

ICPSR Annual Report
2015-2016





George Alter

The latest slogan in the data world is that scientific data should be FAIR: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Re-usable.¹ When examined closely, FAIR is about data curation. Data cannot be findable, interoperable, or reusable without investing time and effort in documenting its origin, meaning, and structure. This was the first conclusion of a meeting of more than twenty data repositories that ICPSR convened in 2013 to discuss the sustainability of data repositories.² Participants representing scientific disciplines as diverse as astronomy, linguistics, and proteomics agreed that data repositories enhance the value of data through curation, and that the benefits of sharing scientific data cannot be realized without curation.

¹ Wilkinson, M. D., M. Dumontier, et al. (2016). "The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship." Scientific data 3.

² Ember, C. R. and R. J. Hanisch (2013, December 11, 2013). "[Sustaining Domain Repositories for Digital Data](#)."

Left: George Alter speaks at the June 2016 ICPSR Council meeting.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



In this report, you'll see many examples of the work ICPSR has done in the past year as part of our commitment to keep data easily findable, accessible, and re-usable. New initiatives include the launch of the [CivicLEADs](#) archive for data on civic education and involvement; and a new partnership that expands the impact and reach of the Archive of Data on Disability to Enable Policy and Research ([ADDEP](#)).

ICPSR has been practicing the FAIR principles for more than 50 years. Data from ICPSR are reusable, because they are well documented, organized, and preserved. Our leadership in the [Data Documentation Initiative](#) created an international standard for describing social science data, and ICPSR has been at the forefront of developments in digital preservation, like the [Data Seal of Approval](#). These efforts are paying off for ICPSR users in the form of new tools, like our searchable [Social Science Variables Database](#) and the new [ANES-GSS Crosswalk](#). As data curation becomes more sophisticated, ICPSR will continue to roll out new and better services for Consortium members and to develop support for the

Left: George Alter and Doctor Ashe talk ICPSR at a talk show-style meeting with ICPSR staff in May 2016. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



new types of research data emerging in the social and behavioral sciences.

For the last seven years it has been my privilege to uphold this tradition as Director of ICPSR. It is difficult for me to express the depth of my gratitude to everyone in the organization for their hard work and dedication. The breadth of skills among ICPSR staff is very unusual for an organization of its size. What other organization can boast expertise in so many research specialties, maintains an online service that is available 24/7 worldwide, and operates a summer school to a thousand participants every year? I am also happy to acknowledge our debt to our network of Official Representatives. The [Biennial Meeting of ICPSR Official Representatives \(ORs\)](#) has been my favorite event as ICPSR Director. It is always a pleasure to meet the ORs and to see their enthusiasm for helping the students, faculty, and staff on their campuses to find and use ICPSR resources. The OR meetings show how much ICPSR makes a difference, and they sustain the pride that ICPSR staff feel about their work.

We are very fortunate that Margaret Levenstein is taking over as Director of ICPSR. No one could be better prepared for the challenges ahead, and her talent, expertise, and enthusiasm will serve the Consortium well in the coming years.

Left: David Lam, director of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, thanks George Alter for his years of service as ICPSR director at a reception in June 2016.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



Left: ICPSR Council Past Chair, Christopher Achen (Princeton University), passes the Heinz Eulau Memorial Gavel to ICPSR's new Council Chair, Chandra Muller (University of Texas at Austin), at the March 2016 ICPSR Council meeting in Ann Arbor. *(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)*



Chandra Muller

It has been a privilege to serve on the ICPSR Council for the past two years and to now serve as chair. Most social scientists who use quantitative data know ICPSR, and indeed many owe their current research, dissertations, undergraduate honor theses and other projects to the vaults of data that ICPSR curates and provides to members. But few understand what goes on in the background to make it all possible.

Often, ICPSR Council members are first struck by the passion and professionalism of the staff who support the ICPSR mission. It is difficult to imagine a group of people who care more and take more pride in what they do. From the director on down, they are passionate about serving members—your institution and mine—to make accessible the highest quality and most interesting social science data. A new Council member may next notice the depth and breadth of knowledge and the commitment of other members of Council to support the organization and its mission. We are fans of ICPSR. As the incoming chair, it is impossible to fill the shoes of Chris Achen, who brought much wisdom, insight, and, when needed, humor to the position of Council Chair. I am honored to follow in his footsteps and those who preceded him.



This year has been a year of change and development at ICPSR. Last year, George Alter announced that he would step down as director at the end of his term. After an extensive search led by sociologist Bill Axinn, with four members of Council serving on the search committee, [Maggie Levenstein](#) was appointed as the new director. Council members had a chance to meet her at the June 2016 meeting and to hear her priorities and vision for leading ICPSR forward as we face many challenges surrounding rapid advances in data science. At the June meeting, we also recognized George Alter's significant contributions to ICPSR; he led the organization with dedication and insight. We are delighted to have Maggie on board and look forward to supporting her exciting vision as it becomes a reality so that ICPSR continues to be a resource for us all.

A noteworthy development of interest to members is the launch of Archonnex, a Digital Asset Management System and major initiative to transition ICPSR to a newer technology stack, meeting core and emerging business needs of the organization. This investment began under George Alter's leadership and will come to fruition this fall. Archchonnex will enrich all points of the data life cycle, from research data collection and management to publication and to ICPSR members' re-use of the data.

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



The Archonnex project is an example of ICPSR leadership's commitment to invest in providing value to members in the future. It is also an example of the excellence made possible by a team of staff who are dedicated and talented, in this case the team led by Tom Murphy.

Innovation is a core value of ICPSR, I hope that you will take the time to read about the other developments staff have contributed this year. The award for staff innovation is a symbolic gesture to recognize these contributions. It is to the organization's credit that they identified and fostered the talent of this year's winner. One would be hard pressed to find a smarter and more charismatic person to build an archive—Alison Stroud is the epitome of excellence, determination, and passion. Please do read [the inspirational story](#) of this year's awardee.

Left: Students attend an [ICPSR Summer Program](#) lecture. The program drew 984 participants in 2016 . (Photo by Scott Campbell)



Although ICPSR has had many successes this year, it continues to face significant challenges. Grant and contract funding is tight, and ICPSR staff must work constantly to continue to secure resources to establish and maintain archives and engage in other activities that keep ICPSR an international leader. Data science is rapidly changing, with implications for nearly all of the services provided by ICPSR and for the changing needs of member organizations. From high schools to institutions of higher education across the globe, demands on educational institutions to provide training opportunities for students to gain skills in computation and data science are increasing. The ICPSR Summer Program offers a wealth of popular courses at all levels and also provides resources for teachers and students to use in their classrooms at their home institutions. ICPSR leadership continues to maintain global leadership to tackle the new challenges. The Council members have confidence that ICPSR is in good hands with Maggie Levenstein and her fine staff. I encourage you to attend the 2017 Biennial ICPSR Meeting of ICPSR Official Representatives (ORs) a year from now, in October 2017, to meet Maggie and visit with the staff to hear about the latest developments. If you've never attended the meeting I highly recommend it.

Left: The ICPSR Council convenes in June 2016. *(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)*



With the many changes this year come debts of gratitude. Thank you to Chris Achen, who led the ICPSR Council for the past two years and was an invaluable member of the director search committee. Six Council members are ending their terms, and we thank them for their dedicated service and hard work on behalf of members. David Lam, the director of Institute of Social Research (ISR), where ICPSR is located at the University of Michigan, made a substantial commitment of his own time and ISR's resources to recruit Maggie Levenstein. He strongly believes in the value of ICPSR's mission, for which are appreciative. Most of all, we are grateful for the community of passionate data enthusiasts at ICPSR membership organizations who strive to make quality data available to students and all social science researchers.

Left: ICPSR Council Past Chair, Christopher Achen accepts a certificate from George Alter commemorating Achen's service as Council Chair at the Fall 2015 Council Meeting. *(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)*



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Search for data



CivicLEADS

Researchers from a wide variety of disciplines study civic education, civic action, and the many relationships between the two. Civic Learning, Engagement, and Action Data Sharing (CivicLEADS) provides infrastructure for researchers to share and access high-quality datasets which can be used to study civic education and involvement.

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[Announcing the Launch of CivicLEADS](#)

ICPSR's Education and Child Care Data Archives at the University of Michigan are proud to announce ...

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[Release of three enhanced studies](#)

CivicLEADS is pleased to announce the release of datasets from three studies examining a wide variety of...

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Data in Action

MORE THAN HALF

of 18-24 year olds in 2012 incorrectly believed that the federal government spends more on foreign aid than on Social Security. (Social Security actually costs about 20 times more.)

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NEW INITIATIVES

ICPSR Introduces CivicLEADS Archive

ICPSR [announced](#) its new new CivicLEADS archive in March 2016. CivicLEADS, ICPSR's Education and Child Care Data Archives' newest, project provides infrastructure for researchers to share and access high-quality datasets, which can be used to study civic education and involvement. Funded by a grant from the Spencer Foundation, Civic Learning, Engagement, and Action Data Sharing (CivicLEADS) provides a centralized repository for this multi-disciplinary research area, including datasets created across education, political science, developmental sciences, and other disciplines. Researchers can access quantitative and qualitative data on a broad range of topics for secondary analysis as well as share their own primary research data. CivicLEADS includes datasets from other ICPSR archives and seeks out emerging data collected by projects still in the field.

New Project Supports Disability and Rehabilitation Research

In March 2016, ICPSR [announced](#) a new project to build a data archive that will support disability and rehabilitation research. The Archive of Data on Disability to Enable Policy and Research (ADDEP), which made its official debut in partnership with the Center for Large Data Research and Data Sharing in Rehabilitation (CLDR) in June 2016. The new project (P2CHD065702) is funded by the NIH - National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, in partnership with the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research, the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.

About ADDEP

The Archive of Data on Disability to Enable Policy and research (ADDEP) is a joint initiative of the [Center for Large Data Research and Data Sharing in Rehabilitation](#) (CLDR) and ICPSR. ADDEP will bring together existing disability data already available at ICPSR with newly acquired data from rehabilitation medicine and related areas.

[More about ADDEP](#)

Data User Quick Links

- [View studies released by ADDEP](#)
- [View Recent Releases](#)
- [Analyze Disability Data Online](#)
- [Data-related Bibliography](#)

Popular Search Terms

- [disability](#)
- [rehabilitation](#)
- [rehabilitation programs](#)
- [work disability](#)
- [functional status](#)
- [assistive devices](#)

Building a Community Around Data

- [CLDR Pilot Projects Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Additional CLDR Resources](#)
- [Cornell University's Rehabilitation Dataset Directory](#)
- [Cornell University's Cross-Dataset Variable Catalog](#)
- [UM's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation - Research](#)
- [UM's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation - Divisions & Programs](#)

[More about CLDR's Resources](#)

ICPSR, Elsevier Announce Data Linking

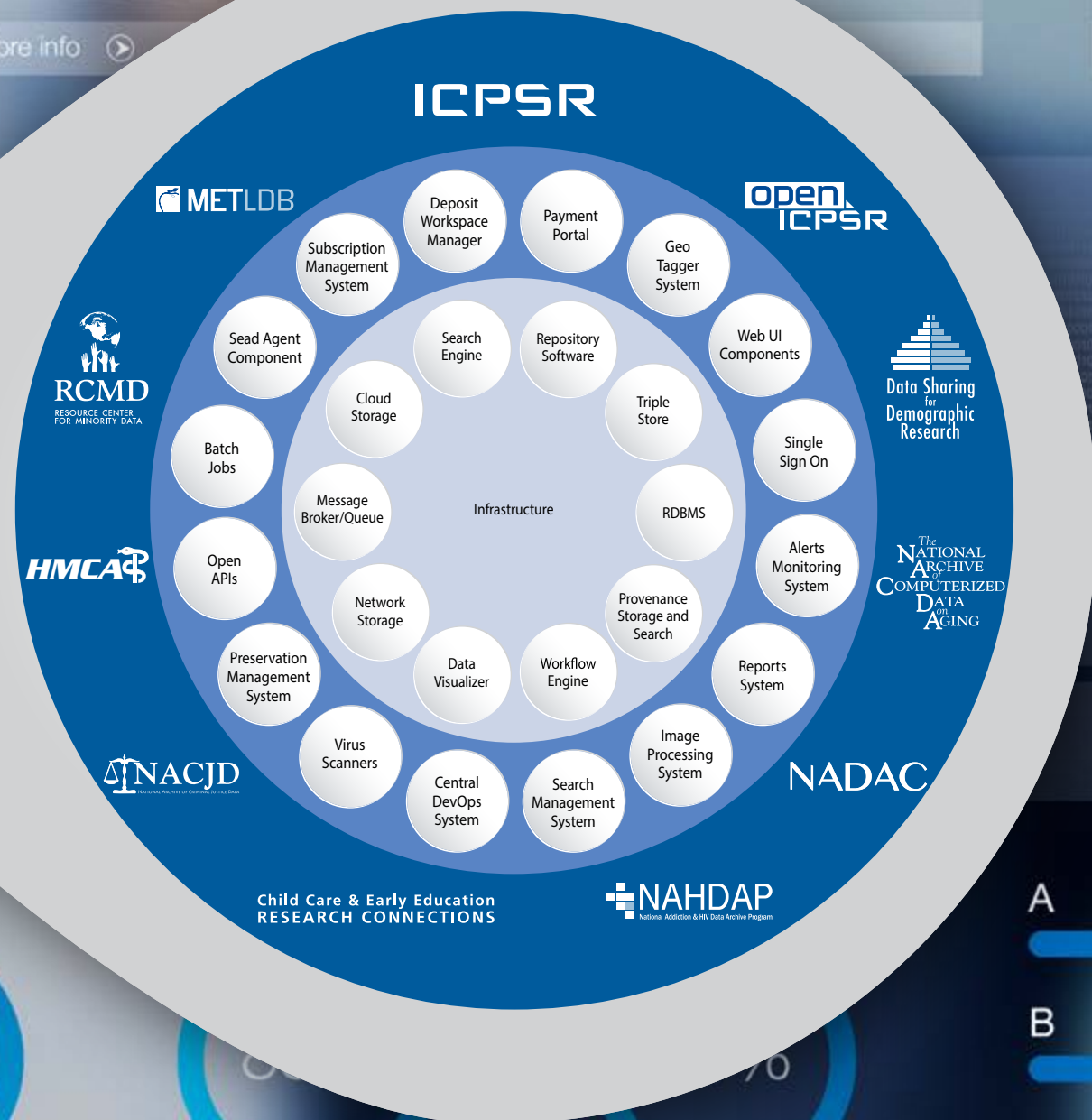
ICPSR [announced](#) implementation of two-way linking between research articles and datasets in February 2016. ScienceDirect, a website owned by the publisher Elsevier, is a large database of peer-reviewed journal articles. Users of that resource can now link to ICPSR data directly from ScienceDirect articles that ICPSR staff have determined to have used data that has been archived at ICPSR. To enable this, ICPSR allows an Elsevier script to instantly check the ICPSR Bibliography of Data-related Literature to detect if the Bibliography has associated a given ScienceDirect article with ICPSR data. If so, a linked ICPSR logo appears on the ScienceDirect article page (see photo), and readers can click it to access the ICPSR data discussed in the article. Research articles on ScienceDirect (among many other sources) can also be accessed from within the Bibliography's database on the ICPSR website, as well as from individual ICPSR study description pages. This two-way linkage encourages data transparency and access, and credits the originating data creators. It also introduces ScienceDirect's larger audience to the data collections at ICPSR."



Alison Stroud is First Recipient of ICPSR Staff Innovator of the Year Award

In June 2016, ICPSR awarded its first [ICPSR Staff Innovation Award](#) to Alison Stroud, for her ideas and work that led to the creation of the Archive of Data on Disability to Enable Policy and Research (ADDEP). Stroud, an ICPSR archive manager, was nominated by Pienta and supported by Kenneth J. Ottenbacher, PhD, Professor and Russell Shearn Moody Distinguished Chair, UTMB, Galveston, TX, and George Alter, Director, ICPSR, Professor of History.

Left: ICPSR Council Chair Chandra Muller and then-director George Alter present Alison Stroud with the ICPSR Staff Innovator of the Year Award at the ICPSR Council meeting in June 2016.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



ICPSR Pilots New Digital Asset Management System

ICPSR's Computing and Networking Services (CNS) staff delved into the creation of a new Digital Asset Management Systems called Archonnex, designed to transition ICPSR to a newer technology stack, meeting core and emerging business needs of the organization. The Archonnex project aims to build a digital technology platform that leverages ICPSR expertise and open source technologies that are proven and supported by Open Source communities. Archonnex technology was put into action with the release of openICPSR 2.0 in August 2016. CNS is currently working on the full ICPSR Archonnex rollout, which will touch ICPSR's entire curated data collection.

Archonnex photo illustration by Jenna Tyson

Participants



Summer Program

The 2016 ICPSR Summer Program drew 984 participants from 293 institutions in 31 nations and at least 30 disciplines. The program employed 98 instructors who offered a total of 86 courses in the four-week, short statistical, and substantive workshops.

The Summer Program added these courses in 2016:

- Process Tracing in Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research
- Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data
- Egocentric Social Network Analysis
- Item Response Theory: Selected Topics - Ordinal, Multidimensional, and Explanatory Item Response Theory Models
- Introduction to R: How to Use R for Data Management, Data Analysis, and Graphical Display

Summer Program summary by Stephanie Carpenter/Photo illustration by Jenna Tyson

The Summer Program also offered 24 sessions in the Hubert M. Blalock Lecture Series. The Blalock Lecture series features presentations by respected researchers and professionals on cutting-edge methodological topics, professional socialization, and diversity issues. Blalock lecture topics included:

- “Uninformed: Why People Know So Little about Politics” by Arthur Lupia
- “Teaching Statistics” by Tim McDaniel

- “Race, Ethnicity, & Gender Issues in Social Science Research” by Eric Juenke, David Doherty, Corrine McConnaughy, and Ishmail White
- “Academic Publishing” by David Lam, William Jacoby, Sandy Marquart-Pyatt, and Brian Pollins
- “Role Analysis and Environmental Interest Group Coalitions: Insights from Ego-ERGMs” by Jan Box-Steffensmeier

TOP 15 DISCIPLINES

Enrollment in the 2016 Summer Program

16	22	24	28	29	33	39	40	52	57	60	80	96	135	194
Nursing	Communication/Journalism	Library/Information Science	Criminal Justice	Business Administration	Social Work	Statistics	Public Policy	Social Science	Economics	Education	Public Health	Psychology	Sociology	Political Science

Summer Internship Program

ICPSR hosted four summer interns in 2016. Interns learned data processing in one of our archives, took courses in the Summer Program, and completed research projects leading to a poster.

The 2016 ICPSR Undergraduate interns, and their [research projects](#):



Patricia Martin (from the University of California, Santa Barbara, working in RCMD) presented "Lifting the Financial Burden: The Impact of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program on Student Aspirations for Higher Education."



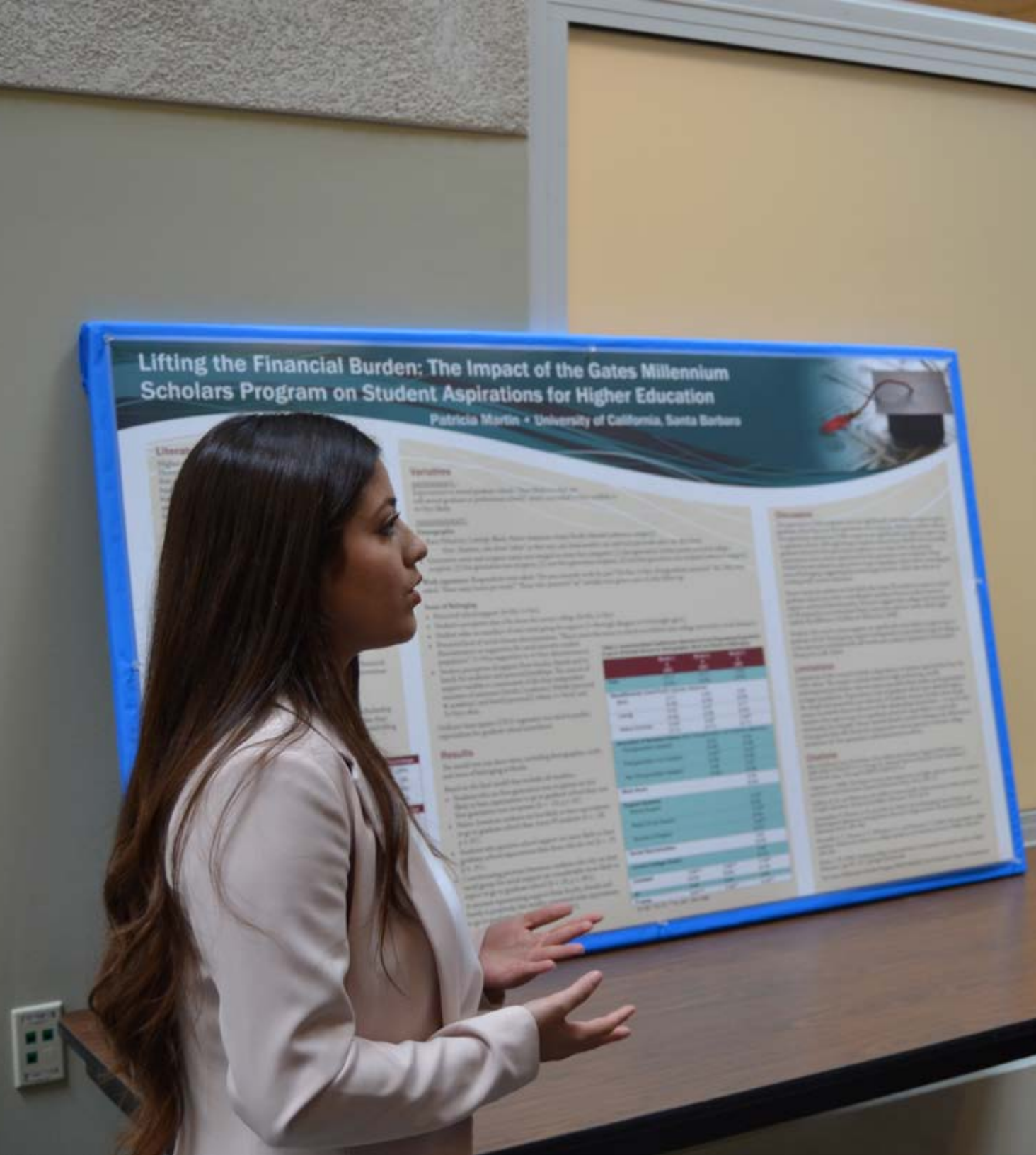
Austin McKittrick (from the University of West Virginia, working with NAHDAP) presented "Discrimination and Mental Health Among Sexual Minorities."



Nicolo Pinchak (from Bowling Green State University, working with NACJD) presented "We Don't Need No Education: High School Dropouts, the GED, and Pathways to Economic Capability in the Transition to Adulthood."



Elaine Vilorio (from Amherst College, working with the General Archive) presented "Does the Race/Ethnicity of Teachers Matter for Student Achievement?"



Left: 2016 ICPSR summer undergraduate intern Patricia Martin gives a presentation on her research project in August 2016. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)

Research Paper Competition

Candace M. Evans (B.A., Sociology and Psychology) of McMurry University earned first place in the Undergraduate competition for her paper, titled ["The Moderating Effects of Race and Ethnicity on the Relationship between Body Image and Psychological Well-Being."](#)

Brielle Bryan (M.A., Sociology) of Harvard University earned first place in the Master's competition with her paper, titled ["Paternal Incarceration and Adolescent Social Network Disadvantage."](#)

Both papers use data from the [National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health](#).

Webinars

ICPSR broadcasted 21 [webinars](#) with over 780 attendees in fiscal year 2015-2016. They included:

- What's in There? Searching by Variable at ICPSR
- An Overview of the 2016 ICPSR Summer Program
- ICPSR Summer Program Orientation (Sessions 1 and 2)
- Orientation to the China Data Center at the University of Michigan
- An Introduction to the Census Data of China
- Understanding and Using the Head Start CARES Data: An Introductory Webinar
- The Social Environment and Biomarkers of Aging Study (SEBAS)
- Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study: Understanding the Data
- Bringing Data into the Classroom with ICPSR
- Introduction to Administrative Boundary Maps of China: 1949-2014
- Finding/Sharing Usable Research Data: An Orientation to ICPSR Services
- Spatial Data Analysis with China Geo-Explorer
- Introduction to SEAD 2.0: The Next Generation of SEAD Data Services Confirmation

ICPSR's Lynette Hoelter leads a session at the [2015 Biennial Meeting of ICPSR Official Representatives \(ORs\)](#). (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)





Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram

Membership Trends

ICPSR's membership at the end of fiscal year 2016 was at 765 (+6 from FY2015). The biggest increase was in the Foreign Members category (+5). Membership also saw slight increases in the following categories: BA Universities (+2), and Intensives (+1). There were slight decreases in the following categories: Master's (-1), Specialized (-1), and Associate Members (-1).

Web Presence

In fiscal year 2016, 306,356 unique visitors visited the ICPSR website 491,394 times (non-bounce). Visitors reviewed just over 10 pages per visit and spent about 8.5 minutes on the site. New visitors made up 58% of the sessions. On social media, there were 2,266 Twitter followers, 3,396 Facebook fans, 435 YouTube channel subscribers and 1,560 people opting into ICPSR emails. More than 780 people were reached via webinars.

2015 Biennial ICPSR Meeting

From September 30–October 2, 2015, over 156 attendees from 81 institutions joined us for 17+ workshops and sessions to “Deliver Effective Data Stewardship” at the 2015 Biennial ICPSR Meeting. The meeting highlighted ICPSR’s core functions including current data collections and data-related tools and exciting new data projects. The meeting also imparted practical approaches and strategies to work with data producers to share data, write data management plans, steward discipline-focused repositories, and locate tools and resources to assist in curating and managing research data. Recordings and presentation slides can be found on [ICPSR’s YouTube Channel](#) or on the [2015 Biennial ICPSR Meeting](#) website.

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

- American Sociological Association, August 2015, Chicago, IL
- American Political Science Association, September 2015, San Francisco, CA
- Annual Conference for Early Childhood Research and Evaluation, October 2015, Ypsilanti, MI
- The Hispanic Association of College & Universities, October 2015, Miami Beach, FL
- American Public Health Association, October 2015, Chicago, IL
- Gerontological Society of America, November 2015, Orlando, FL
- American Society of Criminology, November 2015, Washington, DC
- Child Care Policy Research Consortium, December 2015, Washington, DC
- American Geophysical Union, December 2015, San Francisco
- Southern Political Science Association, January 2016, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Michigan State Diversity Career Fair, January 2016, Lansing, MI
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2016, Denver, CO
- Population Association of America, March 2016, Washington, DC
- Population Association of America, March 2016, Washington, DC
- American Educational Research Association, April 2016, Washington, DC
- American Association for Public Opinion Research, May 2016, Austin, TX
- NIH Tobacco Regulatory Science, May 2016, Bethesda, MD
- Society for Prevention Research, May 2016, San Francisco
- International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology, May 2016, Bergen, Norway
- 11th Annual Conference on Open Repositories, June 2016, Dublin, Ireland

Revenue	
General Fund Transfers	\$35,405
General Income	5,581,934
Gifts and Grants	9,061,013
Indirect Cost Recovered	2,465,914
Investment Transactions	202
Transfers	62,017
Internal Rebills	1,085,538
Total Revenue	\$18,220,374

Expenses	
Staff Salaries	\$8,513,100
Fringe Benefits	2,000,498
Consultants	225,869
Stipends	10,650
Student aid	(6,500)
General Expenses	1,384,882
Data Processing	1,081,034
Postage	1,895
Telephone	63,345
Subcontract Under 25K	18,975
Subcontract Over 25K	1,290,016
Travel/Hosting	707,726
Equipment	-
Transfers	384,617
Transfers and Distributions	44,450
Indirect Costs	2,458,914
Total Expenses	\$18,179,472

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
2016	3,963,483	9,041,421

ICPSR closed fiscal year 2016 with revenues totaling \$18.2 million; representing a 6% increase from fiscal year 2015's total. Membership dues income, totaling \$3.96 million, rose 3.75% since 2015 and contributed 22% of the organization's total revenue. Sponsored project awards contributed \$9.0 million and accounted for 50% of ICPSR's revenue. Summer Program revenue was \$1.71 million for fiscal year 2016. ICPSR's overall expenses were \$18.2 million, a 2.7% increase from fiscal year 2015. The organization closed fiscal year 2016 with a surplus of \$40,902. As of June 30, 2016, ICPSR maintains a total fund balance of \$4,577,734.

748

New/updated
studies in
Fiscal Year
2015-2016

TOP DOWNLOADS



Most popular releases in FY 2015-2016

Rank	Study
1	National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health), 1994-2008 [Public Use]
2	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2005-2006
3	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2001-2002
4	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2003-2004
5	Maternal Lifestyle Study in Four Sites in the United States, 1993-2011
6	American Community Survey (ACS): Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), 2005
7	Uniform Crime Reporting Program Data [United States]: 1975-1997
8	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2007-2008
9	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 1999-2000
10	Youth Development Study, 1988-2011 [St. Paul, Minnesota]

George Alter Leaves ICPSR Directorship

ICPSR and ISR staff gathered in June 2016 to say thank you to George Alter for his work as ICPSR Acting Director (2009 – 2011) and ICPSR Director (2011 – 2016) and to celebrate his new phase at ICPSR and ISR. Under his leadership, ICPSR expanded international members, increased data accessibility, and the Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research recruited more than 1,000 participants annually.



Left: George Alter gives a presentation at an ICPSR Council meeting in March 2014.
(ICPSR file photo)

Margaret Levenstein Named Director of ICPSR

Margaret Levenstein began her five-year term as ICPSR Director on July 1, 2016. An economist, Levenstein first joined ISR's Survey Research Center (SRC) in 2003 as the executive director of the Michigan Census Research Data Center (MCRDC), a joint project with the U.S. Census Bureau. She has taken an active role at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, joining the Director's Advisory Committee on Diversity in 2009 and serving as the chair of ISR's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion strategic planning committee and as the liaison to the larger university program. Additionally, Levenstein is associate chair of the American Economic Association's Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession and past president of the Business History Conference. Levenstein received a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University and a B.A. from Barnard College, Columbia University. Her research and teaching interests include industrial organization, competition policy, business history, data confidentiality protection, and the improvement of economic statistics.

Left: New ICPSR Director Margaret Levenstein speaks to the ICPSR staff on July 6, 2016, during her official welcome to ICPSR. "I am proud to be part of an organization that is a pillar of social science," she said. (Photo by David Thomas)



Assistant Director Mary Vardigan Retires

Mary Vardigan, Assistant Director of ICPSR and longtime data steward, retired as 2015 drew to a close. Mary has had a significant hand in shaping the organization for 30 years. In addition to serving as ICPSR's editor and directing ICPSR's Collection Delivery Unit, Mary also has served as Director of the Data Documentation Initiative (DDI), and is involved in other international projects related to data stewardship, including the Data Seal of Approval, the Research Data Alliance, and various efforts to promote data citation.



Left: Mary Vardigan speaks to ICPSR colleagues at her retirement reception on November 18, 2015. (Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)

Longtime ICPSR Official Representative Libbie Stephenson retires

ICPSR [paid homage](#) to data steward Libbie Stephenson upon her retirement in June 2016. She left big shoes to fill as the Director of the Social Science Data Archive at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and as ICPSR's longtime Official Representative (OR) at UCLA. "She has been an ardent supporter of ICPSR forever, and an integral part ICPSR's OR meetings through the years," said Linda Detterman, ICPSR's Director of Marketing and Membership. In 2007, Stephenson won the William H. Flanigan Award for Distinguished Service as an ICPSR Official Representative. She served on the ICPSR Council from 1996-2000.

Left: Libbie Stephenson passes a microphone at the 2015 ICPSR Biennial Meeting.
(Photo by Dory Knight-Ingram)



ICPSR Council Terms Beginning in 2016



Borgman



Freese



Fry



Jones-Correa



Stine



Keith

ICPSR Council Terms Ending in 2016



Achen



Andrews



Brown



Lagoze



Fox



Waite

ICPSR Council Update

Six new members were elected to serve four-year terms on the ICPSR Governing Council, starting in 2016, and Chandra Muller was elected Council Chair. New Members are Christine L. Borgman, University of California, Los Angeles (Information Studies); Jeremy Freese, Northwestern University (Sociology); Jane Fry, Carleton University (Data Centre, MacOdrum Library); Michael Jones-Correa, Cornell University (Political Science); Robert A. Stine, University of Pennsylvania (Statistics); and Verna M. Keith, Texas A&M University (Race & Ethnic Studies).

ICPSR also thanks the following Council members, with terms ending in 2016, for their service and dedication: Christopher H. Achen, Princeton University (Political Science); Marilyn Andrews, University of Regina (Spatial & Numeric Data Services); Tony N. Brown, Vanderbilt University (Sociology); Carl Lagoze, University of Michigan (School of Information); John Fox, McMaster University (Social Statistics); and Linda J. Waite, University of Chicago (Sociology).