



Research Brief

The Commonwealth's Official Source of Population and Economic Statistics

October 3, 2002

2002 Fall Lecture Series

MIDDLETOWN, Pa - Please join the Pennsylvania State Data Center for our Fall 2002 Lecture Series. The lectures will be held from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Penn State Downtown Center, located at 234 North Third Street, directly across from the Capitol Building in downtown Harrisburg.

These lectures are free and open to the public. To ensure adequate seating, we ask that you please pre-register by phoning 717.948.6310 or email PaSDC-Reserve@psu.edu.

Thursday, October 24

POWER Library – Let's Go Shopping for Information!

Kathy Hale

State Library of PA

Using POWER Library is like going to a shopping mall for information. There is a selection of databases, each one different--similar to the different stores you would find at the mall. Each database offers different information, for example, EBSCO Host, which is a comprehensive periodicals (magazine) and reference database, or AccuNet/AP® Multimedia Archive, an archive of more than 500,000 current and historical photographs that can be searched by date, place and subject, with more than 800 photographs added daily! These and other databases include many full-text and encyclopedic articles in a variety of subjects, such as business, health, music and the sciences. A demonstration of the wide array of sources of information found in this POWERful service will be the focus of Kathy Hale's presentation.

Ms. Hale is the Depository Library Advisor for the State Library of Pennsylvania. She has worked for the State Library for more than two years.

Ms. Hale attained her MLS from Clarion University in 1991. She worked for two engineering firms before becoming a reference librarian in a public library in the central Pennsylvania area. In 1999 she became Collection Management Librarian at the State Library of Pennsylvania, recently attaining her current position as Depository Library Advisor.

She is also involved in the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, Capitol Hill Librarians, Capitol Area Law Librarians, and Digital Preservation Committee of the Keystone Library Network.

Thursday, November 14

Census 2000 Summary File 3, Socio-Economic Data for Pennsylvania

Sue Copella

Pennsylvania State Data Center

The Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3), socio-economic data for Pennsylvania, was released on September 25th. As the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics, the Pennsylvania State Data Center will provide insight into the largest release of data from Census 2000. Topics covered will include: urban/rural population, ancestry, disability, education, family, housing, income, jobs, language, migration, poverty and transportation. The session will provide a statewide look at the data comparisons to 1990 where applicable.

Ms. Copella is the Director of the Pennsylvania State Data Center, Institute of State and Regional Affairs at Penn State Harrisburg. She is involved in the daily activities of the Data Center including serving as project director for sponsored research projects.

Ms. Copella serves as the commonwealth's representative to the U.S. Census Bureau's National State Data Center Program. She is also the commonwealth's representative and sits on the steering committee for the Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates and the Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Projections.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's National State Data Center Program.

Editors: For additional data, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710, or for faculty comment on this topic, contact Penn State Harrisburg's Public Information Office at 717.948.6029.

As always, the PaSDC is open for suggestions for its Lecture Series. Please contact us with any ideas you may have at our State Capital Office.

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