# Social Science Research Center

## Annual Report 2016

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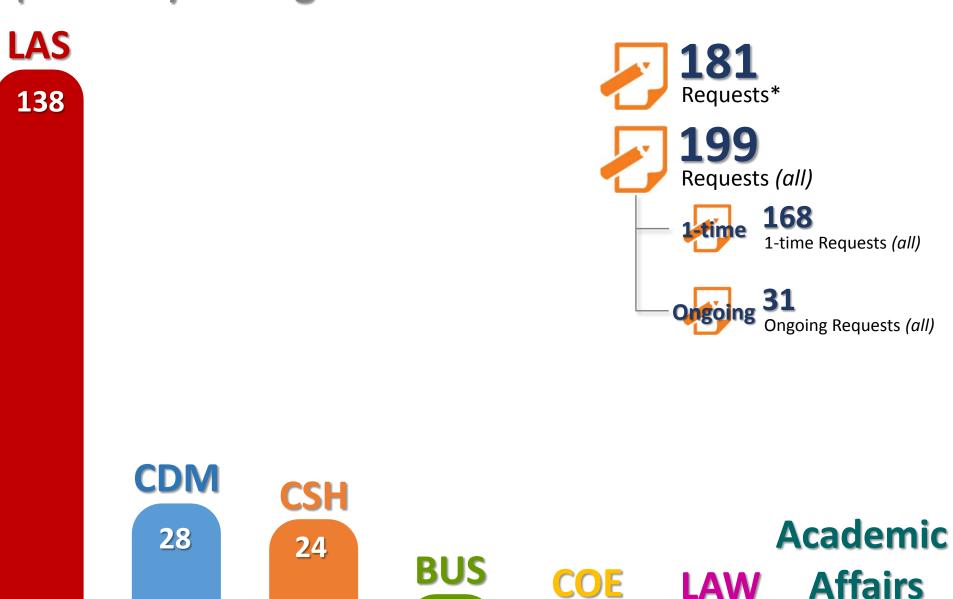


The Social Science Research Center (SSRC) was established within the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences to centralize support for faculty and students engaged in research and creative activity at DePaul University. The Center resulted from nearly 18 months' worth of discussion, planning, and strategizing among members of the Social Science Research Center Task Force, a diverse group of faculty scholars within the College. Task Force members envisioned the Center as a communications hub, a resource and data repository, and a technical assistance provider that would help faculty get their work into academic publications as well as the public realm. The Center's promotion of cross-disciplinary, multi-methodology scholarship and its intention to serve as a university-wide meeting ground and intellectual focal point advance the spirit of VISION twenty18, a strategic plan designed to make DePaul one of the country's premier urban Catholic universities.

### **Purpose and Mission**

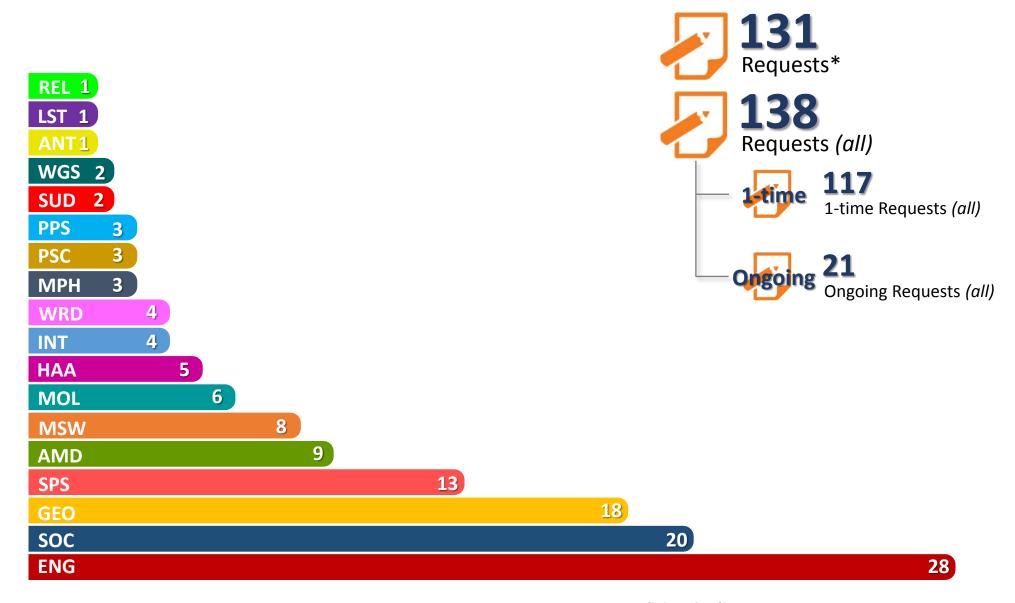
The SSRC promotes, enhances, facilitates, and supports faculty, staff, and student engagement in methodologically diverse, socially relevant research and creative activity by providing the physical space and human capital necessary to develop a robust infrastructure for designing scholarly projects, helping faculty scholars obtain internal and external funding for their work, implementing funded research programs, and forming mutually productive and rewarding relationships.

# Requests by College



<sup>\*</sup> Graph excludes remote access and REDCap access requests

## Requests from LAS



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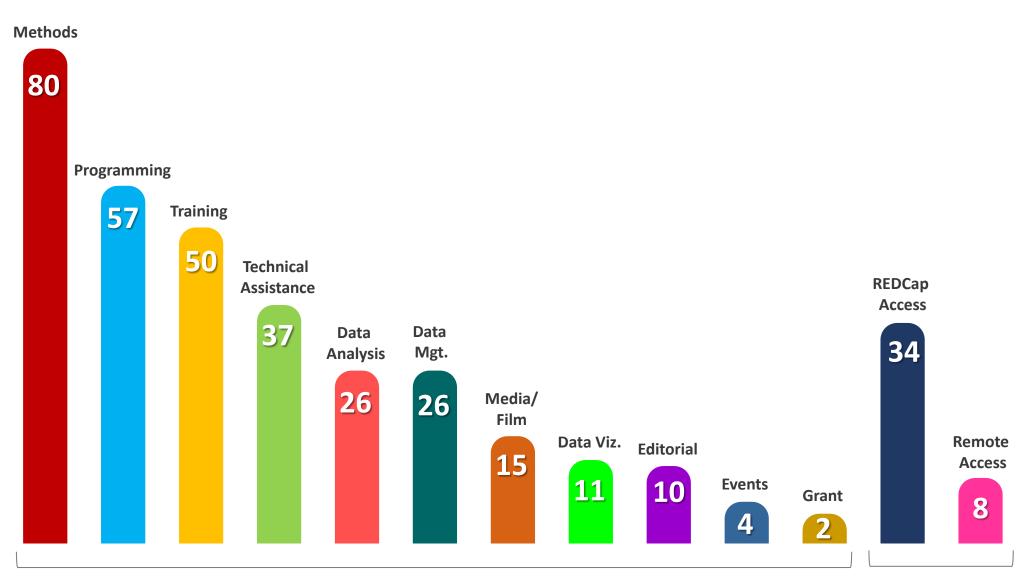
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LST - Latin American and Latino Studies

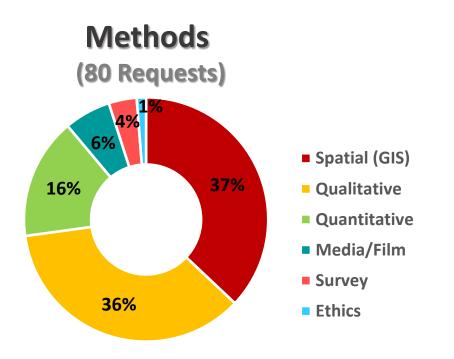
WGS - Women's and Gender Studies

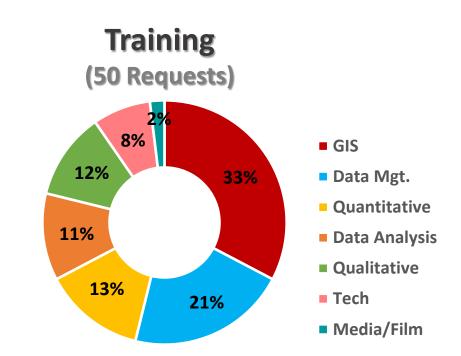
# Requests\* by Type of Service – DePaul-Wide

\* A single request may include multiple types of services

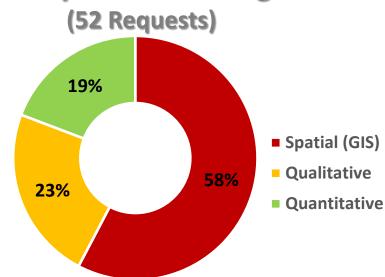


## Breakdown of Major Types of Service – DePaul-Wide

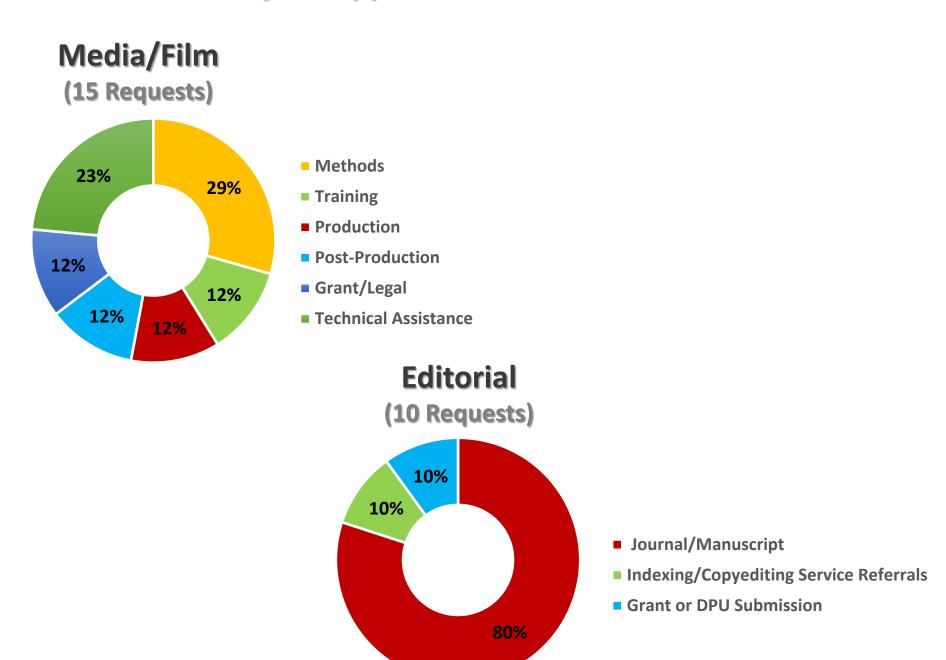




### **Data Analysis and Management**



## Breakdown of Major Types of Service – DePaul-Wide







The SSRC has helped me at every stage of my research, from writing proposals to analyzing data. The able staff provided assistance in working with Qualtrics, which allowed us to create online surveys for a large-scale data collection process, which included an online IRB-approved consent process. Jessica Bishop-Royse also helped with key elements in our data analysis, including merging data files from two different time points. They have saved me hours of research time, which has resulted in greater productivity. Hurrah for the SSRC!

- Molly Andolina (Associate Professor, PSC)



The SSRC has been a key contributor to the work of the "Reading Chicago Reading" project. One of our major tasks this year was building demographic profiles of the branch libraries in the Chicago Public Library system. Nandhini Gulasingam gathered relevant census data for us and did the necessary geographic transformations to make this possible. Jessica Bishop-Royse assisted us in the creation of surveys for "One Book One Chicago" attendees and also in designing and analyzing our predictive models of book circulation. Both staff members have been regular participants in our project meetings and have made invaluable contributions to these on-going project discussions throughout the year. The SSRC has also assisted the project in other ways by providing space and supporting technology for our project meetings.

- Robin Burke (Professor, CDM)



Nandhini Gulasingam made several high-quality maps for the project, brought relevant data from the city of Chicago data portal to meetings for discussion, and even posted about reading behavior on the project blog. Her experience is very valuable to the project. I have also asked Nandhini to make a map for me to use in my Study Abroad class, and it was excellent and helpful to the students. SSRC staff member Jessi Bishop-Royse has continually offered strategic advice to the "Reading Chicago Reading" project, for instance on surveys of participants at One Book One Chicago events around the city, and she drafted the survey instrument we ultimately used for the project. Her experience with the IRB process was helpful when our project moved in the direction of direct engagement with participants.

- John Shanahan (Associate Dean & Director of Liberal Studies and Associate Professor, ENG)



The SSRC has provided essential support for my research over the last 5 years. I have used SSRC software tools in the laboratory and benefitted tremendously from the expertise of Jessi Bishop-Royse. In addition, the 2016 academic writing retreat enabled me to write a paper that won a best paper prize at the IEEE ProComm International Professional Communication Conference. Thank you, SSRC!!

- Sarah Read (Assistant Professor, WRD)





I used the wonderful resources of the SSRC in two major ways during this past year. The first was the accountability group organized by Jessi Bishop-Royse that met in the SSRC every two weeks. This group, which I have been a part of for four years now, has been a fundamental part of setting and meeting research goals. I am nearing a book contract on a manuscript I have been working on for over 7 years and this group and Jessi's guidance have dramatically helped me in this endeavor. The second resources I used from the SSRC was a transcription service that a grad student and I used to transcribe a series of interviews we did for a project. That project culminated in a paper that is currently under review at a leading public administration journal (Public Administration Review). Jessi's help in coordinating and learning how to use the program, and the space and time available at the SSRC, was invaluable in this process.

- Ben Epstein (Assistant Professor, PSC)



There is no way that I could continue my digital mapping project devoted to the history of feminist art collectives in Chicago without the support of the SSRC. This past year GIS specialist Nandhini Gulasingam assisted me personally in one on one meetings with the creation of numerous maps, which were featured in local and national conferences. In addition, Nandhini arranged for recent data sets to be mapped by her Community GIS course. These support services and collaborations are instrumental to continuing my research at DePaul.

- Joanna Gardner-Huggett (Associate Professor and Chair, HAA)



I would like to extend my appreciation and to commend Jessica Bishop-Royse for her assistance with my research over the past year. Her assistance both with latent class analysis and NVivo has allowed me to take my research to the next level. Moreover, I have been able to increase my NVivo expertise to the extent that I have been able to instruct several of my colleagues, resulting in their research productivity. I am most grateful.

- Helen LaVan (Professor, BUS)



In May of 2016, I approached Nandhini Gulasingam of the SSRC to help prepare a visualization of artists' participation in a transnational mural project about which I was writing. *Mariposas migrantes* (2006) was led by Chicago-based painter Héctor Duarte in his hometown of Caurio de Guadalupe in Michoacán, but has involved hundreds of contributing artists from across the U.S. and Mexico. Nandhini helped capture the geographic reach of the project using a map that helps to demonstrate the extent and distribution of transnational involvement in the mural. My article about the project, which includes the SSRC map, is set to be published in Spring 2017.

- Delia Cosentino (Associate Professor, HAA)





SSRC staff members Nandhini Gulasingam and Linda Levendusky contributed in critical ways to the completion of my research and writing projects, two of which were recently published.

Linda served as copy-editor of my article-length review of Timothy Stewart-Winter's important book, Queer Clout Chicago and the Rise of Gay Politics, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016. As a non-native speaker of English, I am grateful to the SSRC for making available editing services to international faculty. The review was recently published in Society + Space (see link). Linda was truly wonderful to work with. I hope to benefit from her copy-editing expertise in the future.

Nandhini contributed greatly to my chapter titled "Becoming 'Boystown' in Neoliberal Chicago: A Critical Urban Morphology of the North Halsted–Broadway Corridor" in Neoliberal Chicago, University of Illinois Press, 2016. Although most of the census data analysis and GIS visualizations that Nandhini skillfully provided were completed in 2015, it is important to mark the publication of this project. Her quantitative analyses and GIS work greatly enhanced the project.

During most of 2016 Nandhini has served (and continues to serve) as a critical contributor to an ambitious and long-term historical GIS project, funded by a Vincentian Endowment Fund and supported by a stipend provided by the Society of Vincent de Paul Professors. The project aims to construct Vincent de Paul's universe as a Geographic Information System, thereby identifying spatial data about Vincent, his key associates, and the Congregation of the Mission and creating a GIS database of architecture that would valorize them and support future research on Vincentian matters, on the evolution of public assistance in Europe, and on 17th and early 18th century France. This high-visibility project identified as its first concrete research project "The Geopolitics of Vincentian Praxis, Statecraft and the Containment of the Reform Church." We suggest that Vincent de Paul—a great supporter and ally of the French Crown and the fiercely Catholic King Louis XIII—was actively engaged in proselytizing among Huguenots (French Protestants) for the purpose of rolling back the influence of the Reformation in France. We suggest that his strategy had a distinctly geopolitical character—a spatial strategy with political objectives. Nandhini has helped resolve a number of critical GIS issues. Most impressively, she contributed to operationalizing our concept of "shock regions" (pieces of geographical territory that were subjected to different geopolitical stressors, such as battles, sieges, and peasant and tax revolts). It should be quite clear that Nandhini is an invaluable member of the SSRC because of her excellent technical AND analytical skills. She is an extraordinary colleague and I enormously appreciate all the help she has given me in 2016 and in years past.

- Alex Papadopoulos (Associate Professor, GEO)





Jessica was especially helpful to me on several projects throughout the year - she was willing to take the time to read papers and provide me with specific and individualized feedback, as well as - and more importantly, providing insight with the design and methodology of my grant. These skills are not only essential, they are lacking in many individuals with whom I work so her assistance is appreciated and valuable. She also helped me with support and offered guidance as a mentor for me as a faculty member. I appreciate her time and listening ear and look forward to working with her in the future.

- Elizabeth Moxley (Assistant Professor, NSG)



Jessica Bishop-Royse has been consistently supportive of my research projects in the past 3 years here at DePaul. She has provided methodological expertise during research grant proposal development and assisted me in executing the computing component of complex statistical analyses. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work collaboratively with Dr. Bishop-Royse. My students have also benefited from research fellowships that Dr. Bishop-Royse has created and successfully launched.

- Joe Tariman (Asst. Professor, NSG)



The SSCR and the staff have been a significant resource for the research team working on a National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) five year grant to study social networks within recovery homes. Nandhini Gulasingam manages and administers the data collection application (REDCap) which allows for a complex, longitudinal research design to be effectively deployed by field researchers in Portland, OR, San Antonio, TX, and Charlotte, NC. In addition, Nandhini has been instrumental in the development of GIS capabilities within the research group. Overall, SSRC has made important contributions to this research effort.

- Ed Stevens (Project Director, Center for Community Research)

## Resources



## **Training**

#### **Software**

Qualitative (NVivo, ATLAS.ti)

Quantitative (SPSS, SAS, Mplus, STATA)

Spatial (ArcGIS)

Film and Audio Data Capture, Management and Analysis (FCP, FCE, PT, etc.)

Data Management (Qualitative, Quantitative, Spatial)

**Customized Technology Training** 

#### Research

Research Design (Qualitative, Quantitative, Spatial, Media)

Data Collection (U.S. Census, American Community Survey Data, PUMS, ICPSR)

Grantsmanship (ORS/IRB/DEV)

Research Ethics (ORS/IRB)

Compliance - Human Research Subjects Protection Guidelines

Developing a Research Agenda

Navigating Systems (ORS/IRB/CGIA/OGC)



# Resources





## **Software**

Qualitative	Quantitative	Survey	Specialty	Video
NVivo 10.0	SPSS 23	REDCap	ArcGIS 10.4	Adobe Premiere
ATLAS.ti 7	SAS 9.4	Qualtrics	Stat/Transfer 12	Sony Vegas
HyperRESEARCH	Mplus 6.0		EndNote X1	
HyperTRANSCRIBE	LISREL 8.8		Konexx-Phone2PC	
Express Scribe	STATA /SE 13			
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Equipment Usage





## **Equipment**

Hardware	Audio-Visual
iMac (14)	Digital Cameras and Accessories
PC (11)	Digital Recorders
HP LaserJet B&W Printer	DVD/CD Burner and Label Maker
Epson Color Scanner with OCR Software	Tripods
Laptop	Audio Accessories
Transcription Pedal	

## Resources



718

Lab Usage (# of times)



5

Ongoing Projects Using Lab Space



194

Conference Space Usage (# of times)

## **Space**

#### Macro Lab\*

Equipment iMac (15), PC (7), HP LaserJet B&W Printer, Epson Color Scanner,

Copier, Projector

Qualitative (NVivo, ATLAS.ti)

Software Quantitative (SPSS, SAS, Mplus, STATA)

Spatial (ArcGIS)

Film (Adobe Premiere)



Equipment PC (4), DVD/CD Burner and Label Maker

Qualitative (NVivo, ATLAS.ti)

Software Quantitative (SPSS, SAS, Mplus, STATA)

Spatial (ArcGIS)

Transcription (Express Scribe, Konexx-Phone2PC)

### **Conference Space\***

Equipment Smart Room Technology (LCD Panel, Projector, Laptop, DVD

Player, Conference Phone)

Webcam

WiFi and Internet



<sup>\*</sup> Labs are used in-person and remotely.

# **Programming**

#### **Mess Hall**



Our Mess Hall series invites DPU scholars (faculty and graduate students) to present their current scholarship—mess and all—to an audience of DPU peers, students, staff, or occasional outsiders. The atmosphere is informal, meant to provoke discussion and suggestions concerning further direction and methodology or to provide a dry-run for a more formal conference or other presentation.



### Shut up & Write



In Fall, SSRC began hosting weekly Shut Up & Write Tuesdays (SUWT), offering space from noon-2:00 pm to the DPU community for dedicated writing time outside their own offices or to seek methodological or other help from SSRC Chief Research Methodologist Jessica Bishop-Royse.



### **Accountability** Group

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SSRC's ongoing **Accountability Group** supports primarily tenure-track LAS faculty in setting and reaching self-imposed professional and research goals, especially for projects without deadlines. The SSRC hosts biweekly, 30-minute meetings where members report on progress, plan goals, share tips, and celebrate successes.



### Research Retreat



During spring break, the SSRC hosted four DePaul tenure-track faculty at an academic research writing retreat in Wisconsin. They participated in accountability meetings to help maintain their retreat goals, including manuscript revisions and drafting conference papers and presentations. One later won a professional society award for the conference paper she wrote while on retreat.



1 Retreat

### **Guest Lectures** and Talks



SSRC staff presented guest lectures to DPU classes and group meetings, including invitational appearances about specific areas of expertise such as IRB, video ethnography, and research methods.



**Guest Lectures** and Talks



**Total Programming Sessions** 

# Programming – Mess Hall



### Acknowledging the Unacknowledged Leninist Roots of Realism in E. H. Carr (Jan. 25)

Michael McIntyre (Chair, Dept. of International Studies) previewed a future conference paper challenging the common perception of E. H. Carr as the "first realist" in the field of International Relations (IR). Michael's revised reading contends that Carr's post-World War I appeasement toward Germany, his dedication of The Twenty Years' Crisis to Marxist-inspired Karl Mannheim, and his later abandonment of the IR arena to work on his 14-volume sympathetic history of Soviet Russia all argue against the depiction of Carr as the proto IR realist.



#### Seasons of Violence (Mar. 28)

Jessica Bishop-Royse (SSRC) and Noam Ostrander (Chair, Dept. of Social Work) presented preliminary results from their analysis of the impact of weather trends on homicide mortality in 100 U.S. cities from 2009–2012. They reported significant relationships between monthly temperature and homicide rates in cities in the Great Lakes, Gulf Coast, and Northeast regions. These relationships persisted even after controlling for area-level poverty.



#### Managing the "Natural Rapacity" of the Rich: Adam Smith on Economic Inequality (Apr. 14)

David Williams (Political Science) previewed a chapter from his forthcoming book, "The Greatest of All Plagues": Economic Inequality in Western Political Thought, which examines some of the uniquely Smithian reasons that economic inequality poses for individuals and societies. He concluded that the greater the economic gap separating citizens, the harder it is to establish Smith's "circles of sympathy" facilitating harmonious social relations.



### Reading Chicago Reading (Oct. 3)

John Shanahan (English & Assoc. Dean & Dir., Liberal Studies) and Robin Burke (CDM) offered an update on DePaul's digital humanities project, "Reading Chicago Reading." This interdisciplinary, NEH-funded project combines numerical data sets and text analysis to analyze the backstory of the Chicago Public Library's longstanding "One Book, One Chicago" program. The goal is to develop a model to help predict who reads what kind of books, thereby enhancing libraries' services.

# Scholarship



### Journal of Video Ethnography

SSRC released one issue of *The Journal of Video Ethnography* (JVE) in 2016, in March. This first-ever, peer-reviewed, open access, ethnographic film journal is available only online. It is aimed at encouraging the acceptance and raising the standards of ethnographic video for use as a valid method of social scientific inquiry. The films published represented a wide spectrum of topics, approaches, and countries of origin. Subscriptions (all free) nearly doubled this year, with domestic and foreign subscribers surpassing 1,400, 59% of them linked to higher education.



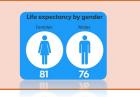
### **Erotic Labor Market Survey**

The Erotic Labor Market Survey (ELMS) is an internal research project that surveys individuals participating in all aspects of the erotic labor market (clients/customers, workers/laborers, managers/owners, as well as social service and advocacy providers). The SSRC has completed three iterations of an anonymous, webbased survey data collection on ELMS. As of Dec. 31, 2016, 1,006 of the 2,246 attempted responses were completed. Analysis has begun and a manuscript draft is in development.



### **Seasons of Violence**

The Seasons of Violence (SOV) project is a collaboration between the SSRC and MSW Chair Noam Ostrander. It is a secondary data analysis of FBI crime data acquired from the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Science Research (ICPSR). In 2016, papers on weather patterns in homicide mortality were presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America and the American Public Health Association, as well as the National Institute for Demographic Studies Young Researcher's Conference in Paris. Another paper from this project, on weather-related patterns in violent crime, was accepted for a presentation at the International Conference on Social Sciences, to be held in the summer of 2017.



### Illinois' Lost Life Expectancy

SSRC staff members started the initial IRB and data requests for the Illinois Lost Life Expectancy (ILLE) project, a secondary data analysis of cause-specific mortality in Illinois, from 1999-2014. The purpose of this project is to determine how much life expectancy loss is experienced by populations of Illinois due to specific causes of death.

# Scholarship



### **Journal of Video Ethnography**

http://videoethno.com/



		Countries		
	Total	USA	Outside USA	Total
Submitted	15	7	8	9
Published	5	1	4	4













## People

	People			Countries
	Total	USA	Outside USA	Total
Reviewers	165	94	71	22
Subscribers	1,448	722	726	81
Visitors	8,657	N/A	N/A	143



	Total Subscribers
Film/Media	155
<b>Higher Education</b>	856
Research	173
Other	264

## **Events**

### **Sponsored Events**

In March 2016, the SSRC hosted three events featuring the legendary media provocateur, social justice champion, and master intriguer Alan Abel. Mr. Abel's visit to DePaul began with a screening of *Abel Raises Cain*, a documentary about his lifelong devotion to using parody to unveil the mechanics of oppression and hypocrisy to provoke critical reflection and debate about vital issues in the public sphere. He also ran a public workshop at the DePaul Art Museum to prepare students, faculty, and community members for their participation in an original Abel-led event presented the next day: a faux protest outside the Art Institute of Chicago to oppose the "questionable morals" related to a Van Gogh art exhibition. On the day of the protest, Mr. Abel advised, coached, and rooted from the wings as more than 50 students and supporters mounted a lively demonstration that sparked hundreds of documented conversations about morality, the power of institutions, and the meaning of art in civil society.



### **Co-Sponsored Events**

In May, SSRC was a cosponsor of Shifting Focus: Race & Gender in Cuban Film, a 2-day film festival presented by the African & Black Diaspora Studies Program. Each film made its U.S. debut at the event, designed to promote intercultural learning and experiences.



# **Information Sharing**



### Blog: re/search

https://ssrcdepaul.wordpress.com/

While the SSRC blog and newsletter share the name, re/search, they complement rather than mirror each other. The blog mainly features research-related essays and articles by SSRC staff.









### **Newsletter**

#### **SSRC Newsletters**

Our monthly newsletter delivers research information, announcements of events, programs and research opportunities, and scholarship information to an internal audience of faculty, staff, and students.







### **Facebook**

#### SSRC Facebook

Our Facebook page is used to announce events, promote faculty scholarship, and share relevant articles and links to the DePaul community and the public. The majority of our audience is in Chicago, but we have an assorted international following as well.

### **Twitter**

#### https://twitter.com/SSRC DePaul

Like Facebook, our Twitter account is used primarily to share articles and links, promote SSRC and faculty activities, and link back to our re/search blog.





**327** Followers



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# **Information Sharing**

## **INSIGHTS**

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A publication for College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences alumni

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### SUPPORTING FACULTY RESEARCH

Learn more about the Social Science Research Center, the in-house consulting and problemsolving service for LAS faculty researchers.





Students attend college to learn from expert faculty the life- and career-enhancing knowledge that will help them earn their degrees and inform their post graduation years. But where do faculty turn when they need help in their continuing pursuit of knowledge? In the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, they turn to the Social Science.

Established in 2008 after more than a decade of discussion and planning, the 55RC was initially envisioned by former LAS Charles "Chuck" Suchar as a consulting service for faculty in the social sciences. Over its eight years of existence, the SSRC has evolved into what its director, Greg Scott, calls "a scholarship and creative activity support center" for faculty throughout the college.

"Our bread and butter is working with individual faculty one on one," Scott says. "We work with about 100 or so LAS faculty a year."

Scott emphasizes that the SSRC has a strong focus on capacity-building, that is, helping faculty enhance their ability to evaluate and address their research questions and choose among various research methodologies. "We can help them to organize the data and analyze it, report on it and get creative with it. If we don't know exactly what to advise, then we spend time figuring it out," he explains.

For example, Scott says, a researcher may want to do a visual analysis of 2,000 inctsparin plontos that provides very precise detail about the structural attributes of the photos. "We may know exactly how to do that, but we'll spend a week learning best practices when it comes to analyzing visual data from large, open-access data sources. Then, we'll present the faculty with a background document along with a sort of funorial on how to do it." The center also may help faculty construct effective grant applications to fund the research and provide copyediting for grant proposals, journal articles and book drafts, as well as expertise in writing and submitting protocols for research involving human subjects.

The nuts and boits of research may be at the heart of the SRC's mission, but its ability to bring people together is argusbly more valuable. Scott says, "Most of our efforts really involve gotting at the informal areas of faculty life, because that's where a lot of the work get done. We facilitate collaboration, like a monthly happy hour for people who are interesting in collaborating with people outside their discipline. We're like a research Tinder for academics.

> Learn more about the Center by reading re/search, the SSRC blog, at ssrcdepaul.wordpress.com.

**INSIGHTS (Summer, 2016)** 

Link to article

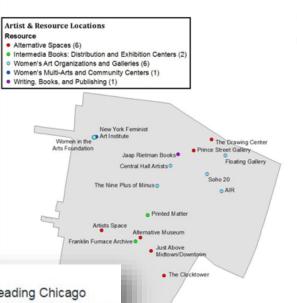




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Thanks to assistance from @SSRC\_DePaul I will have more maps for #SECAC2016

"What is Feminist Art?" (1977) Artist Locations & Available Women's Resources: SoHo, New York City



John Shanahan @Shanahan2005 - Jun 25

@rburke2233 presents @NEH\_ODH supported Reading Chicago Reading project @IC2S2 GIS by @SSRC\_DePaul! @1book1chicago



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# **Staff**



#### **GREG SCOTT**

Director Greg Scott, Ph.D., professor of sociology, combines quantitative/epidemiological and qualitative/ethnographic methods to research issues stemming from the interaction of structural, network, and microinteractional forces in the illicit drug economy. His semitraditional ethnographic and epidemiological research has led him recently into producing and directing documentary film and radio projects on the social, economic, cultural, political, and health issues that illicit drug users face. From 2003 to 2010 Greg was a member of DePaul's Institutional Review Board (IRB). the university-wide committee that oversees all behavioral and scientific research proposals from DPU faculty, staff, and students involving human participants to ensure that they meet federal standards of ethical conduct and subject wellbeing.

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#### JESSICA BISHOP-ROYSE

Senior Research Methodologist Jessica Bishop-Royse, PH.D., and adjunct faculty member in the Department of Sociology, has substantial experience in quantitative inquiry. She joined DePaul after completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Florida State University College of Medicine where she managed a large federally funded patient safety grant. She is interested in health disparities, infant and maternal health, health services, GIS. methods, and statistics. She often finds herself navigating the fields of sociology, demography, epidemiology, medicine, public health, and policy. Jessi is wellversed in data collection, Stata, and quantitative research methodology, as well as statistics. She has experience with multilevel analyses, survival analyses, GIS, and multivariate regression.

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#### NANDHINI GULASINGAM

Nandhini Gulasingam is SSRC's Senior Analyst for IT Solutions and an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Geography where she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on **Geographic Information Systems** (GIS). At the SSRC, she manages GIS, database, web development and data-related projects including the faculty research labs. She also consults on faculty research projects involving data processing, analysis, management, and visualization including GIS. She is in charge of design and development of the "Journal of Video Ethnography," the first-ever international, peerreviewed research journal for ethnographic films in the social and behavioral sciences. She has an MS in Predictive Analytics, an MS in E-Commerce Technology, and GIS Certification from DePaul. She wrote and compiled this annual report.

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#### **LINDA LEVENDUSKY**

**Projects Coordinator Linda** Levendusky has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and worked for more than 10 years in news writing and editing for national and local news wire services in Chicago. At the SSRC, she handles administrative matters; coordinates the "Mess Hall" series of informal presentations by faculty and/or graduate student researchers; and does editorial-related copyediting and proofing of journal article drafts and revisions, grant applications, and other internal submissions related to faculty projects.

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