

PSID Panel Study of Income Dynamics Conference

Call for Papers on "Inequality across Multiple Generations"

The Panel Study of Income Dynamics and the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan announce a call for papers that contribute to our understanding of inequality dynamics across multiple (at least three) generations.

Papers and posters will be presented at a two-day conference on September 13-14, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In his 2010 presidential address to the Population Association of America, Robert Mare (*Demography*, February, 2011) challenged researchers to expand their understanding of the dynamics of socio-economic inequality by taking into account processes that span multiple generations, rather than focusing exclusively on the relationship between parents and their children. Few contributions to date have applied a multi-generational perspective to the study of socio-economic attainment and well-being, development, or health, largely due to the limited availability of data that span more than two generations.

The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) is the longest-running, nationally representative survey of families and now covers over 40 years and multiple generations. For instance, there were more than 2,600 respondents to the main 2009 PSID survey for whom at least one grandparent was part of the original 1968 survey. And among the roughly 3,300 children who participated in the PSID Child Development Supplement (CDS), almost all had a grandparent who has participated in PSID, and some had great-grandparents in the PSID.

Proposed papers must study social, economic, demographic, or health outcomes (such as educational or labor market attainment, poverty, neighborhood conditions, fertility, and others) and include at least three generations. We encourage empirical contributions that make use of the PSID data. However, we also welcome contributions based on other data sources, including non-U.S. and administrative data, as well as relevant methodological contributions.

The goal of this conference is to bring together scholars from a variety of disciplines to advance a multi-generational perspective for a range of outcomes, to facilitate future collaborations, and to provide feedback to the PSID about possible needs for content changes and/or future data collection. We are exploring the possibility of a journal special issue or an edited volume that contains selected papers from the conference.

How to apply: Please send a 1-3 page extended abstract describing your project (including a description of the theoretical framing, the data and methods, and expected or preliminary findings). Also include CVs for all co-authors. All submissions will be considered for either a paper or poster presentation unless you specifically ask not to be considered for one of these options.

Selection criteria: Papers will be chosen based on thematic relevance, significance of the research question, and the quality of the proposed project.

Funding: Conference expenses, including transportation and lodging, will be provided to one author per paper/poster.

Deadlines: Please send abstracts to Fabian Pfeffer in care of Patty Hall (pathall@umich.edu) by April 1, 2012. A review committee will evaluate the extended abstracts and its decision will be announced by April 30, 2012. Authors of accepted papers will be required to submit their paper for circulation by September 1, 2012 and to present their paper at the conference. Authors of accepted posters will not be required to share a full paper in advance but are encouraged to do so.

Further information: For substantive questions contact Fabian Pfeffer (fpfeffer@umich.edu). For administrative or logistical questions contact Patty Hall (pathall@umich.edu). More information on the PSID can be found at www.psid.org. A tool that facilitates intergenerational analyses using the PSID can be found here: <http://simba.isr.umich.edu/FIMS>.