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Origin and Mission¹

The Social Science Research and Instructional Council is the oldest of the 10 disciplinary councils in the California State University system. It began in 1972 as an advisory group to the Office of Information Resources and Telecommunications. Today, the Council continues its liaison with the Chancellor's Office and is dedicated to assisting CSU social science students and faculty in their learning, teaching, and research.

Goals

The Council develops and coordinates programs to extend the quantitative skills of faculty and students by:

- * Providing a forum for sharing information about social science data and computer products.
- * Initiating and conducting training programs.
- * Recommending computerized social science projects in the CSU curriculum.
- * Encouraging the collection and distribution of social science data and computer-related instructional and research materials.
- * Advising CSU administrators on policies related to providing quantitative social science data for research and instruction.

Organization

The Council is composed of one representative from each of the 21 CSU campuses. It meets on various campuses three times during the academic year for a business meeting and workshop.

¹ This descriptive information about the SSRIC is from the internet homepage at:
<http://venus.calstatela.edu/ssric/ssric1.html>

Activities

In addition to developing curriculum materials and conducting its own conferences and workshops, the Council is responsible for recommending policies and procedures related to CSU's contract with the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, the Social Science Data Base Archive, The Field Institute, and the Roper Center.

- * **Curriculum Materials.** Since 1987 several Council members have developed Social Science Instructional Modules (SSIMs), which contain computer data bases and workbooks in such areas as opinions about AIDS, status of women, immigration, crime, and the attitudes of college students. Currently several council members are developing a text for SPSS for Windows that will be made available in printed and digital form via the internet.
- * **Faculty Workshops.** Short courses have been organized during the academic year and during the summer to help faculty learn new techniques in statistics, graphics, mapping, and data management.
- * **Student Research Conference.** Each year in the spring, the Council sponsors a student conference where students have the opportunity to participate in a professional conference in a positive environment. Student research papers are presented and discussed. This provides a model for quality student research, as well as an opportunity for students to share their work with others. Outstanding student papers are selected and students are presented with the Betty Nesvold Award for the best graduate student paper, the Charles McCall award for the best undergraduate student paper, and the Gloria Rummels award for the best paper using quantitative methods on a systemwide computing services data base.
- * **Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).** In October, in odd-numbered years, five members of the SSRIC participate in the business meeting of Official Representatives to make policy regarding the use of data from such sources as the U.S. government, NORC, Roper, ABC, CBS, and the National Election Studies. Additionally, the Council recruits and selects faculty, staff, and graduate students to attend the subsidized Summer Training in Quantitative Methods courses and workshops at the University of Michigan.
- * **Social Science Data Base Archive (SSDBA).** The Council advises the SSDBA on its collection, storage, and transmission of data from the ICPSR, from the Bureau of Census, and from The Field Institute and arranges for the SSDBA to conduct workshops on the use of its services, including the powerful Legi-Slate and Dow-Jones News programs.
- * **Field Institute.** The Field Institute makes available the files of Field Polls of California public opinion through the SSDBA and designates

the Council as the body to select student and faculty interns and to choose a number of questionnaire items to be administered by the Poll each year. Council members attend and participate with presentations and discussions at the annual Field Institute meeting in San Francisco.

Major Activities 95/96

1. Spring/Summer 95

At the spring SSRIC business meeting Frank Young was introduced as the Chancellor's Office liaison for the SSRIC. He replaced Penny Crane who had retired. Frank announced that there was a concern for future financing of databases held by the SSDBA and used by the social science faculty. Of particular interest was funding for our membership in the ICPSR. After extensive discussion during the summer Chancellor Munitz in a letter to Senator Mike Thompson confirmed future support of the CSU for the SSDBA databases and membership in the ICPSR.

2. Fall 95

The SSRIC business meeting was held at California State University, Chico, October 5-6. The business meeting was centered on a television conference with Tom West who discussed a range of topics of relevance to social science faculty including the future support of membership in ICPSR and SSDBA databases.

A workshop was conducted by Frederica Shockley and Jim Ross on "Creating Home Pages." Participants created home pages with a digitized personal picture and links.

On October 13-15, the Biannual ICPSR meeting at Ann Arbor Michigan was attended by Jim Ross as chair of SSRIC, Don Dixon (CSUS), Margaret Blue (CSUDH), Nadene Koch (CSLA) and Colin Campbell from the SSDBA. The meeting concerned operations and financing of ICPSR operations. CSU attendees, working with other consortium memberships in the ICPSR, were able, through a write-in petition, to place Ed Nelson from CSU, Fresno on the ballot for the governing council for ICPSR. He was elected and is serving in a four-year term. He will be able to see that consortium membership, teaching and the CSU's needs are addressed by the ICPSR. One result from this meeting was the development of an informal organization of ICPSR Federation members. A reflector list was created to allow the federation members to communicate interests and share ideas for enhancing the use of the ICPSR data for education.

3. Winter 96

The Winter SSRIC meeting was held at CSU, Long Beach on February 8-9. The council was made aware that Mervyn Field was celebrating 50 years as a pollster. The CSU, through the council, has had a long relationship with Mervyn Field and the Field Institute. The council voted

that we should attempt to honor Mervyn Field in an appropriate manner. The chair, with the help of Dr. Terry Dunn, CSUB planning officer and the advice and support of Dr. Tomas Arciniega, president of CSUB, was able to present a petition in support of Mervyn Field to the CSU Board of trustees. The CSU Board of Trustees was highly supportive of the petition and Mervyn Field was presented with an honorary doctorate at the spring CSU, Sonoma graduation.

Frank Gossette held a workshop on GIS and introduced faculty to the new software available to faculty in the CSU. He provided a tutorial on how the software could be taught to a class.

4. Spring 96

The Spring meeting was held at CSU Bakersfield with the 21st annual SSRIC Student Conference. The conference was well attended with more than 100 students as well as numerous faculty participating. Dr. Earl Babbie, internationally known author of social science research methods texts, was the main speaker. Student papers covered a wide range of topics and were of high quality². The students with award winning papers were:

Creighton Magers, CSU, Bakersfield
Gloria Rummels Award for best use of SSDBA data with his paper, *Influences on Pre-Marital Sexual Attitudes in gss94*
Jeffery Johnson, Cal Poly Pomona
Charles McCall Award for best undergraduate paper, *Paradigms, Cognition, and Political Philosophy*
Richard Van Heertum, San Diego State
Betty Nesvold award for best graduate paper, *Growing Income Inequality in Developed Countries: A New Method for Testing Stolper-Samulson*

The annual Field Institute meeting was held at the World Trade Club in San Francisco on May 10th. Presentations were made by faculty including Elizabeth Nelson, Chair Sociology Department CSUF who reported on her use of Field Poll data in the study of attitudes on the roles of women.

5. Summer 96

The SSRIC sponsored the Social Sciences Instructional Computing Workshop held at CSU Fresno on June 23-28. There were five SSRIC instructors, Ed Nelson, John Korey, Dick Shaffer, Nan Chico, Jim Ross, and one instructor, Stuart Wugalter, from SSDBA. A total of 44 CSU faculty from 17 campuses attended the one week event that covered the use of SSDBA data archives for research and instruction, SPSS 6.0 for Windows and the Macintosh, and the use and development of computer-based instructional materials. Optional night sessions

² The program for the 1996 ICPSR Student conference is attached to this report

included, Neat Stuff on the Internet, How to Create Home Pages with your picture, Using the Business Data Bases, Using Census Data and Using Excel for Instruction. Interaction between the instructors and workshop participants will be continued through the workshop home page. Participants have been encouraged to develop teaching modules and share them with others via the workshop home page.

Internet Sources

Extensive work has been done by the SSRIC on development of internet resources. Our thanks to the various members and SSDBA staff for the work on these resources during the last year.

SSRIC Home Page developed by SSDBA staff, JeDon Emenhiser and Gene Turner, <http://venus.calstatela.edu/ssric/ssric1.html>

SSRIC Brochure developed by SSDBA staff, JeDon Emenhiser and Gene Turner, Adobe acrobat format available at <http://venus.calstatela.edu/ssdbahom.html>

Workshop Home Page, The SSRIC Summer Workshop, June 24-28, 1996 developed by Ed Nelson and Nan Chico. http://www.csubak.edu/socAnth/people/j_ross.stuff/jlr_projects/SSRICWorkshop/SSRICWorkshop.html

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ECONOMICS, POWER, AND MORALE

Room: Student Union, Room 132
Moderator: Dr. Jon Ebeling
Professor of Political Science
CSU Chico

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Papers: Brikena Balli, San Diego State
Hierarchical Power Distance in Albania and American
Management Theories of Participative and Scientific
Management
Richard Van Heertum, San Diego State
Growing Income Inequality in Developed Countries:
A New Method for Testing Stolper-Samuelson
Arturo Ramirez, CSU Los Angeles
Public Sector Morale in a Downsizing Economy: Strategies
for Motivating Public Employees

PHILOSOPHICAL, POLITICAL AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

Room: Student Union, Room 136
Moderator: Dr. Jim Gerber
Professor of Economics
San Diego State

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Papers: Jose J. Blanco, CSU Bakersfield
Education, Health, and Infrastructure in Santa Cruz
El Marquez, Queretaro
Jeff Johnson, Cal Poly Pomona
Paradigms, Cognition, and Political Philosophy
Jason Collier, Cal Poly Pomona
An Analysis of Heidegger's "The Question Concerning
Technology"
Michael Wright, CSU Fresno
The Decline of the Southern Democrat

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Room: Student Union, Multipurpose Room
Presenter: Drs. Jim Ross, Charles McCall, et. al.
Time: 4 p.m.

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**Student Perspectives on Social and
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AIDS ISSUES

Room: Student Union, Rm. 132
Moderator: Dr. Richard Shaffer
Professor of Sociology
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Time: 10 a.m. - Noon

Papers: Robin Bunyan, CSU Bakersfield
The Fear of AIDS: You Can Run But you Can't Hide
Kevin F. McNeill, CSU Bakersfield
Differences Regarding the Importance of AIDS Related
Services, Based on Group Membership
Enid Perez, CSU Fresno
The Changing Face of AIDS: Latinas

AGING ISSUES

Room: Student Union, Rm. 137
Moderator: Dr. Ed Nelson
Professor of Sociology
CSU Fresno

Time: 10 a.m. - Noon

Papers: Zebedee Fuller, CSU Fresno
Opinions of Suicide
Missy Peterson, Humboldt State
A Proposed Study of Eccentrics: The Furthering of
Positive Deviance
Marjorie Leek, CSU Bakersfield
Life History of Older Adults: Report on Field
Research Problems
Pat Ruiz, CSU Bakersfield
Living With Children in Later Life

SEX ISSUES

Room: Student Union, Rm. 136
Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Nelson
Professor of Sociology
CSU Fresno

Time: 10 a.m. - Noon

Papers: Melanie Niermeier Butler, CSU Bakersfield
Can Teen Parent Panels Change Teen Attitudes
about Teen Pregnancy?
Jennifer Hokit, CSU Bakersfield
Abortion: An Examination of Attitudes
Creighton Magers, CSU Bakersfield
Influences on Pre-Marital Sexual Attitudes in gss94

HOSTED BUFFET LUNCHEON (for participants)

Room: Student Union, Multipurpose Room
Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

**Tour of CSUB's library and computer facilities
for visiting faculty and students.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Dr. Earl Babbie,
Professor of Sociology,
Chapman College**

**Trance-Channeling and the
Curse of Sociology**

Room: Student Union, Multipurpose Room
Time: 1-2 p.m.