

## THE CENTER FOR STUDIES IN DEMOGRAPHY AND ECOLOGY

The Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, founded in 1947, supports education, research and scholarly exchange in population studies at the University of Washington. We focus on interdisciplinary research, with an emphasis on understanding the structural mechanisms that link individual behavior to population level outcomes. Our affiliates are known for their research on biodemography, health, international demography, migration, inequality, family demography, and quantitative methodology.

An independent unit on campus, the center provides research support services and educational opportunities to its members through its graduate training programs; computer lab and facilities; library collection and web services; working papers series, and weekly seminar series.

## AUTUMN 2005 PROGRAM

October 7

### **Welcome Reception**

*Parrington Hall Commons 308*

October 14

**Seth Norton**, Wheaton College,

"Economic Institutions, Population Growth, and Human Well-Being"

*Parrington Hall Commons 308*

October 21

**Cai Yong**, University of Washington,

"Regional Mortality Variation in China"

*Parrington Hall Commons 308*

October 28

**Francis Doodoo**, Pennsylvania State University,

"Educational and Cultural Influences on Reproductive Decisions"

*Parrington Hall Commons 308*

November 4

**Richard York**, University of Oregon,

"De-Carbonization of Post-Soviet States, 1992-99: The Role of Economic and Demographic Factors"

*Parrington Hall Commons 308*

November 18

**Kam-Wing Chan**, University of Washington,

"Internal Migration in China: The 1990s and Beyond"

*Parrington Hall Commons 308*

December 2

**Daniel Kammen**, University of California, Berkeley,

"The Energy Future of Africa"

*Parrington Hall Commons 308*

December 9

**Charles "Biff" Keyes**, University of Washington,

"Development' Revisited: A Northeastern Thai Village after Four Decades in the Development Era"

*Parrington Hall Commons 308*

### **Didactic Seminars**

Selected talks will be followed by didactic seminars for graduate students. In these informal interactive sessions, speakers will elaborate on the methods used in their research and featured in their talks. Didactic seminars will be held in Raitt Hall, Room 221 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Graduate students and others who are interested are welcome to attend.

## The Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology



### SEMINAR SERIES 2005-2006 AUTUMN QUARTER

**FRIDAYS, 12:30-2:00 PM  
PARRINGTON HALL COMMONS**

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## Seminar Series 2005-2006

The Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology at the University of Washington invites you to attend our **2005-2006 Seminar Series**. The seminars will focus on and highlight recent work and research on the connections between demography, the environment and economic development.

### Population, Development and the Environment

This year's Seminar Series integrates two of CSDE's signature research themes: "Economic Development and Demographic Change" and "Population and the Environment".

The **CSDE Seminars in 2005-2006** will showcase innovative research undertaken at the intersection of these two themes by sociologists, geographers, economists, anthropologists, and researchers in public health and public policy. In different ways, our speakers are responding to the challenge of integrating the economic, social, political and environmental aspects of demographic change.

Population and environment research is both the original starting point and a future core area for the field of demography. From Malthus to the Kyoto Protocol, the link between population, economic development, and environmental capacity is a central common theme. The research activities in this area traditionally have been split, with demography focusing on the population issues, and analysis of environmental and ecological matters left to natural scientists.

Among demographers, declining rates of population growth are now universally acknowledged, and the question of overall population stabilization is no longer "if" but "when." The pressure on environmental resources is, if anything, accelerating. Population composition, land use, and eco-

omic development are the important drivers, and demography is reorienting to address this new, institutionally-grounded research agenda.

Recent developments in the social sciences have established a sophisticated set of approaches to institutionally-mediated population-environment interactions, focused on such issues as sustainable development, the role of poverty, migration and political conflict in fueling environmental crises, and common-property resource management dilemmas. These issues provide a framework for future research in demography, but they also raise a number of research challenges that will require interdisciplinary, multi-modal, and multiscale approaches.

In **Autumn 2005** two seminars will be devoted to recent demographic developments in China. Other speakers will talk about institutional factors, such as culture and markets, and the role they play in decisions affecting fertility and resource management. We will hear about developments in the former Soviet Union, in sub-Saharan Africa, and in Thailand.

*From demography, always something new!*  
(as Pliny might have said).

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CSDE invites you to explore the online resources provided to supplement each talk and to support further inquiry into the work presented.

<http://csde.washington.edu/events/seminar.php>

Attendees are welcome to join us for a no-host lunch with the speaker prior to the seminar. Lunches will take place at the University of Washington Club (formerly The Faculty Club), beginning at 11:30am.



## Visiting Speakers in Autumn 2005

In the Fall Quarter 2005, we will be welcoming four visitors from universities outside of Seattle:

**Seth Norton**, a professor of economics and business at Wheaton College, will kick off this year's Seminar Series by introducing recent work on the relationship between property rights, the environment, and demographic change.

**Francis Dadoo**, a demographer and sociologist from Penn State, will talk about his research looking into the role of education and culture in reproductive decisions.

**Richard York** is a sociologist at the University of Oregon who will discuss his work on the influence of economic and demographic factors on the environmental situation in the former Soviet Union.

**Daniel Kammen** is a physicist and an expert on energy policy at UC Berkeley; he will be visiting to talk about the energy prospects of sub-Saharan Africa.