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ICPSR, Renmin University Sign Partnership Agreement

Use of data related to China and Asia is high, and educational outreach efforts are increasing

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On January 20, 2011, representatives of ICPSR and [Renmin University of China](#) in Beijing signed a partnership agreement allowing Renmin to operate as a hub for distributing ICPSR data and services to other institutions in China.

Under the agreement, ICPSR will also help Renmin University develop user support capabilities for Chinese-speaking data users.

A delegation of seven officials from Renmin visited the Perry Building



From left, Peng Fei and Yuan Wei of Renmin University, and George Alter and Peter Granda of ICPSR at the signing of an agreement between the two organizations.

in Ann Arbor to sign the agreement document. Professor Yuan Wei, senior vice president of Renmin University and director of its National Survey Research Center, said there is a new emphasis on the dissemination of research data in his country.

“The social sciences and natural sciences pay more and more attention to data,” he said, adding that there is a growing sense that research data should be available to the public.

“There is no tradition to share data in China. That is changing,” added Professor Wang Weidong, Technology director at the National Survey Research Center.

And Yuan said he hopes Renmin can benefit from the work ICPSR has been doing for nearly 50 years as the university begins creating a data archive from the ground up.

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“We may have some questions that you heard before,” he said.

“Developing a relationship with Renmin University is very important to us,” said ICPSR acting director George Alter. “We strongly support their efforts to encourage the social sciences in China, and to build data archiving and analysis facilities for Chinese researchers.”

Other members of the Renmin delegation were Zhao Yanyun, dean of the statistics school; Pang Fei, deputy director of the survey research center; Li Hui; deputy director of the administrative affairs office; Dr. Shen Jian, account manager in the department of development and planning; and Li Yunan, account manager in the scientific research department.

They were joined at the signing ceremony by Alter; Peter Granda, director of ICPSR’s general archive; Linda Detterman, director of marketing and membership; and ICPSR Assistant Director Mary Vardigan.

Interest in China, Asia booming

In terms of partnerships as well as data use, China and Asia are playing larger roles in ICPSR’s activities.

The agreement with Renmin University is in addition to other ICPSR members in China and Hong Kong, including a federation coordinated by Beijing University.

The ICPSR Summer Program staff last year agreed advise the recently created Public Administration and Political Science Summer Workshop

in Research Methods at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

And a workshop taught by Cameron Campbell of UCLA has been scheduled for July at Shanghai Jiaotong University to share information about data in the China Multi-Generational Panel Data-Liaoning (CMGPD-LN) dataset held by ICPSR.

Those data, which come from 1.5 million triennial observations between 1749 and 1909 in the Liaoning Province of China, have proven to be among the top new data releases from ICPSR.

In fact, three of the top-ten most used new datasets from ICPSR are related to Asia: the [Japanese General Social Survey](#) (JGSS) 2006; the [China Multi-Generational Panel Dataset-Liaoning](#); and the [Study of Family Life in Urban China](#), 1999. ■



From left, Shen Jian, Li Yunan, Li Hui, Wang Weidong, Zhao Yanyun, Peng Fei, and Yuan Wei, all from Renmin University in Beijing, China, watch as Acting Director George Alter, right, presents an overview of ICPSR.



Data releases

ICPSR released several datasets of note this winter and spring

National Addiction & HIV Data Archive Program (NAHDAP)

Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, NAHDAP's mission is to collect, preserve, and disseminate data produced by NIDA-backed research. Recent data releases include:



- [HIV/Hepatitis Prevention for Re-Entering Drug Offenders](#), from the Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Studies (CJ-DATS). This data is from surveys of former prison inmates in two groups: one received standard, one-hour, CDC intervention to track their possible illicit activity upon release, while the other received CJ-DATS Targeted Intervention, which is more interactive. The goal was to determine if there were differences in behavior based on the type of intervention received.
- The [Detention to Community](#) dataset, also from CJ-DATS. This study tracked juvenile offenders with history of drug abuse, and also split them into two groups: one received standard services, and the other went through Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy. The goals were to determine the best, targeted services to address drug abuse, delinquency, and sexual risk-taking among juveniles released from detention facilities; to test innovative interventions that link in-detention and outpatient services; and to test a family-based HIV/AIDS prevention program.
- The public-use dataset [Inmate Pre-Release Assessment 2001](#), a post-release survey from CJ-DATS. The IPASS was developed as a post-release risk measure for prison-based substance abuse treatment graduates by taking into account the inmates' historical drug use and criminal activity, as well as performance during the prison-based treatment program.
- A restricted-use dataset on HIV, the [Sexual Acquisition and Transmission of HIV Cooperative Agreement Program](#) (SATHCAP), 2006-2008. This was a multisite study designed to assess the role of drug use in the sexual transmission of HIV from high-risk groups, such as gay men and drug users, to lower-risks groups, such as non-drug-using sexual partners.

China Multi-Generational Panel Dataset - Liaoning (CMGPD-LN)

As part of its mission to make available the entire CMGPD-LN database containing 1.5 triennial observations of more than 260,000 residents from nearly 700 communities in the Liaoning Province collected between 1749 and 1909, CMGPD released the [Liaoning Restricted File](#). The file contains village name and geographic coordinates, and individuals' names. A Restricted Data Contract must be completed before these data can be downloaded.



NCAA Student-Athlete Experiences Data Archive

ICPSR's archive in partnership with the National Collegiate Athletics Association released its second file, the [NCAA Division I and II Graduation Success Rate, 1995-2002](#) dataset.

The newly released dataset contains measurements of federally defined graduation rates; Division I Graduation Success Rates (GSR) for student athletes who transfer in to a given institution, discounting those who separate from that institution who would have been academically ineligible if they had returned; and Division II Academic Success Rates (ASR), which is identical to GSR except that it also includes freshmen who did not receive athletic aid but participated in athletics.

The federal and NCAA measures of academic success for student athletes are presented side-by-side with similar data for the student body as a whole to aid in analytic comparisons within and across each population.

Traditionally, data on graduation rates and academic achievement for student athletes have been released each year. Packaging several years of data together helps foster multiple types of analysis that were previously more difficult.

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Integrated Fertility Survey Series (IFSS)

The IFSS project recently released its [second harmonized dataset](#), which updates the first release and adds variables related to union history, cohabitation and husband/partner sociodemographics. The dataset combines information from 10 surveys and over 71,000 respondents spanning 1955 to 2002 into harmonized variables for easy analysis.

The harmonized data are available for download on the [Data and Documentation](#) page, and can be explored and extracted from the [Harmonized Data Extracts](#) page. Online analysis via SDA is coming soon.

Please note that all IFSS data releases are beta versions provided for users to begin using the data before the final version is released in Spring 2012. As such, they are subject to change and may contain small inconsistencies. If you notice any problems with the data, please contact the IFSS team at IFSSGroup@umich.edu.

National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA)

- Data from the first wave of the Japanese Study of Aging and Retirement (JSTAR) is available for public use. JSTAR is designed to be highly comparable to the HRS, SHARE and ELSA studies. Shared data on Japan is quite rare, so this is an exciting development. Information about the study and application procedures for accessing the data is [available on the Web](#).

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- Project TALENT is a nationally representative longitudinal study of men and women who were in high school in 1960 and who are currently in their 60s. Project TALENT began as a major national effort to assess the aspirations and abilities of America's young men and women. Initiated in 1957, with support from the U.S. Office of Education and several other government agencies, Project TALENT collected extensive information on characteristics and cognitive abilities of approximately 377,000 individuals in 1960 when they were in high school and in subsequent follow-up studies through age 30.

Project TALENT's large sample size, extensive background questionnaire, and cognitive measures make it a premier study for social science research, combining aspects of multiple disciplines in a largely seamless research framework. Project TALENT is uniquely suited to help inform lifecourse outcomes with a nationally representative sample and the power to unpack disparities in health and other characteristics and abilities.

NACDA is currently working with the study PIs at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) in Washington, DC, to develop secondary data resources from the first 30 years of data and to build an archival distribution system for the proposed 50-year follow-up. AIR is providing limited access through NACDA to the baseline and supplemental data for the study as they prepare for the follow-up. Contact NACDA Director [James McNally](#) for information on how to access the data. ■

ICPSR active in new data stewardship group

ICPSR is a founding member of the [National Digital Stewardship Alliance](#), which held an organizational meeting in Washington, DC, on Dec. 15-16, 2010.

The NDSA is an outgrowth of the Library of Congress' [National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program](#). The alliance is a collaboration among government agencies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and businesses to preserve our national digital heritage.

George Alter, acting director of ICPSR, attended the first meeting of the group, and helped draft its mission statement and other founding documents, which are being ratified by NSDA members

Several ICPSR researchers have been involved in the working groups that made their initial reports at the meeting: Peter Granda, director of ICPSR's General Archive; Digital Preservation Officer Nancy McGovern; Computing & Network Services Director Bryan Beecher; ICPSR Assistant Director Mary Vardigan; and research area specialist Jared Lyle.



Two ICPSR Webinars on Data Management Plans Draw Huge Attendance

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Two webinars on data management plans presented by ICPSR's Director of Data Acquisitions Amy Pienta attracted more than 600 participants.

The first session, on Jan. 12, 2011, drew 535 participants, a record for ICPSR webinars. The second presentation, on Feb. 17, 2011, was seen by 71 attendees.

The [presentation](#) (WMV 51MB) and accompanying [slides](#) (PPT 1.6MB) are available on the ICPSR Web site.

The webinar is just one of the ways ICPSR has responded to the increased interest in the topic in the past several months, since the National Science Foundation announced it would require a two-page data management plan with all grant applications.

ICPSR also has a [new Web page](#) dedicated to data management plans, including guidelines, a framework for creating a plan, links to other resources, and several examples.

In addition, Pienta has started a [blog](#) on which she answers questions from webinar attendees. She has so far answered more than 30 queries.

The questions cover topics including cost estimates, intellectual property, and metadata.

Depositing data with ICPSR can be an important part of a data management plan. The NSF's Directorate for Social, Behavioral &

Elements of a Data Management Plan

Element	Description	Recommended?
Data description	Provide a brief description of the information to be gathered; the nature, scope and scale of the data that will be generated or collected.	Highly recommended.

Generic Example 1:

This project will produce public-use nationally representative survey data for the United States covering Americans' social backgrounds, enduring political predispositions, social and political values, perceptions and evaluations of groups and candidates, opinions on questions of public policy, and participation in political life.



A screen shot from Amy Pienta's webinar on data management plans.

Economic Sciences [recently named ICPSR](#) as an archive that would help grant applicants meet its requirement for data storage.

According to NSF's guide to grant applications, data management plans must be no longer than two pages, and can include information on:

- The types of data or other materials to be produced
- The standards to be use for data and metadata format and content

- Policies for access and sharing, including protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, and intellectual property
- Plans for archiving data, samples and other research products, and for preservation of access to them. ▀



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Winners of the ICPSR Research Paper Competition Announced

ICPSR has announced the winners
of its annual research paper
competition.

The prizes were \$1,000 for first-
place winners, \$750 for second
place, and \$500 for third.

The first-place winners also had
their papers published in a [special
edition](#) of the ICPSR Bulletin. All
the [winning papers](#) are available on
the ICPSR Web site.

Undergraduate

First Place

**The Expansion of American
Higher Education: Access and
Opportunity or Exclusion and
Stratification?**, By Evangeleen
F. Pattison, City College of
New York

Second Place

**Americans' Ever-Changing
Attitudes toward Homosexuality,**

By Matthew S. Michaels,
University of Florida

Third Place

**Satisfaction of Needs and Well-
Being: An Application of Maslow's
Hierarchy of Needs to the
Population of Kenya,** By Evelyn S.
Williams, Kent State University
at Stark

Master's

First Place

**The Effects of Situational Crime
Prevention on Fear and Crime
among College Campuses and
Students,** By Katie Farina,
University of Delaware

Second Place

**Is Higher Cognitive Ability
Associated with a More Stable
Marriage?** By Boning Cao, Baruch
College, City University of
New York. ■

Registration Open for 2011 Summer Program

The 2011 [Summer Program in
Quantitative Methods of Social
Research](#) is now open for registration,
with workshops and lectures on a wide
variety of topics in research design,
quantitative reasoning, statistical
methods, and data processing.

The first session runs from June 20 to
July 15, and the second session from
July 18 to Aug. 12. Both are located
in Ann Arbor, MI.

Three- to five-day statistical
workshops also will be held across the
country. For the first time, sessions

will be held in Berkeley, CA. The
dates and locations are as follows:

- June 6-8 and June 13-17 in
Amherst, MA
- June 6-8, June 27-July 1, July 11-15,
July 18-22 and Aug. 1-5 in Chapel
Hill, NC
- June 15-17 in Bloomington, IN
- June 27-July 1 and July 11-15 in
Berkeley, CA.

Detailed course descriptions and
application materials are available on
the [Summer Program Web site](#). ■