Karen Bogen (2004; kbogen@mathematica-mpr.com)

Title: Associate Director of Survey Research and Senior Survey Researcher

Position Description: I design survey data collections for large federal program evaluations, mostly in the area of health policy. In addition to project work, I supervise staff and have oversight responsibilities on projects with academic partners and the NIH. I am located in Mathematica's Cambridge, MA office.

Elisa R. Braver (1975; elisa.braver@ntsb.gov, elisabraver@gmail.com)

Title: Senior Transportation Research Analyst

Brief Position Description: I am a senior researcher at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). I propose, design, and conduct research in transportation safety. The research aims to identify and describe safety problems and identify potential countermeasures. In addition to performing research, I provide scientific and technical consultation and work with other organizations to accomplish the NTSB's mission. The NTSB is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating accidents and issuing safety recommendations aimed at preventing future accidents in civil aviation, railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline transportation. In addition, the NTSB carries out special studies concerning transportation safety and coordinates the resources of the Federal Government and other organizations to provide assistance to victims and their family members impacted by major transportation disasters.

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John Curtis (1992; jcurtis@aaup.org)
I work for the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). In a very real way, I and my colleagues work for you and all other faculty members, graduate teaching assistants, postdoctoral fellows, and academic researchers. I've been at AAUP since 2002, first as Director of Research and, since 2006, as Director of Research and Public Policy. I direct the annual AAUP Faculty Compensation Survey, which compiles data on full-time faculty salary and benefits. I carry out research on the academic labor force, primarily the increasing use of contingent appointments; gender equity in academic employment; and institutional finance. I also oversee our government relations program, and for good measure I coordinate our office computer network!

I consider what I do to be very much applied sociology, both quantitative and qualitative—well, except for the computer network part, which is an outgrowth of my inherent geekiness. In my work I use academic research methods in order to carry out an advocacy agenda. I consider it very important that the work I do be objective and reliable, as a basis for effective advocacy to an audience of media, legislatures, and the academic community.

We have a relatively small staff, about 35 in the national office, and my Department at the moment consists of two individuals. (My research assistant is also a sociologist, a graduate of the U of Maryland, College Park.) So there are not many employment opportunities. I've always thought there might be a possibility to work with graduate students, and we do occasionally take on an unpaid intern. With those caveats, I would be happy for you to give out my contact information, which is below.

Ron D'Amico (1978)

President and Senior Social Scientist at Social Policy Research Associates SPR). SPR is a contract research firm located in California with about 60 employees that conducts policy evaluation and research studies for the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, and Justice, among other clients. Among my current studies, I am serving as Principal Investigator for a DOJ-funded random assignment study of a prisoner reentry initiative, and for a DOL-funded random assignment study of a government initiative to provide job training and reemployment assistance to the long-term unemployed.

We are always on the lookout for sharp researchers, so please feel free to send resumes our way (In fact, we recently hired a Hopkins M.P.P.grad, a student of Burt Barnow. We are currently embarking on a search for someone with strong econometric skills and experience with applied research, so let me know if anyone comes to mind.

Joe Gasper (2009)

Senior Study Director in the Health Studies Sector at Westat, an employee-owned statistical and survey research company based in Rockville, MD. He is currently working on several research studies across a variety of areas including labor, nutrition, and military health.
Westat has a summer internship program for minority graduate students. Other less formal opportunities may be available. I will keep the department in mind if I hear of other openings.

**Sylvia Golombek (1990)**

Sr. Vice President at YSA (Youth Service America) – an organization that promotes the civic participation of children and youth in various forms: leading public awareness campaigns on different issues; providing direct service to meet social needs; participating in advocacy efforts; or working through philanthropy. We work internationally mobilizing hundreds of thousands of youth in schools (through a service-learning approach) and in community-based organizations in more than 100 countries and disburse $1M+ per year to support youth-led community improvement projects. My primary responsibilities (aside from management) include leading the design and implementation of the organization’s strategic plan, monitoring progress towards program goals, overseeing evaluation methods, and contributing a sociological perspective to guide our current and future efforts in youth participation.

*Internships:* We offer (unpaid) internships year-round during which students are assigned specific projects. Right now, for example, we have two undergraduate students working on aspects of our school-based service-learning programs and a third year doctoral student focusing on evaluation of youth development programs who will help us introduce some changes in our evaluation of selected programs. The students do not need to be in our office, but since we are in DC we are close enough for occasional face to face meetings when necessary throughout the internship.

**Marilynn Katatsky (1972)**

Senior V. P., Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. An investment management consultant is a fee-based advisor with specialized training in creating optimized efficient portfolios (asset allocation) and select, evaluate, monitor, etc money managers. A wealth Advisor is a financial advisor who takes the whole person/family into account and builds wealth and tax planning solutions that meet individual needs, does a lot more than just manage money…Stays up at night worrying a lot about people…

I would love to have an intern, if a student is interested in this …I really should be segmenting my clients and doing more analysis of who they are etc so that I can focus on particular sub-groups/segments. I also should be surveying clients to get a better understanding of how we are servicing them and/or what we might be missing. I need to be doing more focused marketing etc, too.

**Kerri Kerr (2002; kerri.a.kerr@gmail.com)**

Education Research & Policy Consultant, providing high-level consulting to non-profit organizations on research, evaluation, knowledge management, and strategic planning. Project work includes serving as lead technical expert on the management
team for several large-scale national research studies; leading organizational strategic planning processes; conceptualizing, managing, and implementing evaluation, measurement, and learning strategies; serving as a liaison between clients and evaluators; and serving as a senior advisor on data and accountability activities. For the past four years has served in a senior management role on the Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) Project for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

I do sometimes hire interns or students who can carry out some basic analysis for me. And fine if folks want to contact me to network.

Bei Liu (2006)

Program Officer and Associate Research Fellow, China Development Research Foundation (CDRF). CDRF is a Beijing-based policy advocacy and research organization, founded by and affiliated with the Development Research Center of the State Council (DRC)--a think tank directly advising for the state council in China. I am mainly in charge of a pilot program of early childhood development that includes nutritional interventions, early education and home visitation for preprimary school-age children under 6 in the poor rural areas in China. Drawing on the CDRF pilot program, the Chinese central government has started national programs of child nutrition improvement and preschool education in 2012. The early childhood development program will continue social experiments and perform rigorous impact evaluation to better national policy making as well as enhance international collaborations in 2013.

Susan Manning (2002)

I started a job in October as a survey statistician at the Census Bureau (after 8 years at home with the kids). I'll be rotating through different areas of the agency before settling into a permanent position.

Henry Perry (1977; heperry@jhsph.edu)

Senior Associate, Department of International Health, Health Systems Program
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I am engaged in research, writing and teaching related to community health, primary health care, and maternal and child health in low-income settings. I teach Introduction to International Health, Case Studies in Primary Health Care, and Management of NGOs in the Health Sector. I also teach a short course on Coursera entitled Health for All through Primary Health Care.

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John Ralph (1978)
Program Director for Data Development. NCES, Dept of Education. The Data Development Program annually fields 2-4 nationally representative quick-turnaround surveys on topics of interest to education policymakers. For example, we currently have two surveys on dual credit/dual enrollment course taking in high school and college in IES review and scheduled for release in January. Perhaps more helpful is this link: http://ies.ed.gov/pdf/20126002.pdf

Though public, I suspect this biennial report to Congress is not widely read. It contains a reasonably comprehensive summary of the main projects and surveys underway in NCES and across IES. It also includes a revealing list of grantees (mostly academic) and contractors (who conduct our surveys) along with the dollar amounts of their funding. Some predoctoral and postdoctoral programs and their funding are included.

Eileen Rudert (1984)

My agency, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, does indeed accept student interns. An internship offers not only a great opportunity to learn about civil rights but to see how politics affect work in a federal agency. The Commission is a very small agency, currently with 35 to 40 employees. Internships are unpaid (unless they are arranged through one of our Commissioners). Undergraduates (generally juniors and seniors) are assigned to my office. Typically we give them the duties of conducting internet research and/or drafting reports on the civil rights issues our Commissioners have chosen to study.

Although we very rarely perform data analyses at a level that would interest graduate students, our Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is currently designing a potentially data intensive project that staff must complete within 6 months. (The issue concerns women in the military.)

Julia Sensenbrenner (1977; jss361@comcast.net)

I guess I fall in the "outside of academia" category. I am currently tutoring Chinese students in Humanities, ESL and study skills. I have also started a new business with two friends that is involved in college consulting for international students based in Seattle. I am still using my Chinese (in talking with parents) and continue to be deeply involved with the rapidly growing number of Chinese students at area high schools and colleges.

Estelle Young (2001; estellemeyoung@gmail.com)

Co-Director for College Success, Baltimore Partnership for College Access and Success, Greater Baltimore Urban League. I oversee, manage and coordinate college engagement component of project to foster college-going aspirations, promote academic achievement, and increase opportunities for college student engagement through various peer leadership activities. The Baltimore Partnership includes the
Greater Baltimore Urban League (lead partner), Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy, EYE Development, and Coppin and Morgan State Universities. Prepared successful $50,000 proposal from the Walmart State Giving program to underwrite pilot. we just posted 3 VISTA positions -- which might be a match for one of your students.