

# Transcript - Data Brunch Episode 19

Dory Knight-Ingram: Hi, everyone, and welcome to Data Brunch with ICPSR! If you love data, this is going to be food for thought. I'm Dori.

Jen Koski: And I'm Jennifer. If you're new to our podcast, welcome! ICPSR's Data Brunch is a podcast about the stories behind the data. We're recording in February 2026, live at the ICPSR Data Fair at International Love Data Week. Our theme this year is, Where is the Data?

Jen Koski: This is a great way to get people thinking about data's journey from collection through storage and preservation.

Jen Koski: The ICPSR and international event and resource lineup are quite impressive. In a moment, Dori and I will share some of our favorites to help you get the most out of the week. Because this is recorded live, we will have a Q&A, but we may not be able to get to all the questions from our live audience.

Jen Koski: So, if that's the case, please feel free to email us at ICPSR-P-O-D-C-A-S-T at U-M-I-C-H dot E-D-U, if there's anything we don't get to live.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Thank you, Jennifer. A couple of things to note. For the first time ever, we are holding our biennial ICPSR Data Fair during Love Data Week.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Live Data Week was established in 2016 as

Dory Knight-Ingram: Love Your Data Week. And created in the USA, it quickly grew to an international event with a wide range of institutions, organizations, scholars, students, and other data lovers that we all together celebrate our data.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Originally coordinated by Heather Coates, the planning committee developed themes, wrote and curated content, and developed activities.

Dory Knight-Ingram: The aim was to celebrate data in all its forms, promote good research and data management strategies, share data success in horror stories, and ask hard questions about the role of data in our lives. In 2018, the name was officially changed to Love Data Week.

Dory Knight-Ingram: In 2021, ICPSR became the official website host for International Love Data Week. The link to that page will be in our show notes.

Dory Knight-Ingram: So here is what's on ICPSR's list for this year.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Our webinars and events focus on data sharing, research methods, metadata, AI and privacy, scholarships, demos, and more.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Register now, and expand your data savvy. So today, we have, Adopt a dataset, which is happening all week.

Dory Knight-Ingram: And you are in Data Brunch Live! Welcome to the Data Fair! Later this afternoon, we will have a session on ICPSR's Data Communication Scholarship, so if you have any students in your sphere, if you can attend or point them our way.

Dory Knight-Ingram: And then we have the Child and Family Data Archive, also known as CF Data. What's New at CF Data?

Dory Knight-Ingram: Okay, so that takes us to Tuesday, February 10th, where we will start with disappearing data, monitoring federal SOGI data losses, and advancing accountability

Dory Knight-Ingram: Getting better all the time, metadata enhancements in the ICPSR catalog, and then we'll finish with an ICPSR Live Demo Data Fair Edition.

Dory Knight-Ingram: All right, so Wednesday, February 11th, we're going to start with data sharing for real-world and non-primary data sources, and then this is sure to be a crowd favorite, Data Lumos, an update on the crowd-sourced repository for valuable government data.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Next, we will have our NACDA study highlight, focusing on the Vietnam-era twin study of aging, also known as VETSA, V-E-T-S-A.

Dory Knight-Ingram: And then, we will finish up with the ICPSR Summer Program for the love of research methods.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Alright, so we will continue on Thursday, February 12th, where we start off with DSDR marks the spot

Dory Knight-Ingram: Finding quality population health data resources, and next we'll have Lay All Your Love on Metadata, a new API for Discovery, and then we will finish Thursday with AI at ICPSR, the February 2026 edition.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Alright, so that takes us to Friday, where we will start with ICPSR Data Savvy Teaching Office Hours Data Fair Edition.

Dory Knight-Ingram: And then we will continue with a reintroduction to the Social Media Archive. New website, new features, new data. And then we will finish the week with Navigating the New North, data insights about the changing Canadian consumer patterns.

Dory Knight-Ingram: We will put all of these registration links on our podcast landing page, and if you join one, let us know. Take a screenshot and tag us across social media with hashtag ICPSR, and also use hashtag LoveData26, capital L and capital D.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Oh, hey, good news! We have a message from some of the first people to hit the Love Data Week start time.

Dory Knight-Ingram: And it is, drum roll... our friends from Australia!

Dory Knight-Ingram: So, we have members of the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) team from the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, and Adam Zammit, Designated Representative from the Australian Consortium for Social & Political Research, Inc. (ACSPRI), are celebrating Love Data Week in Australia. And there is a photo of a group of eight people who are standing in a row inside a modern office space. Each person is holding a sign that says "LOVE DATA WEEK" in red and black text. Several are wearing work or university ID badges. Behind them, there is a large digital screen displaying information, including a headline that reads "Read the latest HILDA Statistical Report." The

group is posed in front of wooden paneling and a contemporary bench, creating a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Special thank you to Ryan Perry at the Australian Data Archive and Adam Zammit at Australian National University, which are part of the Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research, for sending us this hello, and for all of your great work as ICPSR institutional representatives.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Alright, on to you, Jen.

Jen Koski: Thank you, Tori. That is so amazing.

Jen Koski: Thank you again for the, the shout out in the photo. Like Dori said earlier, more and more institutions opt to celebrate Love Data Week every year.

Jen Koski: As of this morning, there were 200-plus events that had been entered into the International Love Data Week website events list. Amazing.

Jen Koski: That list can be found at...

Jen Koski: M-Y-U-M-I dot C-H forward slash I C P S R L O V E D A T A W-E-E-K-I-N-T-L.

Jen Koski: I took a look at some of these listings, and I thought it'd be fun to kind of give, these institutions a little shout-out.

Jen Koski: The first one I wanted to mention is from the University of New Mexico, who is giving an interactive workshop on data horror stories, which is about disappearing data.

Jen Koski: Unreadable ancient files. Ordinary researchers losing hours of their time trapped in data nightmares. All-new spine-tingling, hair-raising data horror stories, and some advice to prevent them from happening to you.

Jen Koski: It is open to the public and can be attended in person or online. That will begin today at 2 p.m. Eastern or 12 p.m. Mountain Time, where they are located.

Jen Koski: Another... another institute I wanted to give a shout out to is the GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences.

Jen Koski: They started already their morning, since they're over in Germany, with a presentation called Five Ways to Turn Your Dataset into Clickbait, which is an online workshop.

Jen Koski: Kudos for a job well done in your celebration of Data Week.

Jen Koski: Some other institutions I wanted to mention, include the Flemish Research Data Network, or FRDN,

Jen Koski: They're hosting a presentation on publishing sensitive data. Why, how, and where. This will be available online on Wednesday, February 11th, at 4 a.m. Eastern Time.

Jen Koski: And that would be...

Jen Koski: To them, that's... that's their morning, 10 o'clock, or, or sein Ur, locally, and that's open to the public.

Jen Koski: The Ohio State University is hosting an online presentation called Working with What's Missing, Ethical Strategies for Incomplete Data. That presentation is occurring as we speak, actually, and is open to the public.

Jen Koski: the University of Waterloo is

Jen Koski: Hosting something called Turning Numbers into Love Letters. This workshop introduces graphical and numerical techniques to uncover data structure and summarize distributions effectively. The online workshop is planned for tomorrow, the 10th, at 11 a.m. Eastern Time.

Jen Koski: And is open to the public.

Jen Koski: And the last mention I wanted to give out was to Harvard, who are celebrating Love Data Week with a presentation called, From Text to 3D, Word Clouds for Exploration, and that's going to happen later on today at 2 p.m. Eastern. It is online and also open to the public.

Jen Koski: So much stuff going on, that's fascinating.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Yes, thank you so much, Jennifer.

Dory Knight-Ingram: So, two places that we, recommend to make the most of this week that I mentioned earlier. The first one is the ICPSR Data Fair at Love Data Week page, which has all of the ICPSR resources mentioned here, and also the International Love Data Week landing page, which has the list of international events and resources like Zoom backgrounds.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Teaching materials, caption this chart, fun things for social media, and these are all linked in our show notes.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Okay, so it looks like we have time for questions, and so go ahead and type your question into the box, and we are going to look for them.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Okay.

Dory Knight-Ingram: So... a question. What datasets do you love?

Dory Knight-Ingram: Jane, you want to take that one first?

Jen Koski: Sure, so my favorite... my favorite data

Jen Koski: will always be the PATH study, because I started my career at ICPSR as a project assistant, and learned about the PATH study, which I should spell out is the population assessment of tobacco and Health.

Jen Koski: I enjoyed working with the researchers who studied it, and I just enjoyed seeing all of the different waves of data that they produced. There's still an amazing... it's still an amazing study, and there's still so much data that's always being released.

Jen Koski: So, I keep a lookout for the PATH study. I like to... I'm always curious about what they're doing.

Jen Koski: How about you, Dory? What's your favorite data here?

Dory Knight-Ingram: You know, it's like being a kid in a candy store, there's too many to choose from, but one thing about ICPSR is we have data about everything. So, right now, it's Black History Month, and so I love data sets about history, and we have a cool data resource guide that is about data documenting Black history in the United States, and it has, inside of it data sets like

Dory Knight-Ingram: A culture of disenfranchisement, and that one talks about how American slavery continues to affect voting behavior. And that one was,

Dory Knight-Ingram: brought to attention by the ICPSR bibliography team, so shout out to them. And also, the three-generation National Survey of Black American Families, and that one is from 1979 to 1981. And as always, we will have these in our show notes. Snow notes, that's funny.

Jen Koski: Funny for those of us who are in snowy areas. That's... yeah, that's right.

Jen Koski: I see a question here in our Q&A box. Somebody is asking, you mentioned this is a podcast. Does ICPSR have a podcast?

Dory Knight-Ingram: I guess we do!

Dory Knight-Ingram: Yes, so ICPSR does have a podcast. It's more than one podcast, actually. So, this one is Data Brunch, and then we have a podcast from our, NACDA archive that has data on aging, and that one is, I want to say theirs is usually on YouTube.

Dory Knight-Ingram: And, the Data Brunch is across podcast platforms, and a lot of times we trade, and so you will see an episode from, one of the other podcasts be a bonus episode on Data Brunch. Good question.

Jen Koski: That's wonderful. I did not know that there were two.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Yep, or more, but I think we might have some that kind of pop up and,

Dory Knight-Ingram: And also, our, kind of like our mothership, so ICPSR... ICPSR is a part of the Institute for Social Research, and they have a podcast as well. So, we'll link that. If you're into, social science podcasts, we'll make sure that you have something to listen to during your commute, or workout, or whatever.

Jen Koski: Wonderful.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Okay.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Someone says, I can take the next one.

Jen Koski: Sure. She says.

Dory Knight-Ingram: they want to know if there are any ways to participate in Love Date of Week other than webinars for people who aren't in the same time zone. And I would say yes. So, I would point you to the...

Dory Knight-Ingram: resource toolkit on the International Love Data Week website. There is some really cool stuff. I want to say we have even, like, scavenger hunts. I think I saw some crossword puzzles in there, and this goes from elementary school to, you know.

Dory Knight-Ingram: the highest in, higher education. Like, there's gonna be something in there for you to do. You can adopt the data set, so one thing that is very popular, for ICPSR now, I want to say going on

Dory Knight-Ingram: 5... at least five years, I want to say, is adopt the data set. So we have this list of, datasets across, social science, and you can...

Dory Knight-Ingram: Find one that resonates with you, and you can adopt that dataset, and that just basically means that you become a champion of that data set, you learn about it, you get a little adoption certificate, you show up on a, kind of like a wall of,

Dory Knight-Ingram: website that lists all of the people who adopt the dataset, so that is a good way that you can participate without, you know, without worrying about time zone, and that's going to be happening all week.

Dory Knight-Ingram: Thank you for that question.

Jen Koski: Thank you. Any other questions?

Dory Knight-Ingram: All right, well, we hope this was a nice, fun way to, to jump into Love Data Week, and if you're sticking with ICPSR, we will see you later today and later this week, and... but there's so much to do, so just have fun.

Dory Knight-Ingram: And enjoy it.

Jen Koski: Thank you so much, everybody.

Jen Koski: Have a wonderful week.