

## ICPSR Data Brunch Episode 1: Where Dory Is Anna

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[Musical introduction]

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Welcome to the Data Brunch with ICPSR. If you love data, this is going to be food for thought. I'm Dory.

ANNALEE SHELTON:

And I'm Anna.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

We are recording these episodes live from our remote offices. Please excuse cameos from canine colleagues, kids in class and other unexpected moments.

ANNALEE SHELTON:

So in this episode we will talk about our excitement around Love Data Week and we'll have a great interview with ICPSR's own Shane Redman. We have a new publication on immigration using ICPSR data. And, of course, we will tell you about new data and more.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

We had a great week hosting Love Data Week so far. This year we are honored to be the official new home of Love Data Week. Thank you to Heather Coates for her incredible leadership over the past several years, and to all of the committee members and volunteers who helped turn this into an international event. This year, Love Data Week is based loosely on the theme data, "Data: Delivering a better future."

The hashtag is #LoveData21, so go check that out on Twitter and your social media platform of choice. There's been some really fun stuff going on so far.

If you have questions about Love Data Week, or what's coming up next year, please drop us a line at [LoveDataWeek@umich.edu](mailto:LoveDataWeek@umich.edu). We'd love to hear from you.

ANNALEE SHELTON:

I hope you have joined us at Love Data Week so far it has been an absolute blast.

And next up we have a new publication featuring ICPSR data, and it's quite cool. We always love hearing about how people are using ICPSR data for publications.

And the takeaway from this publication is that correcting misperceptions leads to more positive views of immigration. The authors use data from the Transatlantic Trends Survey which is housed at ICPSR. And there are other findings also based on these data, all of that is available in the ICPSR Bibliography of Data-Related Literature. If you want to get a link to this paper or to the others that use that Transatlantic Trends Survey, please visit us there.

And of course if you're publishing with ICPSR data, please do let us know so that we can help you spread the word.

Cool. So, some of the new data that is coming into ICPSR... and this is just some of our new data, there's lots of new data that we don't have time to tell you about everything. But these are just a few of the new studies that are coming in.

So first is "Estimating the Financial Costs of Victimization and the United States from 2017 to 2018," and one objective in this study was to keep the focus squarely on the victims and to consider what information is needed to best support them.

Another study is the "Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking," also known as "SHED." And this was 2020, and it's the Supplemental Survey for the United States. And in this one... so since 2013, the Federal Reserve Board has conducted the "Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking," so that's SHED, which measures the economic well being of US households and identifies potential risks to those households' finances. So this is the 2020 Supplemental Survey for that.

And then last on our list is the "Research on Offender Decision-Making and Desistance From Crime: A Multi-Theory Assessment of Offender Cognition Change." So some variables here include an offender self report of several things including personal perception on the costs and benefits of crime, the costs and benefits of attempting to stay crime free, attitudes, impulsive traits, and emotions.

And we should say there's also a lot of updated data, including the "National Crime Victimization Survey" and a registered nurse survey, and as you know you can find all of this data on our website. And we'll link to these studies in the show notes as well so you can find them quickly.

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DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

And now, an interview with Shane Redman, a Senior Data Project Manager at ICPSR. Shane is going to talk to us about how ICPSR moved data from another part of the Institute for Social Research to the ICPSR building where it now resides at ICPSR's physical data enclave.

So Shane, welcome.

SHANE REDMAN:

Hi Dory, thank you.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Okay so first I just wanted to note that you are our first official guest on Data Brunch, so thank you so much for being a pioneer.

SHANE REDMAN:

Yay, it's exciting!

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Okay so, to the French and German data. Can you tell me what makes this a great story?

SHANE REDMAN:

Yeah, so I think for me the story of these French and German data is great because it kind of started shortly after I started working at ICPSR which was in 2018. And so it was kind of one of the first bigger projects that I worked on and kind of took the lead on.

So it was personally exciting for me and it's kind of continued over the past several years to evolve and grow even. And you know with switching to working remotely, and closing down for a while the building, we've kind of always had to think of, okay how does this impact the physical enclave and these data that we make available, or that we can access available to researchers.

So it's just kind of always present and something that's been with me from the start. And it's kind of fun to work with our German and French counterparts.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Okay, so could you talk about more what the enclave looks like?

SHANE REDMAN:

Sure. So the enclave, the actual enclave is just kind of, it's a smallish room in our basement and there's just kind of different workstations, they're separated by dividers, little cubicle type workstations. And there are six computers, there's a monitor station... so some of the data when people are working with it, there has to be an actual staff in the room with them.

And then we actually, when we first got the access points to the German data, our Director kind of wanted to make the enclave look a little bit nicer, a little more cheery to work in there because it was pretty dark, there's no windows, it's in our basement.

So we actually had a mural done on the walls in the enclave so it's really pretty now. There's a beach scene, and a nature scene on the walls, so it's a little bit nicer to work in there now than it once was.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Thank you and I'm glad you brought up the mural, I was hoping that you would. So if one is tucked away in the ICPSR enclave, you know, what do they do with their gadgets? And maybe tell us more about, you know, where do they eat? How do most people get there?

SHANE REDMAN:

Yeah, sure. So, because it is kind of a restricted environment, so the users are not able to take in any electronics with them. No phones, no laptops. So we have lockers outside of the enclave, and so I or the other staff member who gets these users set up in the enclave, they lock everything away in a locker. And then there's a phone right outside of the enclave so then if they have to leave for any reason, if they have to go, they can leave for lunch, or whatever it happens to be, whenever they're done for the day, they call our office.

And then we have to come down and we unlock the locker for them to get, so they can get their stuff and they can go have lunch. They can come back, of course. But this is all scheduled in advance. So yeah,

they can go to campus, restaurants and things like that, but there's no food allowed in the place so they do have to leave for that.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Thank you so much. What would you say is the best place to eat nearby?

SHANE REDMAN:

Hmm. One of my favorite places near our building is Baba Dari. They have great falafel which I love.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

I second that [laughs]. They're really good.

SHANE REDMAN:

Yup.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Shane, you mentioned that this is the only, or one of a couple of locations in the United States, that provide access to the German data and the only one for the French data. So can you talk about the risk in not having this in ICPSR? And what happens if we didn't have it?

SHANE REDMAN:

Yeah, so that's right, I think we are one of maybe five or six locations in the US for the German data, that have these access points. And then as far as I know we are still the only location for French data in the US.

And so we saw what happened when these weren't available when back in March when the University went to working remotely we had to shut the enclave down for safety reasons, because of the pandemic.

And so, it really affects the research being done by researchers. A lot of graduate students were working with these data. And so that kind of pushed back their timeline for when they could get their thesis or dissertation completed, because they didn't have access to these. And the other locations had shut down in the US as well.

So we had people coming, you know, from all over Michigan, or from various universities to use these data. But as well as some people from Chicago and some other locations kind of in the Midwest area.

So not having access to these data really put research, it kind of came to a halt for a lot of researchers. And fortunately we were able to open back up, so there was only a few months where it had to be paused.

But it was really, it's, having it unavailable at ICPSR kind of hinders the research process for a lot of people working in this area.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Thank you. So people listening are now probably wondering what exactly are these data? Can you talk about, more about the data themselves?

SHANE REDMAN:

Yep, so the data that we make available, or provide access to... For... they're similar for both countries, for both Germany and for France.

So they are mostly employment data and economic data from those countries.

So the data that we have from Germany are from the German Research Data Center. And that's part of the German Federal Employment Agency.

And then the French data is from the French Research Data Center.

And so like I said the kind of topics of the data are mostly economic and employment data for those countries. And so most of our researchers using, or gaining access to these data are from economics departments for the most part..

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM: Thank you so much. This was really informative. Going forward, how can listeners find out more about this or contact you?

SHANE REDMAN:

Yup, so, there are a couple ways to find out more information. For, if you're interested in the types of data that these agencies make available that we provide access to, you can go directly to their website, so it's the German IAB or FDZ. They have their own website.

The French has their own website as well that's called CASD, C-A-S-D.

And we also list some of the studies, although not all, in our catalog on our website at ICPSR.

If you have any more specific questions than what's listed on our website, of course you can always email ICPSR-help@umich.edu, that's our general user support email and... and that staff, user support staff, can help assist you there. Or they can transfer you to somebody like myself or somebody else who is more knowledgeable about the physical enclave data.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Thank you so much Shana thanks for joining us.

SHANE REDMAN:

Yes!

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DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

We'll be sure to add the resources that you mentioned in our episode notes. Thank you again.

SHANE REDMAN:

Great, thanks for having me.

ANNALEE SHELTON:

Okay, that was awesome, thank you so much Shane for joining us! And just a note we have a few upcoming events. So a quick reminder, the ICPSR Summer Program In Quantitative Methods, our

registration opens on February 15! The Summer Program is almost here, I can't believe it. The short workshops are going to start in May, and the first four week session will start June 21 2021. And just so you know, they've, the Summer Program scholarship applications are due on March 29, so come to [icpsr.umich.edu](http://icpsr.umich.edu) to find more information about those scholarships and to get your applications in.

And we do also want to let you know that on April 1st, yes, April 1st, we will have a webinar called OpenICPSR. and that's going to be about ICPSR's self publishing repository. And that webinar is free and open to the public so please feel free to share that widely. And you can find this and all other registration info at [icpsr.umich.edu](http://icpsr.umich.edu).

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

Okay, thank you, Anna. And that brings us to the end of our podcast. Thank you everyone for listening. For links to data and everything else we talked about today, visit our show notes at [icpsr.umich.edu](http://icpsr.umich.edu). Coming up in the next episode we'll talk about highlights from Love Data Week, and more.

Thank you as always to the ICPSR membership, this podcast would not be possible without the ICPSR members.

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I'm Anna, oops! [Laughter erupts from Anna and Dory] No I didn't say that!

ANNALEE SHELTON:

Oh my god can you please be Anna for awhile? I would really like it if you were Anna instead.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

We need to, ok we've got a blooper reel here!

[Laughter]

ANNALEE SHELTON:

I'm Anna.

DORY KNIGHT INGRAM:

And I'm Dory.

ANNALEE SHELTON:

And thanks for joining us at ICPSR's Data Brunch.