting an assessment of the Quitline since 2010. This year’s survey was particularly interesting as ITQL was shut down due to lack of state funding between April 10 and May 7, 2015, thus affecting access to both Quitline counselors and nicotine replacement therapy during that time. Principal Investigator: Matthew Case, Project Manager: Tonda Reece.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Traveler Opinion Survey (TOS). Conducted annually since 2000, TOS is a multimode (mail, Web, and phone) study; a questionnaire is sent to a random sample of Illinois residents stratified by IDOT regions (based on counties). The 2015 survey was the first to be conducted with follow-up telephone interviews. The survey results help IDOT examine performance and satisfaction with Illinois roads and highways (non-interstate), road construction, and employee conduct. One-thousand and fifty-one respondents participated in the 2015 survey. Principal Investigator: Matthew Case.

Spring 2016 Economic Outlook Survey for Springfield. SRO has conducted an economic outlook survey biennially since 2008 and provides a longitudinal analysis of the local economy through the lens of area organizations. The spring 2016 survey results are from 262 local organizations in the business, nonprofit, and public sectors. The survey is conducted via mail and Web using a list provided by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. The survey contained a topical section that asked respondents what effect, if any, they believed the current State of Illinois budget impasse has had on their organization. Project Directors: Juan Carlos Donoso and Matthew Case, Project Manager: Tonda Reece.

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Access to Primary Care. Interviewers trained to act as patients made over 15,000 calls January–May 2016 in this third round of simulated patient
calls to evaluate access to adult primary care across ten states during the transitions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The first round was conducted before most ACA provisions had become effective, the second after all original provisions were online. This third and final round was completed after health care providers have had several years to adjust. Callers were assigned to specific demographic profiles that included insurance type and whether to request a general check-up or urgent care appointment. Assignment was based on levels of enrollment by insurance type by county. The study was funded by RWJ. Principal Investigator: Karin Rhodes (North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System), Project Director: Tiana Pyer-Pereira, Project Coordinator: Marissa Bokhari.

National Arts Participation Pilot. For over three decades, the National Endowment for the Arts has conducted the periodic Survey of Participation in the Arts to measure attendance in arts activities such as concerts, plays, dance, and visits to museums and art galleries. The instrument is being updated to incorporate expanded sets of questions about participation in the arts through electronic media and more informal venues such as street fairs. We assisted with testing new questions through nine cognitive and 270 pilot phone interviews. Principal Investigator: Jennifer Novak-Leonard (Cultural Policy Center, Univ. of Chicago), Project Directors: Tiana Pyer-Pereira and Kevin Ulrich, Project Coordinator: Marissa Bokhari.

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National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) 2016. CSR has completed administration of the 2016 NSSE: The College Student Report with the NSSE Institute, a self-supporting auxiliary unit within the Center for Postsecondary Research (CPR) in the IU School of Education. Five-hundred and sixty colleges and universities participated, comprising a sample size of around 1.5 million students. Since piloting in 1999, NSSE has collected data annually about student engagement and the undergraduate experience from students at hundreds of four-year colleges and universities across the U.S. (including Puerto Rico) and Canada, with a view to improving policies and practices in undergraduate education. Principal Investigator: Alexander McCormick (CPR), Project Director: Stacey Giroux.

Community Attitudes and Experiences with Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct. During spring 2016, CSR administered this Web survey to all students (n = 48,138) enrolled at six IU campuses: Columbus, East, Kokomo, Indianapolis, South Bend, and Southeast. The study’s purpose was to learn about students’ knowledge of, perceptions of, and experiences relating to sexual misconduct (including sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence); the questionnaire also included items assessing the social and cultural climate at their campus. The questionnaire contained 146 items, though participants may have received fewer questions due to the skip logic of the questionnaire. Participants were automatically entered for a chance to win one of 125 $100 Amazon gift cards. Sponsored by IU, the survey was conducted through partnership among the participating campuses and IU’s Office of Student Welfare and Title IX. Principal Investigator: Justin Garcia (The Kinsey Institute), Project Director: Erica Moore.

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Iowa Smoke-Free Multi-family Housing Survey. During spring 2016, CSBR is measuring smoking behavior and attitudes toward smoke-free housing policies by conducting a mixed-mode self-administered/online survey of Iowa residents living in multi-family housing. The survey is funded by the Iowa Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Divi-
sion of the Iowa Dept. of Public Health and is part of a larger evaluation of the division. The survey will assess general views about tobacco, smoking behavior, exposure to secondhand smoke, and general health status along with knowledge of smoke-free housing policies and views about enforcement of those policies. Principal Investigators: Mary Losch and Jill Wittrock.

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Goucher Poll of Maryland Residents and Voters. The Center will conduct its biannual poll in late-September 2016. It will include a battery of questions on Maryland’s U.S. Senate race (Democrat Chris Van Hollen vs. Republican Kathy Szeliga); Marylanders’ views towards the presidential race, including the tone of the campaign, the preferred characteristics of presidential candidates, and favorability ratings of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump; and views on various state-level policy issues.

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American National Election Studies (ANES) 2016 Time Series Study. The ANES 2016 Time Series Study is an academic survey covering U.S. presidential elections. Westat’s work for Stanford University on the ANES Internet component, funded by the NSF, explores the effects of alternative invitation and incentive strategies on response rate and sample representativeness in a national pretest of procedures for recruiting respondents by mail to complete an online survey. Sampled addresses are assigned to one of five experimental conditions. Addresses in two of the conditions receive invitations addressed to a named person while two other conditions receive invitations addressed to the residence. Respondents in these conditions either receive front-loaded or escalating incentive offers to complete the survey online. The fifth condition receives invitations addressed to the residence to mail back a paper screener prior to being directed to the online survey. A national study will be conducted involving pre- and post-election online questionnaires based on the results.

National Household Travel Survey (NHTS). Maintaining national transportation data trends in travel behavior across time is a long-standing goal of the NHTS, which has been conducted every five–eight years since 1969. This is the third time that Westat has conducted the NHTS, and Westat will create an address-based sample design and collect data—by Web or telephone—from 129,000 households across the country, including 26,000 households for the national sample and 103,000 for the 13 states and regional planning organizations that chose to integrate their data collection needs with the NHTS. The questionnaire will collect household demographic data and information about individual modes of transportation, trip destinations and durations, distance traveled, and purpose of trips during an assigned 24-hour period of time. Online geocoding will be provided for all trip destinations. Household members will provide personalized travel day trip details beginning the day following their assigned travel day.

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Medical Marijuana Study. CSR is collaborating with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Harvard Medical School on a national survey of oncologists about their attitudes, beliefs, and practices regarding medical marijuana. There are currently 24 states and the District of Columbia that have enacted laws to legalize medical marijuana, and cancer has been identified as an appropriate therapeutic target. However, there is still very limited evidence about the clinical utility of medical marijuana in oncology. This study explores the beliefs and
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2016 National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Surveys for Medical Practices. For the third consecutive year, UMass is collecting patient experience data for submission to the NCQA for eight medical practices in Connecticut who are seeking NCQA distinction. As an NCQA-certified survey vendor, UMass will administer the CAHPS PCMH survey to a sample of approximately 2,000 patients during the summer of 2016. In addition, we provide our clients with custom reports of patient experience results per practice, tracked over time, for quality improvement purposes.

Evaluation of the Impact of Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification in Massachusetts. UMass is engaged in a multiyear project with the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health to evaluate the impact of the upcoming statewide certification of CHWs on the workforce and employers. The project aims to continually document how CHWs are working in healthcare and community-based settings, the training they receive, options for sustainable funding, and opportunities for career development and growth. UMass completed qualitative research via in-depth interviews with CHWs and employers to inform the development of a comprehensive survey. The quantitative online questionnaire is currently in the field to 871 CHWs and 298 employers. The results of the survey will serve to establish baseline measures prior to the implementation of the statewide certification program. By tracking the measures on a periodic basis, we will be able to study the impact of the certification on the workforce.

Variations in Needs after Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis. UMass is conducting this multiyear study on behalf of Boston University (BU) with support from the NCI. The study seeks to understand how survivorship, quality of life, and perceptions of health care quality vary among survivors of colorectal cancer by gender and sexual orientation. Colorectal cancer survivors are screened for sexual orientation via a combination of paper and phone-administered screener, and selected respondents are invited to participate in a phone interview. Additionally, we are conducting surveys with caregivers of male survivors in order to understand the social supports of individuals with colorectal cancer diagnosis. Principal Investigator: Ulrike Boehmer (BU).

Follow-up Study of Shaping Long-Term Care in America. On behalf of Brown University’s (BU) Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research, UMass is conducting this multiyear study. With a sample of over 2,000 nursing home administrators across the contiguous 48 states, the study aims to understand how facilities address key clinical and organizational challenges, including facility design, managing staff, and providing resident care. Results from the study are intended to help long-term care leaders better manage their relationships with staff, residents, and families and with the community to improve the outcomes and quality of life of their residents. The survey is administered via mail and online with phone reminders. Principal Investigator: Susan Miller (BU).

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Arab/Chaldean Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Study (BRFSS). On behalf of the Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services (MDHSS) Health Disparity Unit, OSR is conducting a
BRFSS-type study with Michigan Arab/Chaldean adults in Arabic and English. This is the second time OSR has conducted this unique health study. The survey’s sample design focuses primarily on a geographically stratified directory-listed landline sample matched against Arab/Chaldean surnames as well as an experimental cell phone sample initially drawn from counties with relatively high Arab/Chaldean populations and then stratified by billing ZIP codes and phone activity. **Principal Investigator:** Sheryl Weir (MDHHS), **Project Manager:** Debra Rusz.

**Effectiveness of Open and Robotic Prostatectomy: The PROSTQA-RP2 Cohort Study.** This is a longitudinal study that measures comparative health-related quality of life expectations of prostate cancer patients who have been treated with robot-assisted laparoscopic prostatectomies. The PROSTQA-RP2 consortium started in 2010. Patients were recruited for the panel by the clinical site where they initially received treatment. Patients were interviewed by telephone prior to treatment and then interviewed at 2-, 6-, and 12-month time points, then yearly thereafter. We just started the 5th year of data collection. **Principal Investigator:** Martin Sanda (Emory University), **Project Manager:** Kyle Davis.

**MSU Institutional Research: Sexual Assault First-Year Education (SAFE) and Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence (SARV).** OSR provides evaluation and research service to MSU’s Central Administrative Offices and to deans, directors, and chairpersons across all of MSU’s degree-granting colleges. On behalf of the Office for Institutional Equity and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, OSR conducts Web-based surveys with students, faculty, and staff to determine the effectiveness of the SAFE and the SARV programs. OSR also tracks and reports on compliance rates for mandatory federal reporting. We have conducted the SAFE project since 2012 and SARV since 2010. **Project Manager:** Karen Clark.

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**Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) Well-Being and Daily Life Study (PSID-WB).** This is part of the PSID—a national longitudinal study of families started in 1968. PSID-WB is the second Web/mail study carried out by PSID. The sample is comprised of respondents and spouses age 30 and older and includes approximately 10,800 individuals. Respondents were invited to complete the questionnaire either online or on paper. Potential respondents were initially assigned a mode group based upon analysis of past data to predict the mode in which respondents were most likely to complete. Follow-up efforts have included hard copy, e-mail, text, and telephone reminders. The interview content includes questions about well-being, personality traits, and everyday skills and will allow researchers to understand better the well-being of America’s families and how it is influenced by health, economic status, and family circumstances. **Principal Investigator:** Vicki Freedman, **Project Manager:** Rachel LeClere.

**Health and Retirement Study (HRS).** Started in 1992, HRS is a national longitudinal study primarily funded by the NIA. New sample members are recruited every six years to ensure that the study is representative of the U.S. population age 50 and older. Over 37,000 respondents have participated in the study to date, and they are interviewed every two years either by phone or in person. The questionnaire covers topics such as health status and health care utilization, employment status and history, retirement planning, cognitive measures, quality of life, and a series of physical measures and biomarkers. Over 5,000 new respondents will be recruited into the study, and over 21,000 panel members will be asked to participate in the 2016 study wave; about half of these respondents will be asked to provide physical measurements and biomarkers. The HRS has been emulated around the world, including in China, the European Union, India, Israel, Japan, China, the European Union, India, Israel, Japan,
Korea, and Mexico. **Principal Investigator:** David Weir (Univ. of Michigan), **Survey Director:** Nicole Kirgis.

**Adolescent Behavior and Cognitive Development Study.** This study seeks to answer questions about brain development and child health. Using cutting-edge technology, scientists will determine how childhood experiences (such as sports, video games, social media, and sleep patterns) interact with changing biology to affect brain development. Funded by NIH, the Univ. of Michigan, together with 18 other research sites, will follow 10,000 children from age 9–10 to early adulthood. SRC’s role is to select, contact and recruit Michigan schools to help spread the word by sending out an information packet to the families of all third and fourth graders in the selected school. Schools are compensated to cover costs associated with this effort. Interested families will contact the research team directly by returning a postage-paid response card or through the Web. Screening and parental consent are administered by the study staff. Participation involves interviews with parents and children, assessments of cognitive function, non-invasive brain imaging, and collecting biosamples, some of which are repeated annually. **Principal Investigator:** Mary Heitzeg (Univ. of Michigan), **Survey Director:** Karin Schneider.

**Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Service Members: Longitudinal Study (STARRS-LS).** The research conducted from 2009 to 2015 under Army STARRS will continue through the STARRS-LS. Conducted by Web with telephone follow-up beginning in summer 2016, the study is designed to identify modifiable risk and protective factors for suicidal behavior to help inform the Army’s ongoing efforts to prevent suicide and improve soldiers’ overall psychological health and functioning. The information obtained in this study will be used to understand the long-term health effects of Army service and deployment and the programs needed by soldiers and veterans to address their healthcare needs. The STARRS-LS data collection will attempt to follow up with over 70,000 soldiers twice over the next four years. STARRS-LS is funded by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and in partnership with the Dept. of the Army and NIMH and is carried out by a team of researchers from the Univ. of Michigan, Harvard Medical School, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and the Univ. of California, San Diego. **Principal Investigator:** James Wagner (Univ. of Michigan), **Project Management:** Nancy Gebler and Margaret Hudson.

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**Student Experience at the Research University (SERU).** OMS has just completed spring 2016 administration of the SERU survey at 12 research universities across the U.S. The SERU Consortium is a group of leading research-intensive universities, policy researchers, and scholars led by the Univ. of Minnesota Office of Institutional Research and the Univ. of California-Berkeley Center for Studies in Higher Education. Each year OMS assists in questionnaire design and facilitates online survey administration for all administering schools. In addition, OMS provides protocols for all administering schools to ensure best practices are followed and response rates are optimized for each campus. **Project Coordinator:** Mark Miazga.

**Fall 2015 Minnesota State Survey.** As a research service to Minnesota government agencies, non-profit organizations, and academic researchers, MCSR conducts a dual-frame cell and landline omnibus survey of state residents each fall. Topics in this survey included participation in organized arts and creative activities, attitudes about non-profit organizations and personal donations, the energy policies supported by state government, use of tanning booths, and training to perform CPR. A total of 804 interviews were completed. **Principal Investigator:** Rossana Armson.
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Granite State Poll 61, April 2016. Six hundred and twenty-one (621) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone April 7–17, 2016. The Granite State Poll is a quarterly survey of public opinion in New Hampshire. This study was conducted to determine present attitudes concerning the upcoming 2016 general election and favorability of elected officials and potential candidates, among other issues. The margin of sampling error for the survey is ±3.9%. Included were 553 likely 2016 presidential election voters (MSE = ±4.2). Principal Investigator: Andrew Smith.

Granite State Poll 61, April–May 2016. The Survey Center interviewed 502 randomly selected New Hampshire adults by landline and cell phone between April 18 and May 3, 2016. This study was conducted to determine present attitudes concerning consumer confidence and state policy issues. The margin of sampling error for the survey is ±4.4%. Principal Investigator: Andrew Smith.

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Assets for Independence (AFI) Evaluation Program. Since 2011, RTI International has been providing data collection support to the Urban Institute and the U.S. DHHS to evaluate AFI and assess the impact of participation in AFI-funded individual development account projects on the savings, savings patterns, asset purchases, and economic well-being of low-income individuals and families. RTI conducted the baseline and one-year follow-up surveys between January 2013 and August 2015 and is now conducting the third-year follow-up survey. Originally designed as a telephone survey, the follow-up surveys include self-administered Web and in-person field interview options. Project Director: Anupa Bir.

2012–2018 Mechanisms Underlying the Relationship between Sleep Problems and Drug Use in Adolescents (HAD Sleep Study). Since 2012, RTI has been conducting data collection and data analyses in support of the current NIDA grant held by Diana Fishbein at The Pennsylvania State University. This current study continues RTI work completed during a previous NIDA grant, the Healthy Adolescent Development Project (HAD), during which the same youth were interviewed and tested in two waves between 2008 and 2012, along with parent interviews. To date, very few studies exist that examine adolescent neurocognitive functions before and after drug initiation. The HAD Sleep Study is unique in that investigators are tracking HAD participants who were drug and alcohol naïve when first interviewed at age 10–12 over time. This prospective approach allows examination of the effects of drug use on youths’ neurocognitive functions and correlative conditions and permits investigators to predict initiation of drug use. The HAD Sleep Study utilizes an extensive interview, a battery of eight neurocognitive tests, as well as a youth sleep diary, actigraphy watch exercise, and collection of a cortisol sample to examine correlative effects of drug use on sleep habits and stress levels. Project Director: Vanessa Thornburg.

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Foothills Forum Survey. Commissioned by the nonprofit nonpartisan Foothills Forum, this study sought to identify the local issues most important to residents in Rappahannock County, VA. A questionnaire was mailed to every household in the county, and 42% of households completed it—1,362 of 3,258 sent. Respondents rated Internet service, cell phone coverage, and maintaining the beauty of the county as the top three issues.
of concern. CSR conducted this research in the fall of 2015; results were reported in the Rappahanock News in April 2016. Principal Investigator: Thomas Guterbock, Project Coordinator: Kate Wood.

Municipal Responses to Immigrants Survey. In partnership with Trinity College, CSR constructed a stratified sample of 1,000 municipalities nationwide and selected four officials from each one. Half of these municipalities (502) had been contacted in the original study in 2014, while an additional 498 municipalities were included in this 2016 study. The questionnaire contained questions about the immigrant population in the respective communities, the local issues surrounding that population, and the municipality’s response to local immigration. It was administered through both mail and Web platforms, with 1,391 completed questionnaires by the end of collection on May 2, 2016. The survey and analysis are supported by the Pew Charitable Trusts. Principal Investigator: Abigail Williamson (Trinity College), Project Director: Tom Guterbock, Project Coordinators: Deborah Rexrode and Kara Fitzgibbon.

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Adolescent Sports-Related Head Injury Survey. In the summer–fall of 2014, SESRC conducted a Web survey of registered nurses in Washington and Oregon on behalf of the WSU College of Nursing. The goal was to understand better how nurses diagnose head trauma in adolescents—in particular, to learn if the diagnosis for head trauma differed by gender and if sport-related injuries were diagnosed differently than nonsports injuries. Of 4,611 cases, 1,056 respondents completed the questionnaire, resulting in a 23% response rate. Principal Investigator: Rose Krebill-Prather, Study Director: Thom Allen.

High School Foreign Language Instruction Survey. In 2015, SESRC conducted a mixed-mode survey (telephone and Internet) of 26,902 high schools in the U.S. on behalf of the American Councils for International Education. The purpose was to collect and compile data on high school foreign language instruction and to identify high schools that teach—or intend to teach—one or more of several critical foreign languages. Overall, 10,155 respondents completed or partially completed the survey, resulting in a response rate of 43.3%. Principal Investigator: Rose Krebill-Prather, Study Director: Kent Miller.

WSU Research and Technology Park Feasibility Study. The WSU Offices of Commercialization and Economic Development contracted SESRC to conduct a survey to determine the needs and interest of the local community in a possible expansion or update to the current facilities in Pullman, WA. A total of 389 questionnaires were completed over the Web; another 91 were partially completed. Principal Investigator: Rose Krebill-Prather, Study Director: Beth Ficklin.

Current Social, Political, and Economic Issues for Montana Residents. A telephone survey of Montana residents was conducted for the Univ. of Montana Dept. of Political Science to assess opinions on current social, political, and economic issues including health care, natural resource use, Indian policy, housing and homelessness, and other rural issues. Principal Investigator: Lena Le, Study Director: Nathan Palmer.

Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) Employee Engagement Survey. A 2015 survey of TPU employees was conducted by the SESRC on behalf of Customer Solutions/Public Affairs Tacoma Power to determine the level of employee engagement and possible improvements to the workplace. Findings will be compared to those from 2013 and 2014. Questionnaires were prepared for two different divisions—Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water. The overall response rate was 75.9% with Power at 75.9% and Water at 76.2%. Principal Investigator: Danna Moore, Study Director: Kent Miller.
Commercialization of New Apple Varieties. This 2015 survey of Washington apple growers was conducted on behalf of Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center of WSU regarding the commercialization of new apple varieties. Apple growers were asked about current crops, the socioeconomic aspects of their operation, and their input on the value and prioritization for growing patented crops. Of the 660 respondents contacted, 164 completed the questionnaire; 28 cases were ineligible. A 26% response rate was obtained. Principal Investigator and Study Director: Rose Krebill-Prather.

Agricultural Peak Employment Wage and Practices Survey. This study of agricultural producers in Washington state was conducted in fall 2015 on behalf of the Labor Market and Performance Analysis Employment Security Department. The goals were to learn about wage rates paid to seasonal or migrant workers hired to produce crops or animals during the past year, farm labor practices, and benefits offered to these workers. Data from this survey is included in the employment contracts for any seasonal or migrant worker hired through the federal Agricultural Clearance System or for any foreign worker hired through the H-2A program. Overall, 835 producers completed a questionnaire (389 Web completes, 149 mail completes, 171 phone completes, 85 partial Web completes, and 41 partial phone completes), yielding a response rate of 26.6%. Principal Investigator: Danna Moore, Study Director: Kent Miller.

Public and Animal Health Needs for Backyard Livestock Production. Sponsored by the Field Disease Investigative Unit of the College of Veterinary Medicine at WSU, this fall 2015 survey of Washington veterinarians examined the practice of care for backyard livestock in urban settings. It sought to learn how often this type of care occurs, the level of knowledge and skill needed to treat these animals, and what barriers might exist to maintain these services. This mixed-mode survey used a sequential contact strategy with a postal mail invitation asking veterinarians to complete the questionnaire online. Up to four follow-up postal reminders were sent to nonrespondents with a paper version of the questionnaire sent halfway through the study period. One hundred sixty-five of 734 veterinarians completed or partially completed the questionnaire for a 47.4% response rate. Principal Investigator: Rose Krebill-Prather; Study Director: Thom Allen.

Home Care Aides (HCAs) Health and Safety Survey. From September through October 2015, SESRC conducted a survey of HCAs for the SEIU Healthcare NW Health Benefits Trust (HBT). The purpose was to learn more about HCAs’ experiences with workplace safety and their physical and mental health so that programs can be created to support them. Respondents were initially contacted by mail and had the option of completing the questionnaire online or waiting to be called, and they could complete the interview in English or Spanish. After three-and-a-half weeks of calling, an e-mail was sent to nonrespondents letting them know the survey would be closing soon. A payment of $10 was sent to those who participated. Overall, 113 respondents completed the questionnaire by Web, 16 partially completed the questionnaire by Web, 512 were interviewed over the phone, and 31 partially completed the phone interview, yielding an adjusted response rate of 34.5%. Principal Investigator: Danna Moore, Study Director: Nathan Palmer.

2015 Spokane Regional Health District Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey. On behalf of the Spokane Regional Health District, SESRC conducted this phone survey of households in Spokane County from June through July 2015. The study sought to gather information from low-income households to develop a marketing campaign that will promote physical activity and healthy nutrition. Overall, 400 respondents completed a phone interview, and 15 partially completed the phone interview. Principal Investigator: Lena Le, Study Director: Kent Miller.
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The Padua Study. This study evaluates the impact of a Catholic Charities Fort Worth program that is designed to help struggling families. The study began with a baseline phone survey of approximately 250 individuals and families in Tarrant County, TX, who were seeking services from the organization. Participants who completed a baseline interview were randomly selected for either a control or a treatment group. There will be a follow-up with participants one and two years after the initial baseline interview. The in-person (CAPI) interviews will last approximately 45–60 minutes. The study is designed to capture information about a broad range of life experiences—employment, health situation, social support and community, service utilization, and plans and attitudes about the future.

California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CalYOUTH). CalYOUTH is an evaluation of the impact of AB12, the California Fostering Connections to Success Act, on outcomes during the transition to adulthood for foster youth. CalYOUTH is a longitudinal survey of approximately 800 foster care youth in the state. Modeled after the Midwest Young Adult Study, this study seeks to interview youth prior to their 18th birthday (Wave 1), then follow-up at age 20 (Wave 2) and 22 (Wave 3). In collaboration with the California Dept. of Social Services and with funding from multiple foundations, CalYOUTH will be conducted over a five-year period. The in-person interviews are approximately 75–90 minutes in length and include A-CASI for sensitive questions as well as the eMINI. The study is designed to capture information about a broad range of life experiences, including foster care placement characteristics and experiences, experience with the juvenile courts, education, employment, health and development, social support and community connections, service utilization, and plans and attitudes about the future.

Harvard Second Generation Study. This study seeks to understand the intergenerational factors that contribute to healthy aging. In the mid-1940s, over 700 young men in Boston participated in extensive interviews about life and health. They were re-interviewed at intervals for over 70 years in the Study of Adult Development, sometimes referred to as the Harvard Grant Study. In 2015, funded by NIH, researchers sought to extend this research across generations with the 1,941 biological, step-, and adopted children of men in the original study, and UWSC was enlisted to collect the data. The study’s long history with the fathers placed it in a unique position to understand the effects that one generation may have on the health of the next generation and how these effects may vary within a family. Study protocols included a 45-minute telephone interview and a 40-page follow-up questionnaire. Participants became eligible for additional protocols administered at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Longitudinal Study of Generations. UWSC is currently collecting data for this study of 328 multigenerational families to understand how attitudes and beliefs change over the course of life and are shared across generations. The current round of research, funded by the Templeton Foundation and sponsored by Syracuse University and the Univ. of Southern California, focuses on religious beliefs, identities, and participation. Respondents are also asked about relationships with multiple generations of family, physical and psychological well-being, friendships and work, and opinions and values. The 1,870 members of the third and fourth generations will be invited to participate in a 45-minute Web survey.
SCHAEFFER NAMED 2015 MAPOR FELLOW

Nora Cate Schaeffer, Univ. of Wisconsin Survey Center’s faculty director and Sewell Bascom Professor of Sociology, was named MAPOR’s 2015 Fellow at the 40th annual conference. MAPOR Fellows are MAPOR members who have made significant contributions to MAPOR through scholarship, service to the organization, or other means.

ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC SURVEY RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS (AASRO) 2015 SURVEY RESULTS AVAILABLE

AASRO commissioned the Bureau of Sociological Research at the Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln to conduct a survey of members—university-based survey research centers in the U.S. and Canada—to learn about differences and similarities among the institutions. Results are available to members at www.aasro.org/

AAPOR LEADERSHIP

We are pleased to announce the newly elected AAPOR executive council members: Tim Johnson of the Survey Research Laboratory of the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago was elected to serve as the Vice President/President-Elect, Janet Streicher of Baruch College Survey Research will serve as Associate Secretary-Treasurer, and Jennifer Hunter Childs of the U.S. Census Bureau will be the Communications Committee Associate Chair. Trent Buskirk of Marketing Systems Group was selected to be the Conference Committee Associate Chair, Brady West of the Institute for Social Research at the Univ. of Michigan will be the Education Committee Associate Chair, and Morgan Earp of BLS will serve as the Membership & Chapter Relations Committee Associate Chair. Andy Peytchev of the Institute for Social Research at the Univ. of Michigan was elected to be the Standards Committee Associate Chair, and Nancy Belden of Belden Russonello Strategists will serve as Councilor-at-Large.

We also recognize those who were elected to the AAPOR executive council in 2015, and have recently assumed leadership positions. Roger Tourangeau of Westat is AAPOR’s current president, Mollyann Brodie of the The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation serves as past president (elected in 2014), and Allyson Holbrook of the Survey Research Laboratory of the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago is the Associate Secretary-Treasurer. Sandra Bauman of Bauman Research & Consulting, LLC is the Communications Committee Chair, Jennifer Dykema of the Univ. of Wisconsin Survey Center is the Conference Committee Chair, and Sarah Cho, of Survey Monkey is the current Education Committee Chair. Anna Wienicr of NORC at the Univ. of Chicago serves as the Membership & Chapter Relations Committee Chair, John Loft of RTI International is the Standards Committee Chair, and Rich Morin of the Pew Research Center is Councilor-at-Large.

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.

The Univ. of Illinois at Springfield welcomes Juan Carlos Donoso as Director of the Survey Research Office in the Center for State Policy and Leadership.
Jason Husser was promoted to Director of the Elon University Poll at Elon University in North Carolina.

The Communication Research Center at Boston University College of Communication recently welcomed Mina Tsay-Vogel and James Cummings as co-directors. They succeeded Michael Elasmar, who directed the Center for the past 21 years.

Ashley Koning, currently assistant director of the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPIP) at Rutgers University’s Eagleton Institute of Politics, took over as interim director on July 1, 2016, when David Redlawsk, director for the last seven years, left for a new position at the Univ. of Delaware. Cliff Zukin, a former ECPIP director and former AAPOR president, will serve as a senior advisor to ECPIP.

The Indiana University Center for Survey Research (CSR) is pleased to announce that Stacey Giroux has been promoted to a faculty appointment as Assistant Research Scientist. In this role, she will identify funding sources for research projects, develop funding proposals, and design and conduct small-scale research studies. CSR also announces the promotion of Kevin Tharp to Senior Associate Director of Technologies and Joe Wilkerson to Director of Technologies. Kevin will use his expertise in database design, quality control, and leading research initiatives to further CSR’s goals. Joe will move forward CSR’s technical development in user experience/interaction design and will serve as a member of the CSR core management team.

The Social Sciences Research Laboratories at the Univ. of Saskatchewan welcomed Jessica McCutcheon as Survey Research Manager and Specialist. Jessica will manage the Survey and Group Analysis Laboratory, providing specialized expertise on survey design and development for telephone, online, and multimode surveys. Jessica will work in this capacity for the duration of Alana Kolendreski’s maternity leave, effective July 11, 2016.

Michigan State University’s Office for Survey Research is pleased to announce the promotion of Delicia Solis to Assistant Director of Survey Operations.

RTI’s Education and Workforce Development unit welcomed Jacquie Goeking, Rebecca Moyer, and Brian Taitas as Education Analysts; Seungkyu Ko as a Research Software Applications Programmer/Analyst; Bongjun Lee as a Senior Research Systems Programmer/Analyst; Nadiya Omarova as a Research Informatics Programmer/Analyst; Rob Stollberg as a Research Education Analyst; Amy Tatum as a Project Management Specialist; and Jana Ward as a Systems Programmer/Analyst.

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