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CENTRAL PLAINS RESEARCH DATA CENTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE CPRDC!

Greetings from the Central Plains Research Data Center. While the entire RDC network is currently closed due to Census Bureau COVID-19 policy, our activities continue, and we have several news items to share.



PLEASE WELCOME SETH KINGERY

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our new Census Administrator, Seth Kingery. Seth joined us recently as our administrator and will be working with current and potential CPRDC users in proposal development and project administration.

Seth Kingery is joining us as the administrator at the Central Plains RDC in Lincoln, Nebraska. Seth is a native of Lincoln, though has only recently returned there. He earned his BS in mathematics from Carleton College, lived in Egypt for a year after school, and then went to work in DC



as an economic consultant. After working as a consultant with a New Zealand-based firm working on World Bank contracts, he moved to Ann Arbor for graduate school. He has a PhD in economics and public policy from the University of Michigan Department of Economics and Ford School of Public Policy. The areas of focus in his thesis were international trade and labor economics. After a stint in the private sector in Seattle, he has returned to Nebraska to help his family.

NEW SEED GRANT AWARDEES

We are pleased to announce four new seed grants awardees who will be developing research proposals this summer:

Hridesh Ragan

Computer Science, Iowa State University,
“Semantics and Anomaly Preserving Sampling for Census Data”

Lei Gao

Finance, Finance, Iowa State University,
“Financial markets and media impact on the local economy: Evidence from Big Data”

Jennifer Johnson Jorgensen,

Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
“Rural Businesses in the United States: The Complexities of Existing in Overlapping Ecosystems”

Brenden Timpe

Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln,
“The Firm-Level Impacts of Parental Leave”



A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The current environment is a perfect time for researchers to develop proposals to access restricted data sets within the RDC environment. Seth is available to help explore data sets and research ideas. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic is providing a wealth of new research opportunities that can be addressed with restricted federal data sets available through the RDC network. Contact Seth to discuss any research ideas you may want to pursue using restricted federal data sets.

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The Central Plains Research Data Center (CPRDC) is a special research facility at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln that is operated in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau to provide researchers with approved projects access to restricted-use federal data. Data are available from a number of federal agencies, including the Census Bureau, the National Center for Health Statistics, the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and other agencies. Restricted access data sets are typically more detailed and provide finer geographic coverage than public use data sets. A Census administrator is on site to assist researchers in the development of proposals, to facilitate security clearances, and to assist in implementation of approved research projects. The purpose of the CPRDC is to enhance academic research, research infrastructure, and the recruitment of research oriented faculty and graduate students. The CPRDC is supported by a consortium of university entities including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and the University of South Dakota.

