Overview of the Organization

The Oklahoma Population Institute (OPI) is dedicated to research and training in demography, and to building a community of demographers on the University of Oklahoma campus. Because population processes and structures interact with the majority of scientific and public policy agendas, OPI researchers seek to use demographic methods and perspectives to understand the important social problems and policy issues of our day.

As a population research community, we aim to stimulate targeted population research on the OU campus through collaboration among social scientists who are already well-defined population scholars. We also seek to stimulate interdisciplinary collaboration across areas that naturally overlap in interest with population studies (i.e., sociology, psychology, anthropology, meteorology, geography, political science, epidemiology, biostatistics, and pediatrics).

2009 Highlights

During 2009, OPI held bi-monthly research colloquia, hosted a number of invited population scholars from around the country, supported grant submissions from several of our faculty fellows, attended several population-related national and regional conferences; supported collaboration among our faculty fellows and other OU faculty on research related to population issues, maintained membership in the Organization of Population Centers, and grew in size.

Activities Planned for 2010

In 2010, we have continued our bi-monthly research colloquia. We have begun to develop plans for submitted a training grant. We have continued to grow in size. We have met with both the VPR (Kelvin Droegemeier) and the director of the Center for Research Program Development and Enrichment (Alicia Knoedler) to discuss development of OPI and granting opportunities.

Linkages and Partnerships

Key funding agencies: NIH (NICHD); NIMH; U.S. Census Bureau; Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal Government; Union for African Population Studies; Howard Foundation

Membership: Association of Population Centers -- see http://www.popcenters.org/

Recent Publications and Presentations

• Carnes, B, Riesch, R., & Schlupp, I. Under review. The Delayed Impact of Parental Age on Offspring Mortality

**Impacts and Outcomes of OPI**
The primary outcomes of the OPI work is the production of population-related research, and the production of graduate students well-trained in the methods and theory of demography.