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Winter Hours

Computer Rooms (135, 137, 139, 141, 143)
Monday through Thursday: 8:00am—9:00pm
Friday: 8:00am—5:00pm
We will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Administrative Office
Monday through Friday: 8:00am—noon
1:00pm—5:00pm

Archivist
Monday through Friday: 8:00AM—5:00PM

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Jon Agnone, Sociology
Jeffrey Bowan, Jackson School
Chris Fowler, Geography
Deborah Lambert, Social Work
Theresa (Tisa) Nalty, Education
John Rigg, Public Affairs
Michael Strausz, Political Science
Marcos Torres, Communication
Markus Tsai, Psychology,
Nalina Varanasi, Economics

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From the Director

Welcome to a wild and wet winter!

Winter is traditionally one of our busiest quarters and this one will be no exception. We ask for your patience if you have to wait for consulting help or computer access. If you plan on using one of our classrooms this quarter make sure to register early in that we are already booked during most popular times. As always, let me know if we can help!

Fred Nick

From the Archivist

New Online data:

1. U.S. Exports of Merchandise Dec 2001, Aug 2003-Sep 2003
2. U.S. Imports of Merchandise Dec 2001, Aug 2003-Sep 2003
3. Econ Report Series Nonemployer Statistics 1997-2001
4. American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land (Census 2000) - PEF Map Files
5. The State Court Processing Statistics (SCPS) Program 1990-1998
6. Common Core of Data (CCD): School Year 1996-1997 through 2000-2001
7. American Community Survey Test Sites 2000-2001
8. Census 2000 Summary Files 2 National File
9. Census 2000 5-Percent PUMS for Washington and California (SPSS File)

New CDs/DVDs:

Census 2000 Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS): 1% and 5%.

Vital Registration System Annual Statistical Files: Washington State Births 1980-1989 and 1990-2002, Deaths 1980-2002, Fetal Deaths 1992-2002.



CSSCR Winter 2004 Classes

Here are the ways you can sign up for classes: Call 543-8110; stop by 145 Savery during office hours; send e-mail to ascocarp@u.washington.edu, including the class you wish to take, your name and department; or sign yourself up on our Web page.

<http://julius.csscr.washington.edu/>

Advanced Excel

Instructor: Michael Strausz
Date: Monday, January 26
Time: 10:30AM TO NOON
Place: Savery 135

Introduction to Framemaker

Instructor: Dixielynn Gleason
Date: Tuesday, January 27
TIME: 8:30AM TO 9:30AM
Place: Savery 149

Introduction to EViews

Instructor: Nalina Varanasi
Date: Friday, January 30
Time: 10:00AM to 11:30AM
Place: Savery 135

Census 2000 Data Products: PUMS and EEO Files

Instructor: Grace Ning Gu
Date: Thursday, February 5
Time: 2:30PM to 3:30PM
Place: Savery 137

Introduction to Excel

Instructor: Marcos Torres
Date: Friday, February 6
Time: 9:30AM TO 10:30AM
Place: Savery 135

Introduction to SPSS

Instructor: John Rigg
Date: Friday, February 6
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Place: Savery 137

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Instructor: Deborah Lambert
Date: Friday, February 6
TIME: 3:30PM to 4:30PM
Place: Savery 149

Introduction to Stata

Instructor: Markus Tsai
Date: Monday, February 9
Time: 10:00AM to 11:00AM
Place: Savery 137

Introduction to Dreamweaver

Instructor: Jon Agnone
Date: Wednesday, February 18
Time: 12:30PM to 1:20PM
Place: Savery 149

Introduction to PowerPoint

Instructor: Jeff Bowan
Date: Thursday, February 19
Time: 9:30AM TO 10:30AM
Place: Savery 149



If you would like to request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disabled Student Services, 448 Schmitz, 543-8924 (V/TDD).

If you have a letter from Disabled Student Services indicating you have a disability that requires academic accommodations, please present the letter to Fred Nick at CSSCR so we can discuss the accommodations you might need for class.

CSSCR Classes Winter Quarter 2004

CSSCR offers free, non-credit classes to UW faculty, students and staff. Computer classes are also offered by University Computing Services (543-5970), UW Extension (543-2300) and the College of Engineering Continuing Education (543-5539). To sign up for CSSCR classes, call 543-8110, or stop by 145 Savery Hall during office hours, or use our Web page. <http://julius.csscr.washington.edu/> Please note the room number for the location of your class!

Advanced Excel

This class is intended for those with some experience with Excel who would like to learn more. We will focus on pivot tables and charts, graphing, and data analysis.

Instructor: Michael Strausz
Date: Monday, January 26
Time: 10:30AM TO NOON
Place: Savery 135

Introduction to Framemaker

Framemaker was invented to publish books, but is also a great general page layout design program. Although difficult to learn, Framemaker has so many features and is so flexible in its multichannel publishing capabilities, you will want to make the extra effort to learn it.

Instructor: Dixielynn Gleason
Date: Tuesday, January 27
Time: 8:30AM to 9:30AM
Place: Savery 149

Introduction to EViews

EViews provides a user-friendly interface for data analysis. It does not require extensive knowledge of programming and is easy to learn. Although the software is econometric-oriented, people from other fields can still benefit from learning EViews.

Instructor: Nalina Varanasi
Date: Friday, January 30
Time: 10:00AM to 11:30AM
Place: Savery 135

Census 2000 Data Products: PUMS and EEO Files

More Census 2000 data are continuing to be released by the U.S. Bureau of Census. In this seminar, you will see how to access and extract data from the recently released 5% PUMS files and EEO files. The 5% PUMS provides individual records of the characteristics at state level for a 5% sample of population and housing units. The EEO files present data on race and ethnicity cross-tabulated by variables such as occupation, sex, worksite geography, residence geography, education, age and industry. These tabulations serve as a primary external benchmark for conducting comparisons between the racial, ethnic and sex compositions of each employer's workforce to its available labor market. Basic knowledge of U.S. Census data is required to attend this session.

Instructor: Grace Ning Gu
Date/Time: Thursday, February 5, 2:30PM to 3:30PM
Place: Savery 137

Problem-Solving in Microsoft Word

I will demonstrate various functions, undocumented features and other procedures users of Word for Windows 2000 commonly encounter.

Instructor: Deborah Lambert
Date/Time: Friday, February 6, 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Place: Savery 149

Introduction to Excel

In this hands-on course, you will learn the fundamentals of using Excel including: data entry, basic computation, elementary charts and graphs, and some statistical functions. Prior knowledge of Excel is not necessary.

Instructor: Marcos Torres
Date: Friday, February 6
Time: 9:30AM TO 10:30AM
Place: Savery 135

Introduction to SPSS

This introductory course will give the student an overview of the statistical program SPSS. Designed for beginners only, we will examine data entry and formatting, the computation of descriptive statistics and frequencies, generation of charts and graphs, and touch on statistical sampling. In addition, the student will learn about data recoding, sorting, and other types of manipulation.

Instructor: Jon Rigg
Date: Friday, February 6
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Place: Savery 137

Introduction to Stata

In this hands-on class we will explore some of the basics of Stata use, including importing data, the treatment of different kinds of variables (numerical, time and string), as well as generating descriptive statistics and graphics.

Instructor: Markus Tsai
Date: Monday, February 9
Time: 10:00AM to 11:00AM
Place: Savery 137

Intermediate Dreamweaver

We will quickly review the basics of Dreamweaver. Working with the Code and Design Views, document window, familiarization with the different types of tool bars and panels that one uses to create a website, I will create a small web page and look at it using the browser preview function.

Instructor: John Agnone
Date: Wednesday, February 18
Time: 12:30PM to 1:20PM
Place: Savery 149

Introduction to PowerPoint

Powerpoint is a versatile package which allows you to organize information on "slides." In this hour, we will look at how Powerpoint is structured, and how new users can create presentations, organize notes, manage graphics, and construct simple but fun animation.

Instructor: Jeff Bowan
Date: Thursday, February 19
Time: 9:30AM TO 10:30AM
Place: Savery 149