

IGA From the Institute

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Dear Friends of IGA:

The Institute begins the new academic year with a new administrative home in the Division of Social Sciences (DSS), College of Letters and Science. Our new home reflects the key role IGA has always played in supporting the faculty in several departments in DSS. The Institute's continued status as an ORU reinforces its mandate to foster research and collaboration involving social scientists across the campus.

IGA has been clustered with the department of political science and the international relations program. Administrative functions are now overseen by Cynthia Simmons, Chief Administrative Officer of the DSS Orange Cluster. In the near future, the division will be establishing a grants service center, the Social Science Research Service, to be housed in the Social Sciences/Humanities building providing pre- and post-award grant services that will report to the Assistant Dean. Two staff positions from IGA will be transferred to that unit. Look for more details about the center directly from the Dean's Office.

Functions that will continue to be supported directly by IGA and its staff are the various IGA-sponsored programs and centers, IGA's public affairs programming, the IGA Library and Data Archive, and the computing and consulting services of the Social Science Data Service.

A new and exciting development for IGA is the oversight of the systemwide UC Center Sacramento (UCCS). UCCS advances the University's mission of teaching, research and public service with an integrated program to train future state leaders, to address pressing public policy problems confronted by the nation and the state, and to carry out the University's mandate to assist state government.



I welcome you back to campus and look forward to working with you all on these exciting initiatives.

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Robert Huckfeldt, Director

IGA/UCCS Events

IGA and the UC Center Sacramento continue to promote an awareness of the social and policy sciences through their public affairs programming. Highlights for the quarter are provided here. Be sure to check the IGA and UCCS Web sites for more details and additional events, as the quarter progresses.

Friday September 24th, 2:00-4:30pm, International House
Economy, Justice and Society Seminar: Weighted Student Funding in the Netherlands: A Model for the U.S.?
Helen Ladd, Professor of Economics, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

Thursday, September 30th, 5:00-6:00pm, School of Education
The Costs of Institutional Failure in Higher Education
Mark Schneider, Vice President for New Education Initiatives, American Institutes for Research
School of Education Distinguished Educational Thinkers Speaker Series

Friday, October 1, noon-1:00pm, UC Center Sacramento
Student Debt Burdens and the Future of Higher Education
Mark Schneider, Vice President for New Education Initiatives, American Institutes for Research
UC Center Sacramento Speaker Series

Wednesday, October 6th, Noon—1:00pm, 360 Shields Library
Policy Watch Seminar: Are We Headed Toward Another Recession?
Oscar Jorda, Department of Economics, UC Davis

Friday, October 29th, 3:30—5:00pm, International House
Economy, Justice and Society Seminar: Meeting Online: The Rise of the Internet as a Social Intermediary
Michael Rosenfeld, Department of Sociology, Stanford University

Wednesday, November 10th, Noon—1:00pm, 360 Shields Library
Policy Watch Seminar: After the Dust Settled: What Next for California
Daniel Schnur, Chairman, California FPPC; Director, Unruh Institute of Politics, USC

Monday, November 15th, 3:30—5:00pm, International House
EJS Seminar: Topic TBA
Steven Haider, Professor of Economics, Michigan State University

Tuesday, November 16th, 6:00—7:30pm, Andrews Conference Room
Levine Family Fund Lecture: The Rational Optimist: How Prosperity Evolves
Matt Ridley, Former Science Editor, The Economist

Thursday, December 2nd, 6:00-7:30pm, UC Davis Conference Center, Ballroom C
Levine Family Fund Seminar: Predicting the Present with Search Engine Data
Hal Varian, Chief Economist, Google, Inc.
RSVP required by 11/23 to rsvp@gsm.ucdavis.edu

Monday, December 6th, 7:00—9:00pm, UC Davis Conference Center, Conference Room A
Topic TBA
Avner Cohen, Senior Fellow, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies

Wednesday, December 8th, Noon—1:00pm, 360 Shields Library
Policy Watch Seminar: Social Networks
Scott Carrell, Department of Economics, UC Davis

SSDS Training Workshops: Stata Basics November 3, 1:00-3:00pm, November 5, 1:00-3:00pm

Stata is a widely used statistical software package and while moderately difficult to master, Stata's robust programming environment and statistical procedures make it one of the best statistical applications available for the social science researcher. This workshop is designed to introduce new users to Stata. No previous experience with Stata or statistical programs in general is necessary.

Topics to be covered include: how to input data into Stata, data management, statistical analysis, graphing, and writing batch files. The workshop will include hands-on training using Stata. By the end of this class, you should have a firm grasp of the fundamentals of using Stata.

Pre-registration for either of these identical sessions is required. Email John Daniels, jedaniels@ucdavis.edu to enroll. Classes will be held in 451 Kerr.

Recent Grants

Clark, Gregory (Economics), National Science Foundation, *Were There Ever Persistent Social Classes? Economic and Social Mobility, 1250-2009*, \$75,741

Gartner, Scott (Political Science), Folke Bernadotte Academy, *Civil vs. Interstate War and the Duration of Partial Peace Settlements*, \$23,933

Knittel, Christopher (Economics), National Bureau of Economic Research *Information Technology, Outsourcing Productivity*, \$45,600

Lo, Ming-Cheng (Sociology), Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation (Taiwan) *Storytelling, Rational Deliberations, and Other Discourses: Beyond the Gridlock of Identity Debates in Taiwan*, \$17,158

MacKenzie, Scott (Political Science), University of California, San Diego, *L.A.'s Global Gateways: 21st Century Governance and Policymaking Challenges*, \$12,668

Okamoto, Dina (Sociology), West Coast Poverty Center, *Creating Ties for Mobility: The Role of Community Organizations for Immigrant Parents in Urban, Poor Neighborhoods*, \$15,000

Ovink, Sarah (Sociology) American Educational Research Association, *Differential Postsecondary Pathways: Examining the College Enrollment Gender Gap Across Racial/Ethnic Groups*, \$20,000

Rapson, David (Economics) and Katrina Jessoe (Agricultural & Resource Economics), UC Center for Energy and Environmental Economics, *Getting the Most Out of Home Area Networks: A Randomized Control Trial*, \$16,931

Stone, Walter (Political Science), National Science Foundation, *Political Context and Citizens Response in the 2010 Elections Supplement*, \$10,952

Taylor, Ed (Agricultural & Resource Economics), William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, *Public Transfers and the Extension of Knowledge to Promote Rural Development*, \$200,000

Taylor, Ed (Agricultural & Resource Economics), William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, *Documenting and Analyzing Changes in Mexico's Rural Poverty During the Global Economic Crisis*, \$450,000

Wolf, Diane L. (Jewish Studies/Sociology), American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise, *Richard & Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor*, \$60,000

Wolf, Diane L. (Jewish Studies/Sociology), Bernard Osher Jewish Philanthropies, *Operating support for the Jewish Studies Program 2009-10 Academic Year*, \$20,000



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