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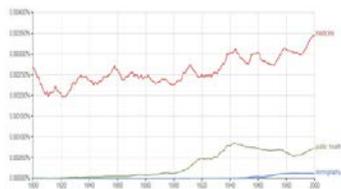# Social Science Research Center at DePaul University

Summer 2016

The summer of 2016 has been especially busy for the SSRC. On August 12, SSRC Director Greg Scott and Methodologist Jessica Bishop-Royse attended the 2016 Health Disparities and Social Justice Conference, hosted by the Center for Community Health Equity. Scott was on hand to present his Safe Shape Exhibit and two collaborative film projects. Bishop-Royse and DePaul MSW Faculty member Noam Ostrander presented their "Seasons of Violence" project on seasonal patterns of homicide mortality in the US.

Project Coordinator Linda Levendusky chatted with recent DePaul MPH students about their experience learning to transcribe interviews from focus groups and analyzing that data in NVivo (a qualitative software package). Previously, she wrote about DPU Geography Professor Alex Papadopoulos's use of maps, GIS, and historical documents to reveal new dimensions of the political considerations of Vincent de Paul.

Methodologist Jessica Bishop-Royse discovered a couple of neat visualization tools this summer. Google's NGram Viewer, plots mentions of specific words in printed books over time, as captured by Google Books. The second, Map Customizer, creates a map with multiple locations, produced by copying and pasting locations into the bulk entry tool.

Analyst Nandhini Gulasingum demonstrated the tools that researchers might use to visualize relationships, using data from the CDC's Fatality Analysis Reporting System. Before that, she illustrated how GIS tools can be used to illustrate interesting aspects of local areas by mapping "Safe Passage" routes in Chicago Community Areas.

WRITE ON SITE Continues

Due to the success and interest of the Write on Site, the SSRC will continue to host the weekly writing event. The event will take place on the SSRC Conference Room on Fridays from 12-2 pm. Interested faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to bring lunch and their writing projects and work in the quiet solitude.

Technical Assistance and Service

The SSRC provides a wide variety of technical assistance and training opportunities. We can help with everything from training graduate students to helping you with data management and analysis problems. Requests for conference space, lab space, or data and service requests can be made HERE.

Get Messy with Us! Call for Presenters

We're looking for Mess Hall presenters! Faculty, students and staff are all welcome to present on their scholarship in a low stress environment. Past sessions have focused on methodological advice, feedback on book proposals, and simply sharing research. To propose a session, send an email to Linda Levendusky (email: llevendu@depaul.edu).

Upcoming Grant and Funding Opportunities

RWJF Applications for Future of Work (9/15/2016)
American Council of Learned Societies Collaborative Research Fellowship (9/28/2016)
Markets for Good Invites Applications for Good Data Grants (9/30/2016)
Getty Foundation Accepting Applications for Scholars Grant Program (10/3/2016)
Louisville Institute Applications for First Book Grant for Minority Scholars (1/15/20117)

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