



COLLABORATION ACROSS BOUNDARIES



George Alter

The past year has been notable for new partnerships for ICPSR. As the world has come to appreciate the importance of data sharing, we are reaching across boundaries in new and unexpected directions.

The new National Archive of Data on the Arts & Culture ([NADAC](#)) is an example of the cooperation between social science and the arts. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, NADAC has more than sixty studies about participation in artistic and cultural activities. Do you want to know how many people attended art exhibits, read books, or dance? NADAC has answers. We hope that this information will help both government and community organizations to support the arts and artists.

We have also seen a dramatic increase in our contacts with biomedical researchers. In 2014 ICPSR announced a new Archive of Data on Disability to Enable Policy and Research ([ADDEP](#)). This initiative was conceived by Alison Stroud, one of our innovative archive managers. This year we entered a partnership that will greatly expand the reach of ADDEP.

Left: ICPSR hosts representatives of 20 data repositories from a wide variety of disciplines to discuss "[Integrating Domain Repositories into the National Data Infrastructure](#)" in November 2014. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)

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ICPSR is now part of the Center for Large Data Research & Data Sharing in Rehabilitation ([CLDR](#)) at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. CLDR received a major grant from NIH to build knowledge and scientific capacity related to rehabilitation research data. ICPSR will provide archiving, discovery, and dissemination services for rehabilitation studies selected by CLDR.

ICPSR is also playing a key role in the creation of a new system for discovering the location of biomedical data. The [bioCADDIE](#) Project under the direction of Lucila Ohno-Machado, chair of the Biomedical Informatics Department at the University of California-San Diego, is building a prototype data discovery index for all data funded by the National Institutes of Health. ICPSR has long been archiving social and behavioral data used in health research, and three NIH institutes (National Institute on Aging, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and National Institute on Drug Abuse) support sponsored archives at ICPSR. ICPSR staff are playing key roles on bioCADDIE working groups, and the bioCADDIE prototype will index data from our catalog. We expect this to bring ICPSR resources to the attention of research communities who are unfamiliar with the breadth and depth of our collections.

Left: ICPSR Director George Alter speaks at a "Data Access and Research Transparency: What Every Scholar Needs to Know!" Blalock lecture at the ICPSR Summer Program on July 14, 2015. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



As our contacts with other academic disciplines have expanded, we have become more convinced than ever of the importance of curation and preservation of scientific data. In recent years, ICPSR has convened conversations among data repositories serving the full breadth of scientific research from astronomy to proteomics. To further these efforts we have signed a [memorandum of understanding](#) with the Research Data Alliance (RDA) to jointly plan and sponsor activities that will advance our shared interests in promoting the infrastructure required for data sharing. In less than three years RDA has grown into an organization of more than 3,000 members in 102 countries. RDA working groups are developing innovative solutions to problems like citing dynamic data and linking data to publications. Our partnership with RDA will spread innovations in data archiving across the sciences and support the emergence of data repositories in new disciplines.

Left: Participants talk at the [“Integrating Domain Repositories into the National Data Infrastructure”](#) gathering in November 2014. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIR



Christopher H. Achen

ICPSR has always lived in a rapidly changing intellectual world and a very challenging fundraising environment, never more so than now. Yet the organization has enjoyed a long life, now amounting to more than half a century. The skillful work of its staffs, from the directors to the newest summer interns, has made that longevity possible. In my time on the Council, its members repeatedly expressed our appreciation and admiration for all that the staff does. I know that I speak for all the Council members when I say that our job would be impossible without their help and support.

The biggest challenges that ICPSR has faced in the past year were two. The first was the budget. In recent years, the federal government has provided less and less money for social science research. At ICPSR, that has meant an ever more demanding grant writing schedule for staff. As always, the organization has needed to be nimble, as old funding sources dried up and promising new ones emerged. But of course, these are the sorts of challenges that ICPSR has faced repeatedly throughout its history, and it has always surmounted them. The coming years will be no different.

Left: ICPSR Council and Staff bid a fond farewell to Rogelio Saenz, right, who attended his last meeting as the Past Chair of the ICPSR Council on October 16-17, 2014.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)





The second challenge is that ICPSR Director George Alter has expressed a desire to return to faculty status. Thus ICPSR has begun a search for a new Director. The search committee, chaired by Bill Axinn of the ISR Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan, has been hard at work on this challenge. I serve on that committee, as do several other Council members and ICPSR staff, plus representatives of ISR. Steady progress is being made, and members of the Consortium will be informed as soon as a new Director has been appointed.

Thus as I said last year, the ICPSR membership can be assured that the organization is in good hands. The Summer Program had another record-breaking year, with attendees coming to Ann Arbor and to the new satellite sites from all over the country and from many foreign countries. On the archiving side, new staff members have renewed and strengthened ICPSR. Jukka Savolainen and Woody Neighbors were important additions to the senior staff and will ensure that ICPSR's longstanding strengths in criminal justice data and minority data are continued and enhanced. The organization has also undertaken a wide range of new initiatives in data science, archiving, and dissemination. These exciting developments are discussed elsewhere in this report.

Left: ICPSR staff and Council members gather for a Council meeting in March 2015.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



The Council members who served with me brought impressive dedication, diligence, and creativity to their jobs. I am also enthusiastic about the incoming Council members and about the new Council chair, Chandra Muller, with whom I have had the pleasure of serving the past two years. They will ensure that ICPSR continues to be the social science data archive against which all the others are compared.

Finally, a personal note. All the data in my dissertation came from ICPSR, as did all the evidence in my first publications. Without ICPSR, my career would have been impossible. Thus it has been a tremendous honor for me to be an elected member of the Council the past four years and to serve as Chair during the past biennium. As I complete my term, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to all the ICPSR staff who have done so much to make possible the work of the Council. I also feel a strong sense of gratitude to all those ORs who voted for me, to George Alter for his support, and to my fellow Council members, who give their valuable time freely to the organization because ICPSR has meant as much to their professional lives as it has to mine.

The life of a nonprofit organization is never easy. But ICPSR has deep support among social scientists, and it has earned it. I know that future Councils and Council Chairs will feel as privileged as I have been to serve as representatives of the ICPSR membership. And knowing that, I know that ICPSR's future is bright.

Left: At the end of his term as Council Chair, Chris Achen accepts a certificate of appreciation for his service from ICPSR Director George Alter in October 2015. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



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ICPSR Officially Launches NADAC Website

The [National Archive of Data on Arts & Culture](#)'s website became available to the public in January 2015. The [Survey of Public Participation in the Arts](#) (SPPA) and [General Social Survey](#) (GSS) are among the data available to researchers, policy-makers, arts practitioners and others. The National Endowment for the Arts is providing free access to NADAC's data files and related resources, as well as a user-friendly platform for querying the data. The archive's director is Amy Pienta and its manager is Alison Stroud.



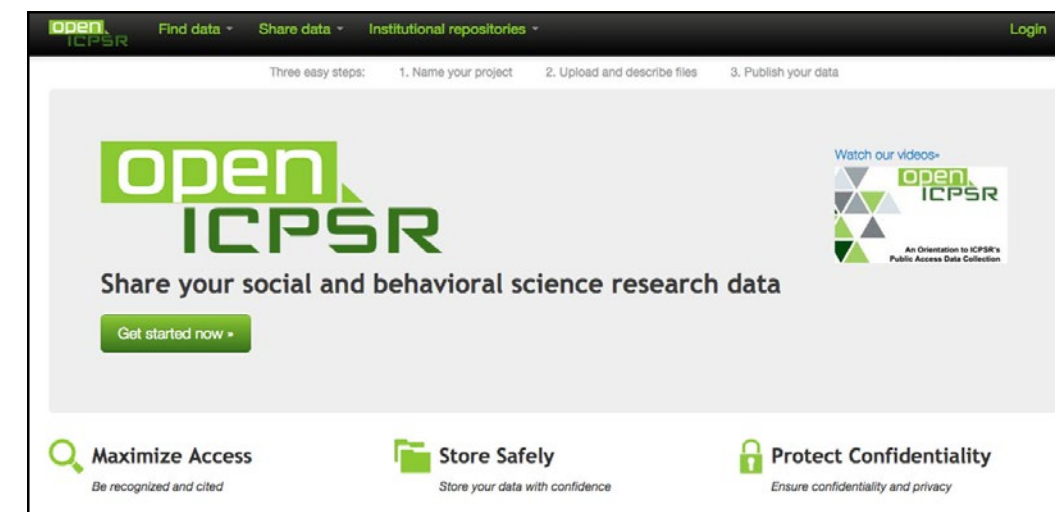
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openICPSR Expands as It Moves out of Beta

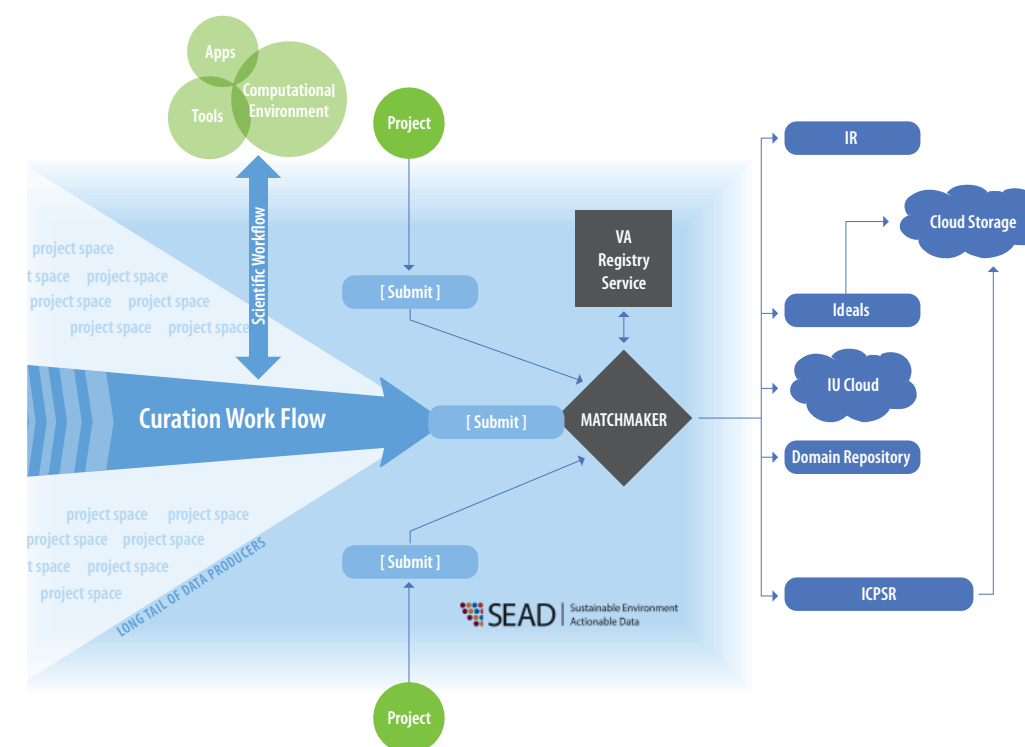
ICPSR officially launched [openICPSR](#), a self-publishing data-sharing service for the social and behavioral sciences, in February 2015. Self-deposits are free to ICPSR members. Data in openICPSR will be preserved as-is and available to users at no cost.

Also in February 2015, ICPSR introduced [openICPSR for Institutions and Journals](#). This new product was developed to meet the needs of universities, journals, professional associations, research centers, and departments that desire a fully-hosted, economical, and professionally-run research data repository. It enables an organization to brand its repository, share and preserve public-access and restricted-use data, and obtain detailed usage reports on demand.



Project SEAD Moves to ICPSR

The Sustainable Environment Actionable Data ([SEAD](#)) project, directed by Margaret Hedstrom, moved to ICPSR in early 2015. SEAD is a National Science Foundation-funded project to create data services for sustainability science research. SEAD provides secure project space in which scientists can upload, share, and annotate project data over time, as well as a formal connection to repositories (including ICPSR) that will provide long-term access to and preservation of the data.





ICPSR updated its Strategic Plan in Fall 2013, revamping ICPSR’s mission statement and implementing three strategic goals and four strategic directions. The plan, along with related strategies, leverages the organization’s historic and current success, its strong membership and partnership network, and its position as a leader in order to increase stakeholder value and support a vibrant field of social and behavioral research.

Our Mission

ICPSR advances and expands social and behavioral research, acting as a global leader in data stewardship and providing rich data resources and responsive educational opportunities for present and future generations.

Three Goals

- 1. Internal and External Synergy
- 2. Inclusion and Diversity
- 3. Build on Strengths

Four Directions

- 1. Enhancing Our Global Leadership
- 2. Developing New and Responsive Products and Services
- 3. Advancing Knowledge, Skills and Tools for the Research Community
- 4. Expanding Organizational Capacity for Leadership and Innovation

A Glance at Progress:

Inclusion and Diversity

The Summer Program further enhanced diversity in the summer of 2015, particularly in course offerings. These included: continuing the four-week workshop on “Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology” (previously titled “Methodological Issues in Quantitative Research on Race and Ethnicity”), offering a one-week workshop in conjunction with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on health disparities among immigrant populations, and offering a series of presentations in the Hubert M. Blalock lecture series on “Race, Ethnicity, and Gender: Identification, Measurement, and Analysis Issues.” This was followed by a discussion of the Program’s outreach efforts to increase diversity among its participant population.



Internal and External Synergy

ICPSR is a member of the External Advisory Board of [DataFirst](#), a social science data archive at the University of Cape Town that disseminates household survey and administrative data to researchers in South Africa and around the world. ICPSR attended DataFirst's annual Board meeting on June 19, 2015, in which the Director of DataFirst, Martin Wittenberg and Lynn Woolfrey, Archive Manager, provided a summary of their activities over the previous year and led a discussion about the strategic priorities of the organization going forward. ICPSR has partnered with DataFirst on some training activities in Ghana and has had ongoing discussions with their staff over the years as the organization developed procedures for data collection, processing, and dissemination to their research communities.

ICPSR was also invited to a [symposium](#) on the Eurobarometer surveys in July 2015. The symposium, "Four Decades of Surveying Europe—Perspectives on Academic Research with the European Commission's Eurobarometer Surveys," included a number of speakers from the Commission, TNS Opinion, a survey firm that collects the data, and researchers who use the data.



There was also a poster exhibition from other researchers reporting on current projects using Eurobarometer data. ICPSR and GESIS, the largest infrastructure institution for the social sciences in Germany, have provided archival services and have been the principal dissemination mechanisms for Eurobarometer data from the very beginning of data collection work.

Building on Strengths

ICPSR provided access via the Virtual Data Enclave (VDE) to data from the [Army STARRS](#) (Army Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Servicemembers) project, which was conducted by researchers at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the University of California-San Diego, Harvard University, and the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

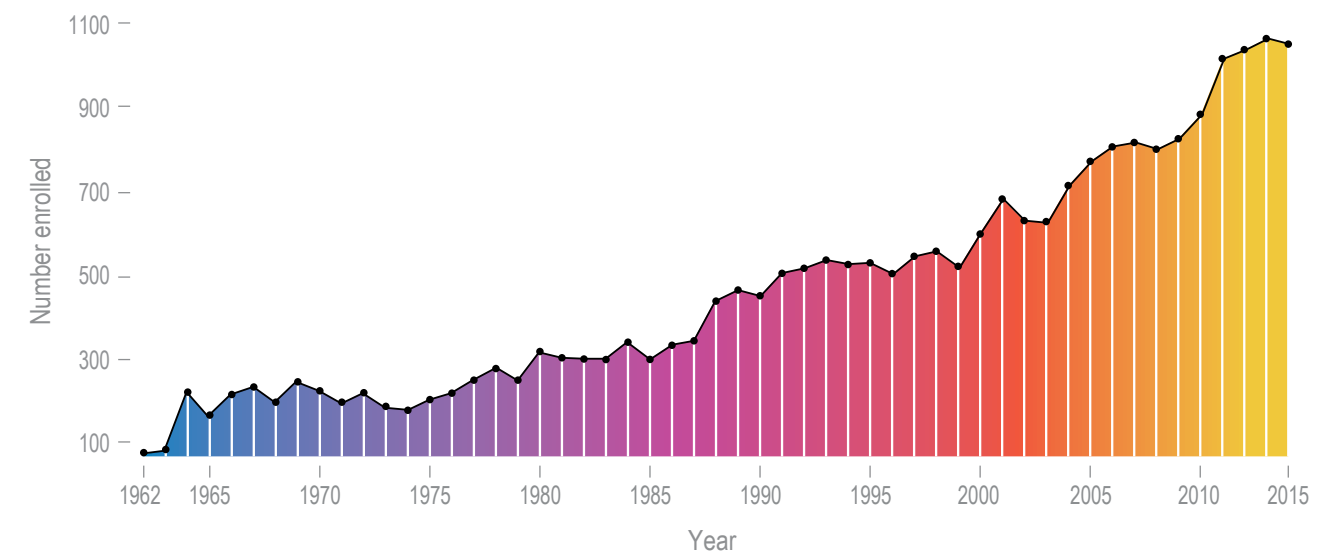
An ICPSR committee is working to help the organization expand its innovation efforts, including establishing a system to support and reward innovation at ICPSR. The committee submitted applications nominating ICPSR staff for University of Michigan Innovator award programs and has developed a robust list of ICPSR innovators for the ICPSR Innovator Hall of Fame. The innovation committee is developing curriculum for ICPSR University, a learning and communication resource for staff, for launch in 2016.

Left: ICPSR intern Kimberly Gannon presents her project, "Do Bad Times Last Forever? Hyperinflation and Inflation Expectations," on August 20, 2015. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)

Summer Program

The 2015 [ICPSR Summer Program](#) drew 983 participants from over 300 institutions in 34 nations and at least 30 disciplines. The program employed 101 instructors and 40 teaching assistants who offered a total of 81 courses in the four-week, short statistical, and substantive workshops. We also offered 19 sessions in the Blalock lectures series, involving another 20 faculty and staff. This was one of our [most diverse](#) summers yet.

Figure 1: Enrollments in the ICPSR Summer Program, by year



Left: Summer Program participants gather at a picnic in August 2015.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram, graphic by Jenna Tyson)



The Summer Program added many statistical short courses in 2015:

- Text Analytics
- Regression Discontinuity Designs
- Multilevel Models: Pooled and Clustered Data
- Designing and Conducting Experiments in the Laboratory
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Survival Analysis, Event History Modeling, and Duration Analysis
- Handling Missing Data Using Multiple Imputation in Stata

The Summer Program also extended offerings of several popular courses to new locations: “R Learning by Example” was offered in both Montreal and Boulder, and “Introduction to Regression Analysis” was offered on the Uniformed Health Services of the United States campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

Left: Summer Program participants attend a Blalock lecture in July 2015.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)

Summer Internship Program

ICPSR hosted five [summer interns](#) in 2015. Interns learned data processing in one of our archives, took courses in the Summer Program, and completed research projects leading to a poster. This was the final year of a grant from NSF's Research Experiences for Undergraduates program.

The 2015 ICPSR Undergraduate interns, and their [research projects](#) are:



Kimberly Gannon, Michigan State University, working in the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD): "Do Bad Times Last Forever? Hyperinflation and Inflation Expectations"



Cristian Nuno, University of Illinois at Chicago, working in the Resource Center for Minority Data (RCMD): "Political Prospects: Understanding Asian American Political Ideology"





Ilse Paniagua, Cornell University, working in the Child Care and Early Education Research Connections (CCEERC) archive: "Developing Citizens: The Role of Pedagogy on Civic Skills"



Rebeca Willis-Conger, Reed College, working in the National Addiction & HIV Data Archive Program (NAHDAP): "Navigating Lived Race and Cultural Traditions: Alcohol Use among American Indian Teens"



Polina Zvavitch, Ohio State University, working in the General Archive: "The Birds and the Bees: How Sexual Behaviors and Attitudes are Influenced by Sources of Sex Education"

Left: The 2015 ICPSR summer undergraduate interns present their research projects in August 2015. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)

Undergrad Research Paper Competition Winner

Tiffany Foster (BA, Psychology) of Hiram College earned first-place in the ICPSR Undergraduate Competition with her paper ["Social Information Processing Mediates the Relationship between Effortful Control and Peer Success in First Graders."](#) The paper, which has been published in a special edition of the ICPSR Bulletin, used the NICHD Study of Child Care and Youth Development to test the way in which children process social information and how that relates to their success with peers. Foster recently graduated Summa Cum Laude and received the Psi Chi Award, the Jay Michael Schechter Scholarship, and the Thomas Wayne Grant Prize. She also completed an internship with the Head Start Program in Willowick, Ohio. At Hiram College's Celebration of Research and the Ohio Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference, Foster presented her research. Her future plans include pursuing an advanced degree in clinical child psychology and continued teaching and researching.



ICPSR broadcasted 24 [webinars](#) (now available on YouTube) with over 1,341 attendees in fiscal year 2015. They included:

- Online Analysis of SAMHSA Public-Use Data with Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA)
- Creating a Harmonized Custom Data Extract for MIDUS using DDI 3.2
- National Survey of Early Care and Education (NSECE) Webinar Series: Part 1 of 2
- National Survey of Early Care and Education (NSECE) Webinar Series: Part 2 of 2
- Baby FACES Webinar
- Drug Use Among Young American Indians - Exploring the Data
- Understanding ICPSR – An Orientation to ICPSR
- Orientation to openICPSR and openICPSR for Institutions and Journals
- Find and Apply for Restricted-use Data from NAHDAP
- Meeting Federal Research Requirements for Data Management Plans and Public Access

Left: Linda Detterman (Director, Marketing & Membership) and Arun Mathur (Data Services Specialist) conduct a webinar at the Fall 2014 Data Fair. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)

Membership Trends

ICPSR's [membership](#) at the end of fiscal year 2015 was at 759 (+9). Membership had slight increases in the following categories: Doctoral Research Extensive; Specialized Institutions; Community Colleges; Canadian Members; and Associate Members.

Web Presence

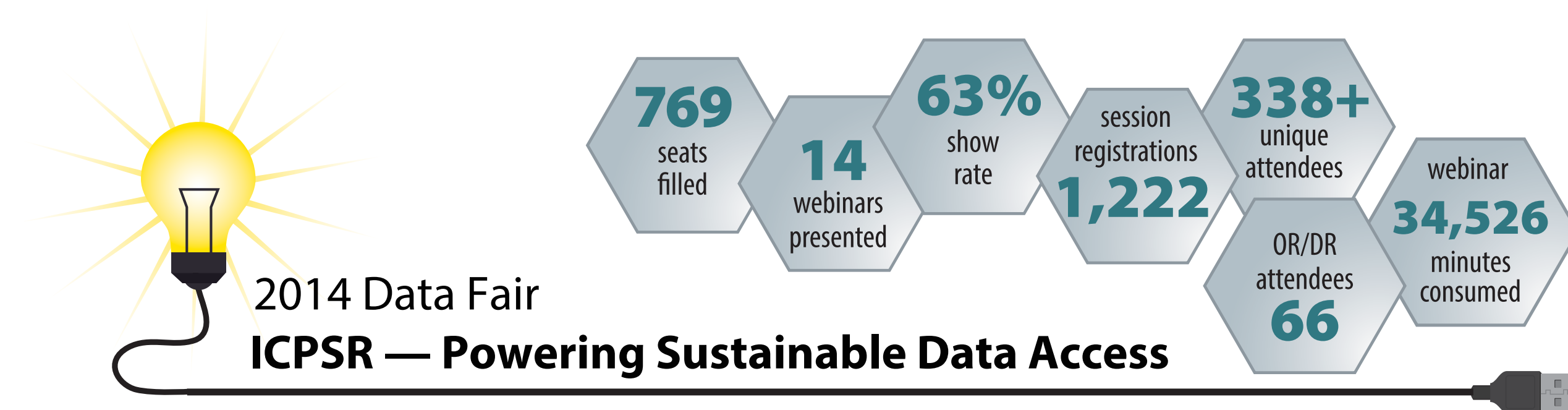
In fiscal year 2015, the ICPSR website had 444,769 visitors, with 378,000 sessions (+6.4%); 248,560 unique users (+5.1%); and 4,283,308 Pageviews (-1.9%). New sessions (first-time visits) were at 57.8 percent. On social media, there were 2,104 Twitter followers, 3,194 Facebook likes, 382 YouTube channel subscribers and 1,560 opting into ICPSR emails. More than 690 people were reached via webinars.

Outreach and Engagement

ICPSR attended [more than 25 gatherings](#) including those of the Society for Research in Child Development; Association of College and Research Libraries; Society for Prevention Research; IASSIST; American Educational Research Association; Population Association of America; National Council of University Research Administrators; American Sociological Association; and American Political Science Association.

Fall 2014 Data Fair

ICPSR hosted the 2014 Data Fair, "[Powering Sustainable Data Access](#)," in October of 2014. "We had a good number of member institutions and non-members listening in," said Membership Director Linda Detterman.



Staff and researchers from ICPSR and its topical archives exhibited at, participated in, or presented papers at a variety of conferences around the world.

- Head Start's 12th National Research Conference on Early Childhood, July 2014, Washington, DC
- Latin American Population Association, August 2014, Lima, Peru
- American Psychological Association, August 2014, Washington, DC
- National Council of University Research Administrators, August 2014, Washington, DC
- American Sociological Association, August 2014, San Francisco
- American Political Science Association, August 2014, Washington, DC
- Gerontological Society of America, November 2014, Washington, DC
- Child Care Policy Research Consortium, November 2014, Washington, DC
- American Public Health Association, November 2014, New Orleans
- American Public Health Association, November, 2014, New Orleans
- American Society of Criminology, November 2014, San Francisco
- Michigan State Diversity Fair, January 2015, Lansing
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, February 2015, Orlando
- Eastern Michigan University Diversity Fair, February 2015, Ypsilanti
- Michigan Collegiate Job Fair at Eastern Michigan, March 2015, Livonia
- Cooperative Education & Internship Association, March 2015, Atlanta
- Society for Research in Child Development, March 2015, Philadelphia
- Association of College and Research Libraries, March 2015, Portland
- Population Association of America, March 2015, San Diego
- American Educational Research Association, March 2015, Chicago
- Wayne State University School Library and Information Science Career Fair, April 2015, Detroit
- The Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Research Consortium Conference, April 2015, Chicago
- Congress of Humanities & Social Sciences, May 2015, Ottawa, Ontario
- Society for Prevention Research, May 2015, Washington, DC
- National Black Graduate Student Conference, April 2015, Jacksonville
- International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology, June 2015, Minneapolis
- College on Problems of Drug Dependence, July 2015, Phoenix

FISMA Clearance for NAHDAP

The National Addiction & HIV Data Archive Program ([NAHDAP](#)) cleared a rigorous Federal Information Security Management Act ([FISMA](#)) [compliance process](#) with flying colors. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) issued an authorization to operate, or ATO, for NAHDAP on February 12, 2015.

Working to Increase Data Access in Africa

Staff at the University of Cape Coast Ghana welcomed ICPSR Director George Alter, ICPSR data curator Doctor Ashe, and DataFirst Manager Lynn Woolfrey, [who visited UCC in February 2015](#) to assist Sam Annim, Director of the Centre for Data Archiving, Management, Analysis and Advocacy (C-DAMAA), in the training of new archive staff. One outcome of the trip is a new study, [“Social Learning, Social Influence, and Fertility Control \[Ghana\] \(ICPSR 35466\)”](#), released in May 2015.

Revenue	
General Fund Transfers	\$161,700
General Income	5,482,482
Gifts and Grants	7,867,161
Indirect Cost Recovered	2,375,479
Investment Transactions	62,689
Transfers	59,290
Internal Rebills	1,156,579
Total Revenue	\$17,165,381

Expenses	
Staff Salaries	\$8,615,015
Fringe Benefits	1,952,331
Consultants	215,190
Stipends	22,690
Student aid	-
General Expenses	1,952,619
Data Processing	1,157,876
Postage	9,866
Telephone	45,727
Subcontract Under 25K	51,870
Subcontract Over 25K	163,826
Travel/Hosting	662,152
Equipment	6,945
Transfers	371,130
Transfers and Distributions	92,911
Indirect Costs	2,375,479
Total Expenses	\$17,695,626

Revenue from Membership and Grants/Contracts		
Fiscal Year	Membership	Grants/Contracts
1989	\$1,654,781	\$1,413,092
1990	1,403,297	1,434,630
1991	1,690,709	1,578,484
1992	1,481,713	1,583,566
1993	1,712,031	1,832,865
1994	1,915,000	2,099,753
1995	1,969,783	1,893,296
1996	2,066,499	2,146,822
1997	2,181,661	2,310,968
1998	2,258,676	2,742,252
1999	2,307,856	2,651,291
2000	2,254,963	2,456,876
2001	2,835,791	3,358,040
2002	2,259,161	3,531,002
2003	2,656,468	4,151,227
2004	2,666,290	5,289,738
2005	2,791,442	5,770,366
2006	2,935,642	6,252,685
2007	3,093,900	6,776,695
2008	3,165,587	7,584,089
2009	3,311,411	8,138,624
2010	3,465,415	9,849,709
2011	3,502,368	10,015,225
2012	3,531,236	9,991,773
2013	3,738,255	9,099,902
2014	3,775,109	8,487,492
2015	3,820,064	7,867,161

ICPSR closed fiscal year 2015 with revenues totaling \$17.2 million, representing a 6 percent decrease from fiscal year 2014's total. Membership dues income, totaling \$3.82 million, rose 1.2 percent since 2014 and contributed 22 percent of the organization's total revenue. Sponsored project awards contributed \$7.9 million and accounted for 46 percent of ICPSR's revenue. Summer Program and Investment Income revenues were \$1.74 million and \$63 thousand, respectively. ICPSR's overall expenses were \$17.7 million, a 5.5 percent decrease from fiscal year 2014. The organization closed fiscal year 2015 with a deficit of \$530,246. As of June 30, 2015, ICPSR maintains a total fund balance of \$4,536,832.

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New/updated
studies in
Fiscal Year
2014-2015

TOP DOWNLOADS



Most popular releases in FY 2014-2015

Rank	Study
1	National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health), 1994–2008 [Public Use]
2	National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2012
3	National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2013
4	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2001-2002
5	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2003-2004
6	General Social Survey, 1972-2012 [Cumulative File]
7	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2007-2008
8	India Human Development Survey (IHDS), 2005
9	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2005-2006
10	National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States (MIDUS II), 2004-2006

New Director for NACJD

Jukka Savolainen joined ICPSR in 2015 as Director of the [National Archive of Criminal Justice Data](#). He was previously a professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska Omaha. He has a doctorate in sociology and extensive experience in both universities and criminal justice research agencies. His research uses a life course approach to study the development of delinquency and criminal behavior, and he is particularly interested in cross-national comparisons. He has held senior-level positions at criminal justice policy institutes in New York and his native Finland. Dr. Savolainen has authored more than 50 peer-reviewed publications, most of which examine causes of crime, violence, or delinquency. Examples of this work include studies of the effects of alcohol on violent offending and the role of employment in desistance from crime. His research has been funded by grants from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and the Norwegian Research Council, among other sources. Savolainen is an active member of the American Society of Criminology, and he serves on the editorial boards of multiple international journals, including *Homicide Studies* and the *International Criminal Justice Review*.

Left: Kil-Sang Kim (left) and Jukka Savolainen (right) from NACJD connect with ICPSR representatives from member institutions at the Biennial ICPSR Meeting in fall 2015.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



Interim Director for RCMD

Harold W. Neighbors joined ICPSR in 2015 as the Interim Director of the [Resource Center for Minority Data](#). Neighbors is Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education and former Director of the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health, where he is the Principal Investigator of a 15-year research education program, "Promoting Ethnic Diversity in Public Health Doctoral Research." Dr. Neighbors is also former Director of the Program for Research on Black Americans at the Institute for Social Research. He has over 30 years of experience investigating the health of Black Americans with an emphasis on racial disparities in depression and the use of professional services. Dr. Neighbors has been PI on a multi-site study of racial differences in the diagnosis of depression and recently completed a four-city investigation of help-seeking for depression among Black men. His research addresses the challenges associated with taking a personal perspective on health that emphasizes the ability of Black Americans, regardless of SES and social context, to overcome the individual and structural determinants that degrade health.

Left: Harold Neighbors from RCMD meets with ICPSR representatives from member institutions at the Biennial ICPSR Meeting in fall 2015. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



New Addition to ICPSR Council

Colin Elman joined the ICPSR Council in early 2015. Elman is Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry in the Maxwell School, Syracuse University. He is a co-founder of both the International History and Politics and the Qualitative and Multi-method Research organized sections of the American Political Science Association, and co-director of the annual summer Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research. He co-directs (with Diana Kapiszewski, Georgetown University) the Qualitative Data Repository. He is series co-editor (with John Gerring, Boston University and James Mahoney, Northwestern University) of the Cambridge University Press Strategies for Social Inquiry book series, and (with Diana Kapiszewski and James Mahoney) the new Methods for Social Inquiry book series. Elman co-chairs (with Arthur Lupia, University of Michigan) the American Political Science Association's committee on Data Access and Research Transparency (DA-RT).



Left: Colin Elman, center, joins ICPSR staff and Council members at the ICPSR Council meeting in June 2015. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)