HOLIDAY PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Greetings, Everyone! The Winter/Holiday season is upon us. USC will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd. If you have any proposal submissions planned for the upcoming weeks, please contact me ASAP. In addition to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the University will be closed for Christmas and the Winter Recess from Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1. Any proposals with due dates within this time frame will have to be submitted prior to the recess. Please bear in mind that our office and the DCG office must also make accommodations for staff vacation during this time, and remaining staff may be even busier than usual.

Happy Holidays!
Meggy

FROM THE RESEARCH OFFICE

We are updating and restructuring the Price School website. As part of that process, we are seeking ways to improve the visibility of our faculty scholarship and other accomplishments. To that end, we want to be sure that the Price website has a link to your website. I sent out an email request a few weeks ago asking that you confirm our current information on your websites. According to the responses we have received, 12 of 47 TT and 2 of 19 NTT and research staff have websites. If you have a website and did not respond to our requests for information, please do so.

Below you will see a long list of research opportunities. Megan Goulding, Associate Director of Development, Corporate and Foundation Relations, is compiling foundation funding research opportunities, so you now have access to both public agency and foundation opportunities. Many thanks to Megan for adding this new dimension to Research News! Please take the time to go through the list, and contact Meggy, Megan or me should you have any questions.

Thanks
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UPCOMING SOLICITATIONS

Foundation Funding Opportunities

For foundation or corporate giving opportunities, contact Megan Goulding at 213.821.8188 or mgouldin@usc.edu, and check back next month for a full list of upcoming foundation grant opportunities and deadlines.

1. HAYNES FOUNDATION FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

Deadline: December 13, 2012
**Purpose:** The Haynes Foundation invites proposals from regular, full-time social science faculty members at four-year colleges and universities in the Southern California region for awards of $12,000 in its annual Faculty Fellowship program. Grants will be made to the college or university on behalf of the faculty member for subsequent disbursement. Having received a prior research grant from the Foundation does not preclude an award in this program. More than one faculty person may apply from each institution; some institutions may receive more than one award, some none. Up to **eight (8) awards of $12,000 each** will be announced in **March/April 2013** and will be available for immediate use. The awards may be used as a **faculty summer research stipend**, to cover other **incidental research assistance and expenses** (excluding equipment and hardware) which might be incurred throughout the year, or in some combination. (The awards may not be used to augment salary during the regular academic year except as an addition to sabbatical leave compensation.) Fellowships may be used as seed money to begin a research project, or as full or partial support for an ongoing project.

2. **BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION: INNOVATIONS SCOREKEEPER**

**Deadline:** Friday, December 14 at 5pm

**Purpose:** Blue Shield of California Foundation seeks a thought partner to develop a tool or technique, an “Innovations Scorekeeper,” capable of assessing innovations in real time against the Triple Aim framework developed by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and to test the tool or technique against investments in innovation and safety net systems integration, with an eye to its broader significance and potential for providing learning to the field.


3. **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Services and Systems Research**

**Deadline:** December 18, 2012, 3:00 p.m. EST

**Purpose:** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) seeks to expand the evidence base for effective public health policy and practice through investment in Public Health Services and Systems Research (PHSSR). PHSSR, a multi-disciplinary field of study, provides a framework for examining the organization, financing, delivery and quality of public health services within communities and the impact of those services on the health of the public. This solicitation, guided by the national research agenda for PHSSR, aims to further advance the field with the ultimate goal of improving the performance and efficiency of public health agencies and their system partners and the health of the people they serve.

For more information: [http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21411](http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21411)

4. **William T. Grant Foundation Social Settings Grants**

**Deadline:** January 3, 2013

**Purpose:** The William T. Grant Foundation is focused on youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States. The Foundation's Social Settings Grant program supports work that increases the understanding of how social settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved; and when, how, and under what conditions research evidence is used in policy and practice that affect youth and how its use can be improved.
5. *William T. Grant Foundation Use of Research Evidence Grants*

**Deadline:** January 3, 2013

**Purpose:** The William T. Grant Foundation has a longstanding interest in supporting research that can inform policy and practice that affect youth and we recognize that divides still exist between the research, policy, and practice communities. The Foundation funds studies that explore the acquisition, interpretation, and use of research evidence in policy and practice.

For more information: [http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/research_grants/social-settings](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/research_grants/social-settings)


**Deadline:** January 16, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EST

**Purpose:** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program supports educational and other nonprofit institutions where highly qualified individuals propose to undertake broad studies of America’s most challenging policy issues in health and health care. Grants of up to $335,000 each are awarded to institutions to support Investigators from a variety of disciplines for innovative research projects that have national policy relevance.

For more information: [http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21413](http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21413)

7. *California Community Foundation: Healthcare*

**Deadline:** Letter of Inquiry Due January 25, 2013

**Purpose:** While the passage of a national health care law in 2010 paves the way for comprehensive, affordable, quality care for all, underserved communities are confused about what this law means and how it will affect them. The Foundation’s focus is to help low-income communities gain access to, navigate and utilize high quality, comprehensive, coordinated and continuous health care. The California Community Foundation is interested in projects that support macro and micro policy/advocacy efforts that advocate for parity, care quality, comprehensiveness and coordination of care, and reimbursement provision.

8. *California Community Foundation: Housing & Neighborhoods*

**Deadline:** LOI Due January 25, 2013

**Purpose:** Through grantmaking in the Housing and Neighborhoods Program, CCF seeks to create stable, livable communities for low-income families and individuals in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. To achieve this, CCF is interested in the development of policy or advocacy in favor of legislation that will provide more resources for housing or to make it easier to develop or preserve housing. Outcomes should include the establishment of state and local laws, regulations or policies that enable the production and preservation of long-term affordable housing.

9. *California Blue Shield of California Foundation: Strengthening the Safety Net*
Deadline: Letter of Inquiry Due February 8, 2013

Purpose: Improving coordination and integration among California’s healthcare safety net providers. Blue Shield of California Foundation is interested in projects that improve the way patients receive care so that the care is of high quality, cost effective, and patient centered.

10. California Blue Shield of California Foundation: Expanding Health Care Coverage

Deadline: Letter of Inquiry Due February 8, 2013

Purpose: Educating California policymakers and the business community about coverage opportunities created by health reform, expanding access to care for uninsured Californians left out of health reform, and supporting policy efforts to improve Medi-Cal enrollment. The Blue Shield of California Foundation is interested in efforts that focus on the following: efforts to educate the business community about how to provide coverage for their employees as a result of national health care reform; efforts to provide innovative access to care for meeting the health care needs of uninsured Californians who will remain without coverage once national health reform is enacted; policy efforts to modernize and improve Medi-Cal enrollment in California.

11. California Blue Shield of California Foundation: Unfinished Business of Health Reform

Deadline: Letter of Inquiry Due February 8, 2013

Purpose: Creating a policy dialogue about those left out of health reform; and making health care affordable. The Blue Shield of California Foundation is interested in supporting research and gatherings to further the dialogue on how to meet the health care needs of Californians who will remain without coverage once national health reform is enacted, as well as projects that lower health care costs and help Californians get better value.

12. Haynes Foundation Major Research Grants

Deadline: March 21, 2013

Purpose: The Foundation seeks applications and makes grants for research on major economic, social and political problems of the greater Los Angeles area. Preference is given to applied studies which, in addition to adding significantly to knowledge and understanding of issues, are judged to show promise of influencing policies and practices addressing these issues. The research project’s potential for publication and its use by the community are also taken into account. The Foundation is willing to consider requests for support in disseminating the results of the studies it funds. Major research projects concerning the history of Southern California will also be considered.

13. Haynes Foundation Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships

Deadline: March 12, 2013

Purpose: The Haynes Foundation invites proposals for its 2013-2014 Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships. The Fellowships are designed to encourage well-conceived and imaginative research into the economic, social, policy or political issues that impact Los Angeles. Graduate students enrolled at institutions and programs awarding the Ph.D. in the social sciences in the greater Los Angeles area are eligible for the awards. Grants will be made to the institution on behalf of the student for subsequent disbursement and graduate schools will be asked to waive tuition and fees for Fellowship recipients. More than one student may apply from each

14. Charles Stuart Mott Foundation: Expanding Economic Opportunity
Deadline: None

Purpose: To expand opportunity for those in, or at risk of, persistent poverty by promoting policies and programs that increase income and assets, help people connect to the labor market, and enable them to advance into better-quality, higher-paying jobs. The Charles Stuart Mott Foundation is interested in projects that address the following concerns: Income Security - A social safety net that augments families' efforts to escape poverty; Reducing Barriers to Employment - Innovative strategies that enable low-skill, low-income job seekers to enter the labor market; and Retention and Wage Progression - Workforce development policies and practices that help low-income workers stay in the labor market and increase their earnings over time.


Deadline: Open

Purpose: Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues. Supported projects include: examining significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and exploring or testing major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services.

For more information: [http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21392](http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21392)

Federal and University-Sponsored Funding Opportunities

1. NSF Sociology

Title: Division of Social and Economic Science: Sociology

Description: The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization -- societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed. Click here for information on [Strengthening Qualitative Research through Methodological Innovation and Integration](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund). The Sociology Program also funds doctoral dissertation research to defray direct costs associated with conducting research, for example, dataset acquisition, additional statistical or methodological training, meeting with scholars associated with original datasets, and fieldwork away from the student’s home campus. Please click here for additional information on the [Sociology Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund).

Funding Number: PD 98-1331

Application Due Date: January 15, 2013

2. NIH R01

**Title:** Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males (R01)

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to conduct research on the effects of alcohol-related public policies on health, economic, and social behaviors and outcomes. The purpose of the FOA is to advance understanding of public policy pertaining to alcohol as a tool for improving public health and welfare. The NIAAA has developed the Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) as a resource for researchers conducting studies in this area; studies that make use of the information available through APIS are particularly encouraged. Research supported by this FOA includes, but is not necessarily limited to, studies examining the effects of alcohol-related public policies on health-related behaviors and outcomes, evaluations of public policies as tools for improving public health, and research to advance methods and measurement used in studying relationships between alcohol-related public policies and health-related behaviors and outcomes.

**Funding number:** PAR-11-087

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2013

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.


3. NIH R01

**Title:** Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community (R01)

**Description:** The National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Administration on Aging (AoA) invite applications using the R01 award mechanism for translational research that moves evidence-based research findings towards the development of new interventions, programs, policies, practices, and tools that can be used by community-based organizations to help elderly individuals remain healthy and independent, and living in their own homes and communities. The goal of this FOA is to support translational research involving collaborations between academic research centers and community-based organizations with expertise serving the elderly (such as city and state health departments, city/town leadership councils, and Area Agencies on Aging) that will enhance our understanding of practical tools, techniques, programs and policies that communities across the nation can use to more effectively respond to needs of their aging populations.

**Funding Number:** PA-11-123

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2013

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.


4. NIH R01

**Title:** Economics of Retirement (R01)
**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research on the economic and health-related factors that influence older persons' choices on labor force participation as they near typical retirement age and throughout the later stages of life. The interaction of health, work, family status, and economic wellbeing is enormously complex, and the direction of causal effects among those factors is often unclear. Because of those complexities, the FOA especially encourages innovative approaches to (1) modeling the dynamic processes underlying labor force decisions over the life-cycle, and (2) enabling valid causal inference regarding the effects of economic and health factors on work decisions as well as the effects of work on health status. The Announcement calls for analysis of secondary datasets, development of new datasets, observational and experimental analysis, cross-national comparisons; and quasi-experiments enabled by changes in public policy. Research that identifies disparities between population segments or emphasizes at-risk groups is encouraged.

**Funding Number:** PA-11-138

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2013

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.


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5. **NIH R01**

**Title:** Implications of the Economic Downturn for Health, Wealth, and Work at Older Ages (R01)

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites research on the implications of exogenous shocks, such as those produced by the recent economic downturn, for health, economic circumstances, and planning throughout the life-cycle.

**Funding Number:** PA-12-009

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2013

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.


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6. **NIH R01**

**Title:** Estimating the Economic Costs of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (R01)

**Description:** Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia are widely believed to impose great economic costs on society, but the magnitude of those costs is unclear. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research on the economic costs of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, including direct and indirect costs to public and private health care payers, families and other informal caregivers, as well as labor market costs from reduced productivity or labor force participation.

**Funding Number:** PA-12-255

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2013
# of Awards/Funds Available: The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.


7. **NIH R01**

**Title:** Practical Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence in Primary Care (R01)

**Description:** This FOA seeks Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose practical interventions to improve adherence to medication. This FOA will support research to test interventions with the potential to significantly improve medication adherence in patients with chronic health conditions in settings where primary health care is delivered (including, dental and eye care settings). Applications may target medication adherence in the context of treatment for a single illness or chronic condition (e.g., hypertension) or multiple comorbid conditions (e.g., hypertension and HIV/AIDS). Studies should use the most rigorous design and methodology possible given the populations and settings in which the study is taking place. Primary outcomes of the research should include: a patient self-report of medication adherence, and at least one other non-self-report measure of medication adherence (e.g., pharmacy refill records, electronic monitoring, etc.). In addition, applications should include a health outcome or biomarker (e.g., blood pressure, viral load in HIV patients, cholesterol levels, HbA1c) that is expected to be affected by changes in the targeted adherence behavior. Researchers should address the capacity of the tested approach for wide dissemination, the sustainability of the approach once the research is concluded, and are encouraged to include measurement and costs of the intervention characteristics and contextual factors that affect implementation and adoption.

**Funding Number:** PA-12-022

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2013

# of Awards/Funds Available: The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.


8. **NIH R01**

**Title:** Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents (R01)

**Description:** This FOA seeks Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose practical interventions to improve adherence to medication. This FOA will support research to test interventions with the potential to significantly improve medication adherence in patients with chronic health conditions in settings where primary health care is delivered (including, dental and eye care settings). Applications may target medication adherence in the context of treatment for a single illness or chronic condition (e.g., hypertension) or multiple comorbid conditions (e.g., hypertension and HIV/AIDS). Studies should use the most rigorous design and methodology possible given the populations and settings in which the study is taking place. Primary outcomes of the research should include: a patient self-report of medication adherence, and at least one other non-self-report measure of medication adherence (e.g., pharmacy refill records, electronic monitoring, etc.). In addition, applications should include a health outcome or biomarker (e.g., blood pressure, viral load in HIV patients, cholesterol levels, HbA1c) that is expected to be affected by changes in the targeted adherence behavior. Researchers should address the capacity of the tested approach for wide dissemination, the sustainability of the approach once the research is concluded, and are encouraged to include measurement and costs of the intervention characteristics and contextual factors that affect implementation and adoption.

**Funding Number:** PA-12-022

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2013

# of Awards/Funds Available: The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.

influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate goal of this FOA is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors.

**Funding Number:** PA-11-327

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2013

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.


**9. NIH R01**

**Title:** Behavioral Interventions to Address Multiple Chronic Health Conditions in Primary Care (R01)

**Description:** This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose to use a common conceptual model to develop behavioral interventions to modify health behaviors and improve health outcomes in patients with comorbid chronic diseases and health conditions. Specifically, this FOA will support research in primary care that uses a multi-disease care management approach to behavioral interventions with high potential impact to improve patient-level health outcomes for individuals with three or more chronic health conditions. The proposed approach must modify behaviors using a common approach rather than administering a distinct intervention for each targeted behavior and/or condition. Diseases and health conditions can include, but are not limited to: mental health disorders (e.g., depression), diabetes, smoking, obesity, chronic pain, alcohol and substance abuse and dependence, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, cancer and hypertension.

**Funding number:** PAR-12-024

**Application Due Date:** February 5, 2012

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.


**10. NIH R01**

**Title:** Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males (R01)
Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Project (R01) grant applications from applicants that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically, this initiative is intended to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older.

Funding number: PAR-12-175

Application Due Date: February 5, 2012

# of Awards/Funds Available: Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. The total amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the mechanism numbers, quality, duration, and costs of the applications received.


11. NIH R01

Title: Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01)

Description: This FOA is intended to encourage and support research in which a unique and time sensitive opportunity has arisen to collect baseline data and then prospectively assess effectiveness of an imminent policy or program designed to prevent or reduce obesity in a given population (e.g. designed to reduce energy intake, increase activity, or decrease sedentary behavior).

Funding Number: PAR-12-257

Application Due Date: November 14, 2012, December 11, 2012, January 10, 2013 (and more)

# of Awards/Funds Available: The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect actual needs of the proposed project.


12. NIH R24

Title: Basic social and behavioral research on culture, health, and wellbeing (R24)

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued on behalf of the NIH Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences Opportunity Network (OppNet), will provide grants for infrastructure support to develop, strengthen, and evaluate transdisciplinary approaches and methods for basic behavioral and/or social research on the relationships among cultural practices/beliefs, health, and wellbeing. This includes an appreciation for more comprehensive understandings of the relationships regarding cultural attitudes, beliefs, practices, and processes, on outcomes relevant to human health and wellbeing.
Special Consideration: This is NOT an electronic submission. Paper applications must be mailed to NIH no later than Friday, December 14th (for delivery Monday, December 17th).

Funding number: RFA-LM-12-002

Due Date: December 17th, 2012


13. USC Research and Creative Project Grants: Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences

The primary goal of the Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences (ASHSS) initiative is to support our most productive faculty at critical moments during the scholarly and creative process so that they are enabled to produce high-caliber work sooner.

The ASHSS research and creative grant program, an initiative of the Office of the Provost, promotes the development of innovative and influential scholarly and creative output in the arts, humanities, and humanistic social sciences. Grants of up to $25,000 will be made to faculty members in any academic unit of the University who seek to make important contributions in these fields.

All USC faculty – tenured, tenure-track, and non-tenure track – are eligible to apply. Visiting faculty are ineligible. However, preference will be given to newly promoted associate professors as an expression of the university's commitment to their careers, belief in their scholarly promise, and laudatory acknowledgment of having achieved tenure.

Due Date: January 22, 2013

Announcement Link: http://fpd.usc.edu/ashss/ashss-research-grants/

14. USC Research Collaboration Fund

The Research Collaboration Fund supports research collaboration among faculty and students working on interdisciplinary research topics, such as water, neuroscience, genomics, digital humanities, or climate change. Example uses of funding include organization of workshops, seminars, application of collaborative technologies, retreats and development of online resources. Each collaboration should engage a large group of faculty (normally 10 or more), representing at least two schools at USC. Funding can be for up to three years, with the possibility of competitive renewal thereafter.

The aim of these awards is not to fund specific research projects, but rather to support teams of faculty who aim to establish or foster a community of scholars at USC organized around a broad topic of shared interest. The awards fund the activities that help to develop this collaborative group. These activities should lay the groundwork for members of the collaborative group to create new research projects, and should contribute to strengthening the individual research programs of its members.

Awards under this program are made through a competitive process, based on proposals submitted by a lead faculty investigator along with at least one additional investigator holding a primary faculty appointment in a different school than the lead investigator.

Due Date: March 4, 2013
UPCOMING RESEARCH EVENTS

Our Price intranet calendar has a full list of upcoming research seminars. Please see http://www.usc.edu/schools/price/intranet/calendar/index.html. Listed below are the seminars scheduled for the next two weeks.

Air Quality in Urban Environments: Environmental and Health Implications

Urban Growth Seminar

This year's theme is Planning and Health: From Research to Practice, and is co-sponsored by the Price School of Public Policy and the Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research in the USC Keck School of Medicine.

When: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 : 12:15pm to 1:30pm

Location: University Park Campus, Ralph and Goldy Lewis Hall (RGL), 101

Speaker: Dr. Arthur Winer
Distinguished Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, UCLA

Please visit http://urbangrowth.usc.edu or UGS on Facebook to keep up to date, and feel free to e-mail our coordinator, Bianca Shulaker, shulaker@usc.edu with any questions.

Schaeffer Seminar: Dr. Christopher (Kitt) Carpenter

When: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 : 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Location: University Park Campus, University Gateway Building, Unit A

The Impact of Traffic Images on Travel-Time Valuation in Stated-Preference Choice Experiments

METRANS Transportation Research Seminar

When: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 : 12:00pm to 1:45pm

Location: University Park Campus, Ralph and Goldy Lewis Hall (RGL), Room 209

Presenter:
Seiji Steimetz
Associate Professor of Economics, CSU Long Beach

Abstract:
We develop a simple but modern stated-preference (SP) choice experiment to analyze the impact of traffic images on the estimated value of travel time savings (VTTS). Our results indicate that traffic images, however rudimentary, can substantially influence travel-time valuation, thus compelling further research on incorporating them in SP experimental design.
**About the Speaker:**
Seiji Steimetz is Associate Professor of Economics at California State University, Long Beach, and a faculty affiliate of the METRANS Transportation Center. His research interests include transportation, urban, and environmental economics. Dr. Steimetz has published his research in leading economic and interdisciplinary journals.

*RSVP to victoriv@usc.edu by Tuesday, Nov. 27.*

**Lusk Research Seminar: Nate Baum-Snow**

USC Lusk Center for Real Estate Research Seminar Series

**When:** Friday, November 30, 2012 : 12:00pm to 1:30pm

**Location:** University Park Campus, Ralph and Goldy Lewis Hall (RGL), 308

**Presenter:**
Nate Baum-Snow
*Brown University*

Please RSVP to tibayan@usc.edu.