**ICPSR Report**

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On October 4th I attended my final meeting as a member of the ICPSR council. The term on the council is 4 years, so I am hoping we can get an SSRIC representative back on the council in four years.

Some of the teaching related highlights from the meeting are below, and I encourage you all to read a full report on their activities from the past year at: [www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/ICPSR/annualreport/](http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/ICPSR/annualreport/)

▶New Project: the Online Portal of Social Science Education in Methodology (OPOSSEM) at [www.opossem.org](http://www.opossem.org)

▶Continuing to add to [www.TeachingwithData.org](http://www.TeachingwithData.org)

▶Continuing to add to the Online Learning Center (OLC) which are data-driven learning guides intended to supplement social science instruction. It is available at: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/OLC/>

▶Don’t forget to encourage students who write papers using ICPSR data to submit to the ICPSR Research Paper Competition for undergraduates and Masters’ students. Last year a student from CSU, Northridge won a prize. The deadline is January 31st. For details go to <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/ICPSR/prize/index.html>. There are also links to previous students’ papers, which make nice examples for your students!

The biannual Official Representatives meeting was held immediately after the council meeting on October 5-7th. Ed Nelson and I attended the meeting, and we all had a lot of fun! I hope to continue to get good CSU representation at these meetings in the future. The next meeting will be Fall 2013.

Highlights of the meeting include a symposium on the future of social science data (details below) and a workshop on conducting better searches for data in the ICPSR data archive. Many of the search tools are constantly being improved, including their variable level search, which is very useful for students looking for data. Videos and MSPowerpoint slides of many of the workshops at the meeting are available online at: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/support/announcements/17324821575369020>.

**SYMPOSIUM: The Next 50 Years of Social Science Data**

**Rebuilding the Mosiac: Research in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences in the Next Decade**, Myron Gutmann, Assistant Director for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation

*Panel discussion: Thomas LaVeist, Center for Health Disparities Solutions, Johns Hopkins University; Barbara Schneider, College of Education and the Department of Sociology, Michigan State University; Tom Smith, National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago; Christopher Zorn, Political Science, Pennsylvania State University*