

# Social Science Research Center

## Annual Report 2015

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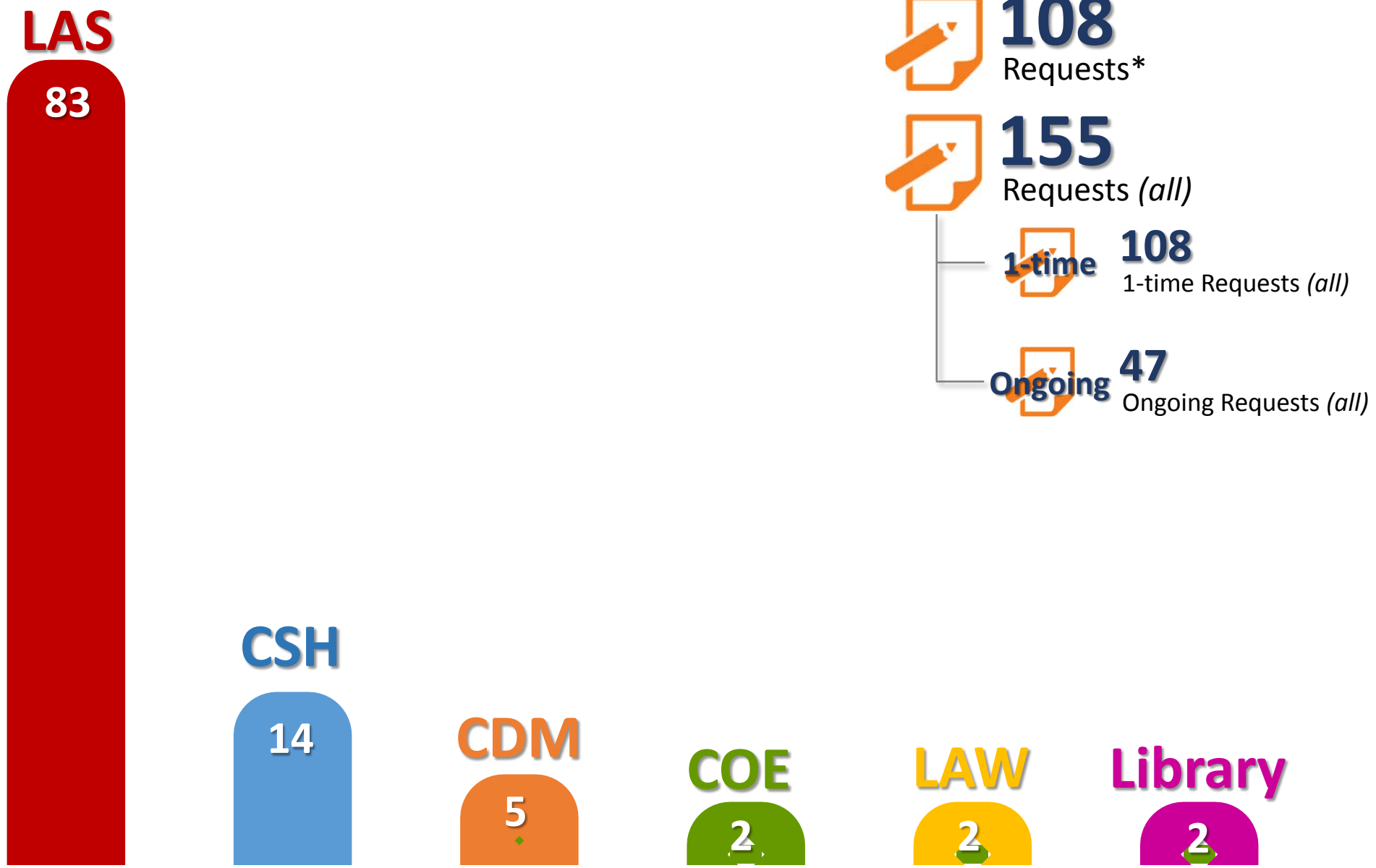
The Social Science Research Center (SSRC) was established within the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences to centralize support for faculty and students engaged in research and creative activity at DePaul University. The Center resulted from nearly 18 months' worth of discussion, planning, and strategizing 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.

# Assistance and Support

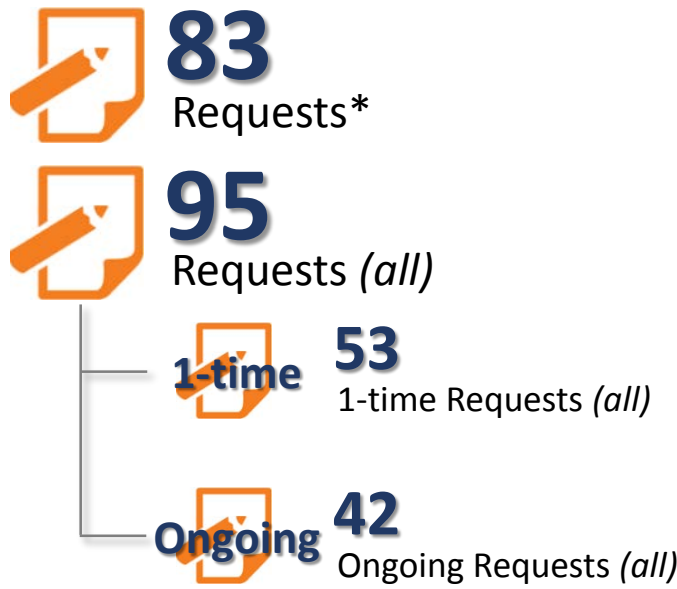
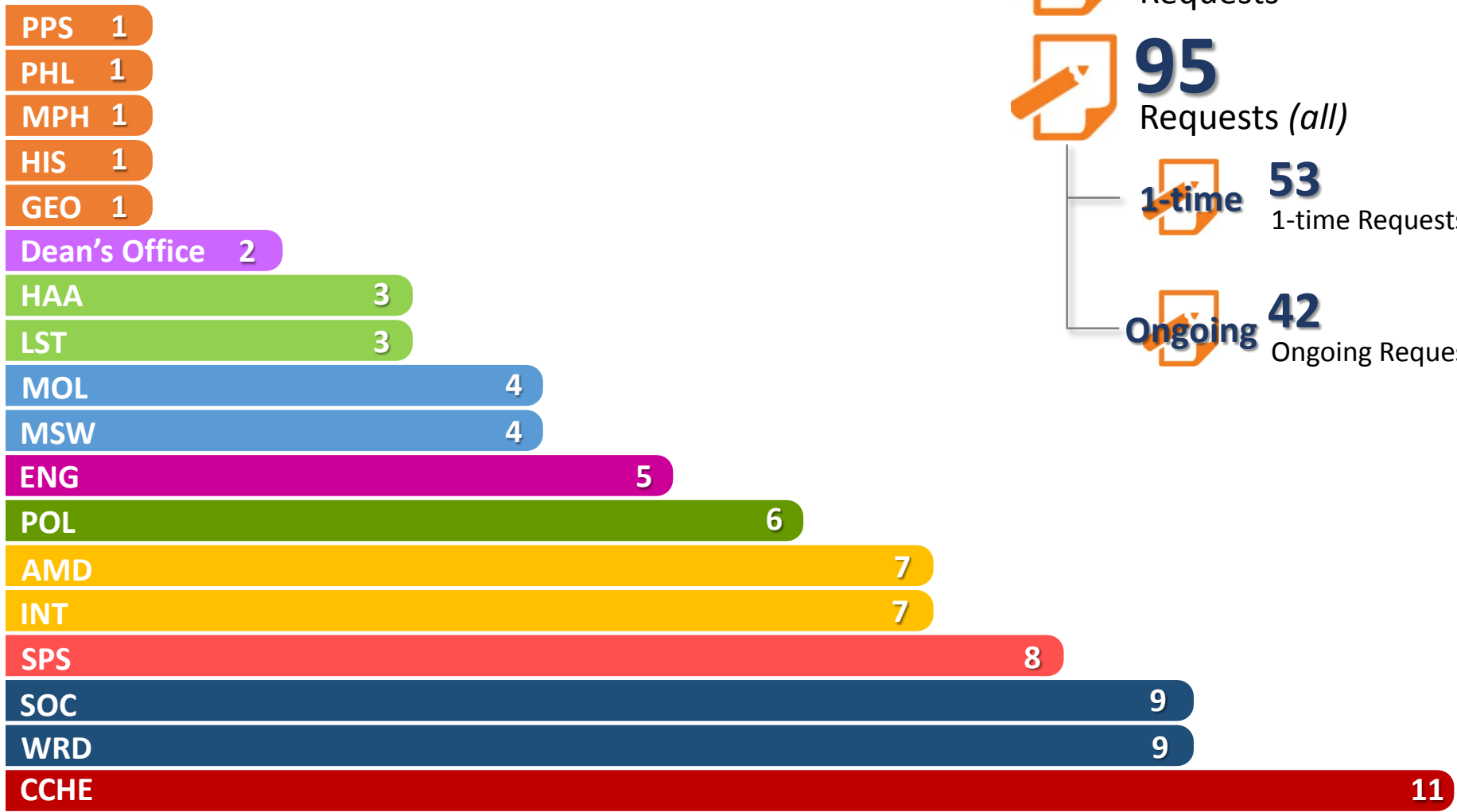
## Requests by College



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# Assistance and Support

## Requests from LAS



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# Assistance and Support

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

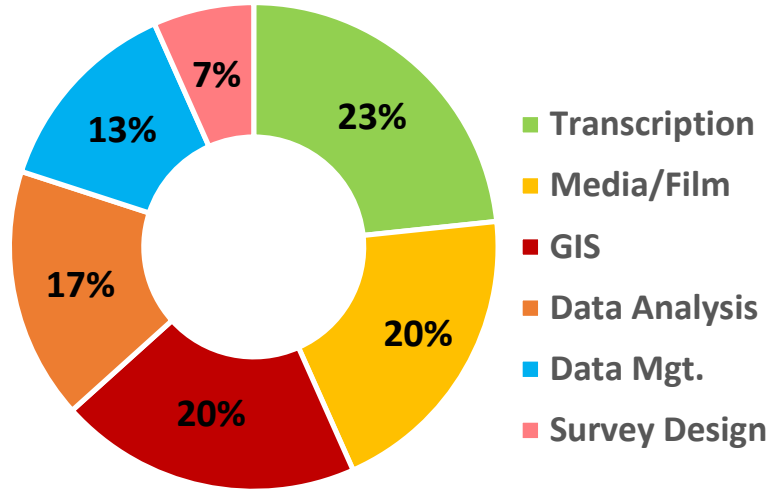
\* A single request may include multiple types of services



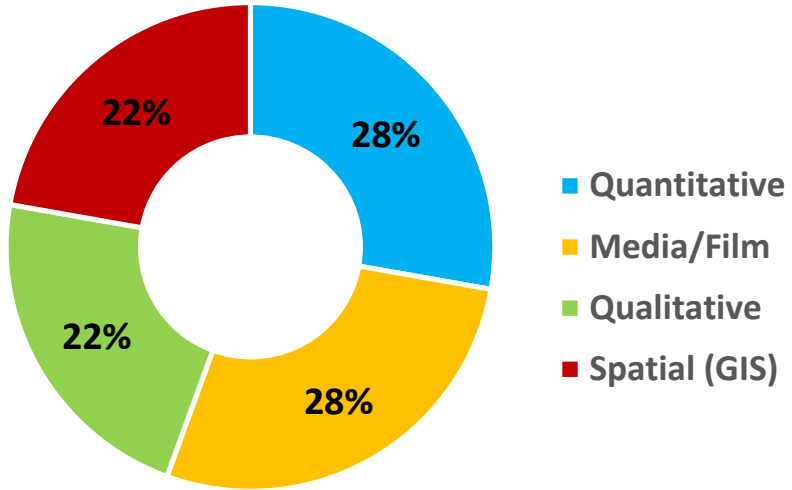
# Assistance and Support

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

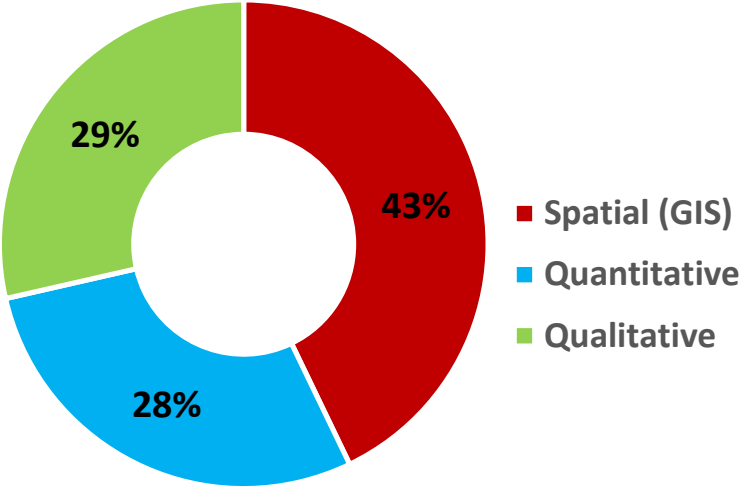
### Training



### Methods



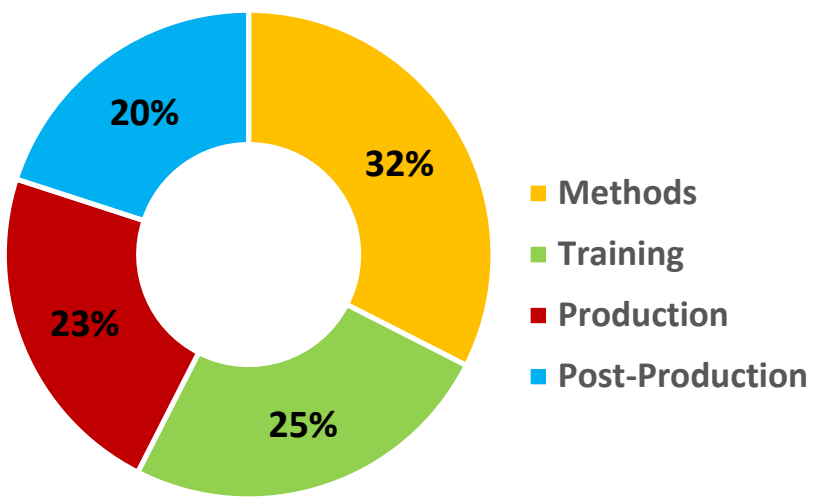
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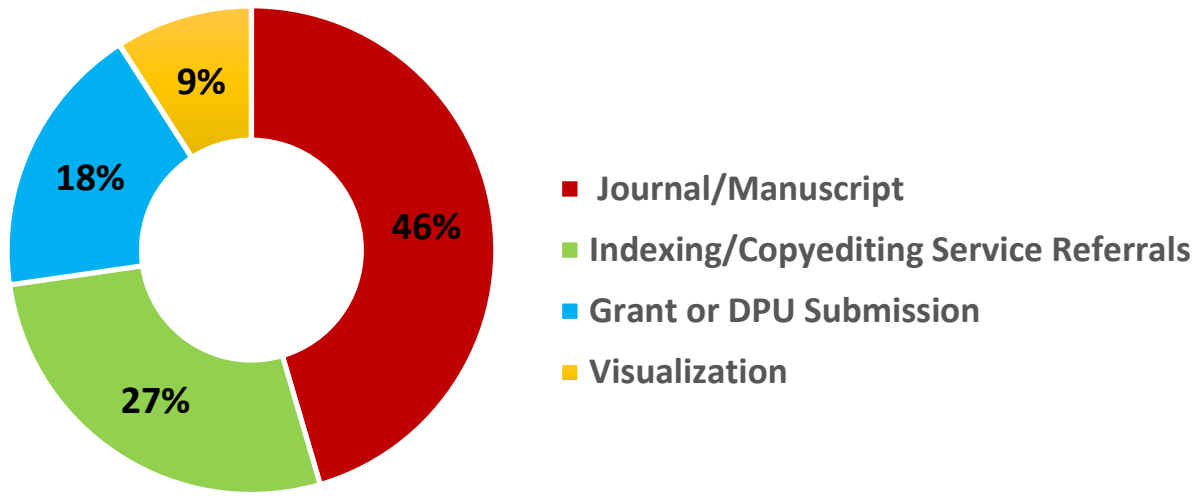
# Assistance and Support

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

### Media/Film



### Editorial



# Assistance and Support



The SSRC has been such a valuable resource for me. My research team and I have been meeting in the conference room for the past year and a half, availing ourselves of the research software programs, especially NVivo, and the highly knowledgeable, very supportive staff. Staff members—notably Nandhini Gulasingam, Jessica Speer, Jessica Bishop-Royse and Linda Levendusky—have helped not only with technological challenges, but also with data analysis and suggestions about directions I could take. My project—which is ongoing—has benefitted enormously and I look forward to another year in the SSRC.

**- Darsie Bowden (Professor, WRD)**



The SSRC is one of the most helpful resources at DePaul. They have provided me with critical feedback on numerous successful grant proposals. Working with the SSRC has greatly improved my research and writing ability and they have provided me with the necessary equipment to produce my art projects.

**- Zack Ostrowski (Asst. Professor, AMD and Graphic Art Area Head)**



SSRC was helpful in providing me with expert advice and help on a written project with a manuscript as well as with an audio visual ethnographic project (digitizing an oral history film I was working on for the 1947 Partition Archives in Berkeley, CA). The range of expertise available at SSRC is invaluable for faculty research, especially with interdisciplinary projects. It also provides a great intellectual environment to share ideas through the 'Mess Hall' series.

**- Shailja Sharma (LAS Assoc. Dean and Assoc. Professor, INT and ENG)**



SSRC is a gem! I remain deeply grateful for the intellectual companionship and help it so willingly renders.

**- Ramya Ramanath (Asst. Professor, SPS and Chair of Intl. Public Service)**



Certainly SSRC has been very helpful. Specifically, Nandhini had helped us generate maps used in the Rush Community Health Needs Assessment planning process including training several student research assistants on GIS software. Jessica came to the Center for Community Health Equity several times and participated in the brainstorming phase of a qualitative data analysis, looking at focus group data. SSRC also trained students on transcription and provided facilities to do this.

**- Fernando De Maio (Assoc. Professor, SOC and Co-Director, Center for Community Health Equity)**



# Assistance and Support



Nandhini Gulasingam provided significant assistance to me on two projects in 2015. First, she helped me with an ARC GIS mapping project exploring the impact of two feminist art collectives in Chicago: ARC and Artemisia Galleries. The result of this work was presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference in April 2015. Second, Nandhini helped me build a preliminary database so I can map the geographic location of participants in the exhibition "What is Feminist Art?" (1977) in ARC GIS, which will form the basis of a peer-reviewed article. In both cases, this work required numerous meetings over several months. Currently, Nandhini's students in GEO 242 will be working with the data and creating additional maps for this project. I could not complete any of this work without SSRC's generous support.

**- Joanna Gardner-Huggett (Assoc. Professor and Chair, HAA)**



The SSRC has benefitted me in three main ways during the past year. It has continued to serve as an ideal site to organize an informal accountability group of faculty from multiple departments who support one another in reaching their research and professional goals, which has met at the SSRC for the past few years. Second, Linda Levendusky's proofreading and copyediting services have been a huge help; she contributed to improving my writing for two papers I submitted in the past year. Third, Jessica Bishop-Royse has assisted me in talking through my statistical methods for two different, difficult problems I was having with my data.

**-Bradley Hoot (Asst. Professor, MOL-Spanish)**



I just sent back to the publisher the corrected page proofs for my latest book, *Chicago Charter Schools: The Hype and the Reality*. The book could not have been done without the great folks at SSRC, especially Nandhini! I had an idea for the work, but was not certain how to proceed, or where to find the needed data. I met with the staff at SSRC early in the process and they helped me to flesh out the idea, find the data, organize the data, looked over the analysis and then developed GIS maps. This new book will probably be out in a month or so, and I must give much of the credit to SSRC. It was not just the technical support, but they also served as a sounding board for my ideas. I cannot thank SSRC enough.

**- William. A. Sampson (Professor and Chair, PPS)**

# Assistance and Support

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This year the SSRC staff have been incredibly supportive as I have partnered with them on our Seasons of Violence project to track multiyear seasonal fluctuations in violent crime across the country. Without their support in data entry and data analysis, this project would have been significantly delayed. Thanks to their partnership, we are now starting to disseminate the findings from this study.

**- Noam Ostrander (Assoc. Professor and Chair, Social Work)**



I have been a faculty member here at the DePaul School of Nursing for 2 years and I feel fortunate that the SSRC has a wide array of services for new faculty. I have had opportunities to collaborate with Jessica Bishop-Royse on my DPU-RFUMS collaborative research grant on cancer-related fatigue genomic biomarkers study (funded amount \$86,000). She provides ongoing statistical consultation and guidance on data analyses. Prior to this project, she has helped me in the analyses of the survey on health maintenance patterns among patients diagnosed with myeloma, which has been submitted for publication to *Cancer Medicine* journal. The SSRC also provided training on NVivo software to my graduate research assistants, allowing them to code and analyze qualitative research data. Jessica has co-authored a paper with me and MENP graduate students entitled, "The Role of the Nurse in the Era of Shared Decision Making," scheduled for publication in the December 2016 issue of the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*.

**- Joe Tariman (Asst. Professor, NSG)**

## 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

 **728**  
Software Usage

## Software



Qualitative	Quantitative	Survey	Specialty	Video
NVivo 10.0	SPSS 23	REDCap	ArcGIS 10.2	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 R 3.2.2			

 **46**  
Equipment Usage

 **20**  
Users

## Equipment



### Hardware

iMac (15)  
PC (11)  
HP LaserJet B&W Printer  
Epson Color Scanner with OCR Software  
Copier  
Laptop  
Transcription Pedal

### Audio-Visual

Digital Cameras and Accessories  
Digital Recorders  
DVD/CD Burner and Label Maker  
Tripods  
Audio Accessories

# Resources



**608**

Lab Usage (# of times)



**6**

Ongoing Projects Using Lab Space



**188**

Conference Space Usage (# of times)

## Space

### Macro Lab\*

Equipment	iMac (15), PC (7), HP LaserJet B&W Printer, Epson Color Scanner, Copier, Projector
Software	Qualitative (NVivo, ATLAS.ti) Quantitative (SPSS, SAS, Mplus, STATA) Spatial (ArcGIS) Film (Adobe Premiere)

### Micro Lab\*

Equipment	PC (4), DVD/CD Burner and Label Maker
Software	Qualitative (NVivo, ATLAS.ti) 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
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\* Labs are used in-person and remotely.

# Resources



**3**  
Requests

## Grantsmanship Library

### Federal Grant Resources

Grant Opportunities  
Applicant User Guide

### Federal Departmental Resources

Federal Domestic Assistance  
National Institute of Health  
Department of Education  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Department of Justice  
Department of Transportation



# 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.

 **5**  
Mess Halls

## 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.

 **14**  
Sessions

## Accountability Group



SSRCs 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.

 **20**  
Sessions

## Departmental Presentations



SSRC staff continued to make college and departmental presentations describing Center activities, resources and capabilities available to support faculty research activities.

 **3**  
Presentations

## Guest Lectures



SSRC staff presented guest lectures to DPU classes and group meetings, including invitational appearances based on specific areas of expertise. Topics included qualitative research methods, research ethics and IRB considerations, data management and data analysis using statistical tools.

 **7**  
Guest Lectures



# 49

Total Programming Sessions



# Scholarship



## Journal of Video Ethnography

SSRC released two issues of *The Journal of Video Ethnography* (JVE) in 2015, in March and December. 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 1,000, 64% 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). ELMS is nearing the end of the data collection period, following three iterations of an anonymous, web-based survey data collection effort. As of Dec. 31, 2015, 900 responses were recorded as completed of a total of 2,003 responses attempted. Analysis and dissemination of this data will begin in March 2016.



## Seasons of Violence

The Seasons of Violence 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 September, an abstract was accepted for inclusion in the program for the Population Association of America's Annual meeting in April 2016.



# Scholarship



## Journal of Video Ethnography

<http://videoethno.com/>



### Films

	Films			Countries
	Total	USA	Outside USA	Total
Submitted	35	12	23	13
Published	10	5	5	6



### People

	People			Countries
	Total	USA	Outside USA	Total
Reviewers	143	87	56	23
Subscribers	1,061	540	521	75
Visitors	12,341	N/A	N/A	132



**2**  
Issues



**10**  
Films Published



**143**  
Reviewers



**1,061**  
Subscribers



**12,341**  
Visitors



**396,249**  
Views



### Subscriber Industry

Total Subscribers	
Film/Media	115
Higher Education	679
Research	98
Other	169

\* All statistics are for 2015 only

# Information Sharing



## Blog: re/search

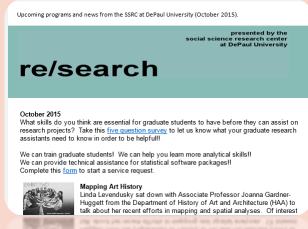
<https://ssrcdepaul.wordpress.com/>

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.

 **52**  
Posts

 **6,563**  
Views

 **4,279**  
Visitors



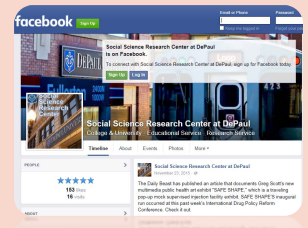
## Newsletter

[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.

 **11**  
Newsletters

 **64**  
Articles



## Facebook

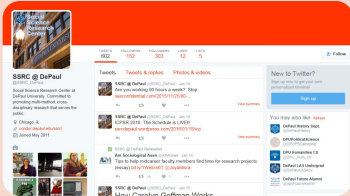
[SSRC Facebook](#)

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.

 **64**  
Posts

 **69**  
Likes

 **30**  
Shares



## Twitter

[https://twitter.com/SSRC\\_DePaul](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.

 **62**  
Tweets

 **303**  
Followers

# Staff



## GREG SCOTT

Director Greg Scott, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology, combines quantitative/epidemiological and qualitative/ethnographic methods to research issues stemming from the interaction of structural, network and micro-interactional forces in the illicit drug economy. His semi-traditional 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. has substantial experience in quantitative inquiry. She joined DePaul after completing a post-doctoral 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 well-versed 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 is a Senior Analyst for IT Solutions at the Social Science Research Center (SSRC) at DePaul University 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 and visualization including GIS. She is in charge of design and development of the "Journal of Video Ethnography," the first-ever international, peer-reviewed 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.

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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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