



CUNY Institute for Demographic Research

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN DEMOGRAPHY

The Certificate Program in Demography is the first demographic training program in the New York metropolitan area. The CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR), established by the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York in November 2007, serves as a focal point for this program.

Any student enrolled in a CUNY Graduate Center doctoral program is eligible to take demography certificate courses en route to the doctoral degree.

General information about CIDR and the Certificate Program in Demography may be found at www.cuny.edu/cidr

Prospective Demography students are strongly encouraged to contact Professor Neil Bennett, CIDR Director and Program Coordinator, by email at neil.bennett@baruch.cuny.edu or by phone (646) 660-6779 to discuss the program and their interests.

General Information

The Certificate Program consists of core courses in demographic theory and methods and a range of electives. A limited number of fellowships will be available for demography students. On their applications, prospective students should describe their interests and background in demography and note their desire to be considered for a fellowship in demography. The fellowship consists of tuition, fees, and stipend, contingent on proper progress, for up to five years.

The Certificate Program in Demography provides students with the tools to understand deeply, and conduct rigorous analyses of, population structure and processes. Specifically, the courses comprising the certificate focus, for example, on understanding

the causes and consequences of changes in population-related phenomena such as family formation, fertility and reproductive health, disease, aging and mortality, urbanization, racial and ethnic composition, and mobility, and how such changes shape social, economic, and political processes and outcomes at the local, national, and international level.

Academic Information

Admission Requirements

The Certificate Program in Demography is open to any student who is newly admitted to a doctoral program at the Graduate Center and to students (in good standing) currently enrolled in doctoral programs at the Graduate Center.

Fellowships

CUNY awards demography fellowships to selected entering students (either domestic or foreign), consisting of a \$19,000 stipend annually for up to five years, plus tuition (either in or out of state) and fees, including health insurance fees, with either a research apprenticeship obligation of 15 hours per week or a graduate teaching fellowship obligation for years two through five.

Curriculum

The Demography Certificate Program consists of 15 credits: 9 credits of core courses in Demographic Theory & Methods and 6 credits of elective courses. The program offers several 3-credit courses and many 1-credit courses. The 1-credit courses allow students to tailor electives to their interests.

Application Process

To apply for a demography fellowship, prospective students must complete the Graduate Center financial aid form and an application to the doctoral program

of their choice—for example, Sociology, Economics, Public Health, or Political Science—noting therein their desire to be considered for a fellowship in demography as well as their interests and background in the field. Continuing students should apply by submitting the following materials to Demography Certificate Program Coordinator, Professor Neil Bennett: curriculum vitae, transcripts, any relevant publications, a 1–2 page description of research interests and of progress toward the dissertation, if applicable.

All materials must be submitted to the Graduate Center by the relevant Program's deadline for admission applications.

CIDR Faculty Associates & Affiliates

Richard Alba, Distinguished Professor, Sociology, Graduate Center Ph.D., Columbia University, 1974; RESEARCH FIELDS immigration; race & ethnicity; urbanization

Deborah Balk, Professor, Public Affairs, Baruch College Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1991; RESEARCH FIELDS urbanization; development; population & environment; spatial demography

Neil C. Bennett, Professor, Public Affairs, Baruch College Ph.D., Princeton University, 1981; RESEARCH FIELDS demography of the life course; mathematical demography; indirect demographic estimation

Andrew Beveridge, Professor, Sociology, Queens College Ph.D., Yale University, 1973; RESEARCH FIELDS the demography of New York City; spatial demography; immigration; race & ethnicity

Jennifer Dowd, Assistant Professor, Public Health, Hunter College Ph.D., Princeton University, 2004; RESEARCH FIELDS biodemography; health inequality; life course; research design

Ryan Edwards, Assistant Professor, Economics, Queens College Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 2002; RESEARCH FIELDS aging; mortality

Janet Gornick, Professor, Political Science, Graduate Center Ph.D., Harvard University, 1994; RESEARCH FIELDS female labor force participation; family demography; social policy

Michael Grossman, Distinguished Professor, Economics, Graduate Center; Ph.D., Columbia University, 1970; RESEARCH FIELDS health; obesity

Frank Heiland, Assistant Professor, Public Affairs, Baruch College Ph.D., State University of New York, Stony Brook, 2002; RESEARCH FIELDS family demography; fertility; economic demography; obesity

Donald Hernandez, Professor, Sociology, Hunter College Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1976; RESEARCH FIELDS family demography; immigration

Shiro Horiuchi, Professor, Public Health, Hunter College Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, 1981; RESEARCH FIELDS mortality; mathematical demography; formal demography

David Jaeger, Professor, Economics, Graduate Center Ph.D., University of Michigan, 1995; RESEARCH FIELDS immigration; demography of conflict

Theodore Joyce, Professor, Economics, Baruch College Ph.D., City University of New York Graduate Center, 1985; RESEARCH FIELDS fertility & family planning; investments in children; social policy; research design

Sanders Korenman, Professor, Public Affairs, Baruch College Ph.D., Harvard University, 1989; RESEARCH FIELDS investments in children; family demography; social policy

Juliana Maantay, Associate Professor, Geography, Lehman College Ph.D., Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2000; RESEARCH FIELDS population geography; urban environmental health; spatial demography

John Mollenkopf, Distinguished Professor, Political Science, Graduate Center; Ph.D., Harvard University, 1974; RESEARCH FIELDS urban politics, public policy, comparative urbanism

Holly Reed, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Queens College Ph.D., Brown University, 2008; RESEARCH FIELDS immigration; urbanization; social networks; forced migration; population & development

Cordelia Reimers, Professor (Emerita), Economics, Hunter College Ph.D., Columbia University, 1977; RESEARCH FIELDS female labor force participation; immigration; retirement

Diana Romero, Associate Professor, Public Health, Hunter College Ph.D., Columbia University, 2002; RESEARCH FIELDS reproductive health policy; social policy; poverty and maternal and child health

Shige Song, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Queens College Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 2004; RESEARCH FIELDS obesity; health; life course; China

Makram Talih, Associate Professor, Public Health, Hunter College Ph.D., Yale University, 2003; RESEARCH FIELDS statistical methods; urban public health

Simone Wegge, Associate Professor, Economics, College of Staten Island; Ph.D., Northwestern University; RESEARCH FIELDS immigration; historical demography

Na Yin, Assistant Professor, Public Affairs, Baruch College Ph.D., State University of New York, Stony Brook, 2008; RESEARCH FIELDS disability; aging