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The program also aims to develop international exchanges with partners in support of scholarly research and training. The center has ties with such institutions as Groningen Growth and Development Centre, University of Groningen; University of Utrecht; London School of Economics; University of Warwick; Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain) and the Economic History Initiative, Centre for Economic Policy Research (UK).

Activities

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   a. CEGE hosted **David Jacks**, a professor at Simon Fraser University in November 2009. He came to pursue research with Alan Taylor and Chris Meissner.

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2. **Graduate Student Support** UC Davis economics graduate students have been engaged as research assistants at CEGE: **Rowena Gray** (under the NSF grant) and **Travis Berge** (working on projects with Alan Taylor and Òscar Jordà).
3. Annual CEGE Conference The 4th Annual CEGE Conference was held in May 2010, a one day meeting with six papers presented. The conference program is here: http://www.iga.ucdavis.edu/Research/CEGE/CEGE10%20Schedule.pdf.

The theme was “Financial Shocks and the Real Economy.” The event was organized by Christopher Meissner and Alan Taylor and attended by over 50 people. Many Northern California colleagues attended including leading scholars from Stanford, Santa Clara, and Berkeley. In addition, the program included many top researchers from around the country. Many members of the department and graduate students with interests in the area also attended.

Authors were Guillermo Calvo (Columbia), Aaron Tornell (UCLA), Vincenzo Quadrini (USC), Simon Gilchrist (Boston Univ.), Tobias Adrian (NY Fed), and Kalina Manova (Stanford).

Discussants were Óscar Jordà (Davis); Barry Eichengreen (Berkeley); Maurice Obstfeld (Berkeley), Eric Swanson (SF Fed), Michael Devereux (British Columbia), Dennis Novy (Warwick).

4. Grant from the NSF. In 2007–08 Taylor prepared an NSF grant for submission in August 2008 to the economics program, with co-PIs David Jacks and Kevin O’Rourke. This grant application was successful and will run for three years (2009–2012). Taylor’s subgrant is now running for this project through CEGE, and supporting one RA. The project will compile hitherto unused data for 200 years covering Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries, and use the data to answer questions about development, industrialization, and economic growth.

5. CEGE Director Alan Taylor gave guest lectures at the University of Melbourne in September 2009.

6. CEGE Director Alan Taylor spoke to the UCD Emeriti Association in November 2009 about the global economy and financial crisis.

7. CEGE Director Alan Taylor gave a presentation at a European Central Bank conference in December 2009.

8. CEGE Director Alan Taylor gave a lecture at a commodity exporter conference in Brazil in March 2010.

Conflict Processes Group

The Conflict Processes Group (CPG) at UC Davis is an interdisciplinary research program devoted to the study of interpersonal, intergroup, intranational, and international conflicts that entail potential or actual violence. The program is headed by Zeev Maoz (Political Science) and jointly sponsored by IGA and the International Relations Program.

The lack of funds for the conflict processes group required it to base our activities on local resources. Consequently, the conflict processes group was engaged in a series of reading groups bringing together faculty and graduate students in discussion of papers by participants. Talks in this group included the following:

- James Woosley, Former Director of CIA. Meeting with a group of faculty and graduate students to discuss the implications of U.S. oil policy. Jan. 22, 2010.

Economy, Justice and Society

Economy, Justice and Society (EJS) is an interdisciplinary program involving faculty from the Departments of Economics, Political Science, and Sociology, and the School of Education. The program focuses on the influence of social, cultural, and political factors on the economic success of individuals and groups.

Marianne Page (Economics) directed the program in 2009-2010. The 2009-2010 program committee consisted of Dina Okamoto (Sociology), Michal Kurlaender (School of Education), Kim Shauman (Sociology), Heather Rose (School of Education), and Ann Huff Stevens (Economics).

Despite the continuing decline in the budget, EJS was able to continue engaging in activities by combining our funds with other programs on campus. Activities in 2009-2010 consisted of a well-attended seminar series on The Determinants of Economic Success, which ran in both the Fall and Spring Quarters, a spring conference on Economic and Social Mobility: Historical and Contemporary which was co-sponsored by the All-UC History Group and organized by Greg Clark, Marianne Page and Kim
Shauman. EJS also co-sponsored (with the Levine Family Fund, the Herbert A. Young Society, and the Center for History Society and Culture) a lecture on health care reform by Jonathan Gruber (MIT), and a debate on the same topic between two prominent economists: Joel Hay (University of Southern California, and Thomas Rice (UCLA).

Unlike previous years, EJS did not have funding in 2009-2010 to sponsor a graduate student retreat.

DES Seminar: The typical DES seminar provided speakers from universities such as Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Michigan, and had an audience of 30 or more people. The following 6 seminars constituted the DES series for 2009-10.

- Repeat Migration and Cumulative Remittances as Mechanisms for Wealth Inequality in Mexico, Filiz Garip (Sociology, Harvard University)
- The Nature and Impact of Early Achievement Skills, Attention and Behavior Problems, Greg Duncan (School of Education, UC Irvine)
- Health Reform in the U.S.: How We Got Here and Where We Are Going, Jonathan Gruber (Economics, MIT)
- Was There Ever a Ruling Class? 800 Years of Social Mobility, Gregory Clark (Economics, UC Davis)
- Family Characteristics and Economic Inequality among American Women, Christine Percheski (Robert Wood Johnson Scholar, Harvard University)
- The Impact of Family Planning on the Health and Well-Being of U.S. Women and Children: Evidence from the War on Poverty and Title X, Martha Bailey, (Economics, University of Michigan)

Spring Conference: Marianne Page (Economics), Greg Clark (Economics) and Kim Shauman (Sociology) organized a very successful conference at Davis, on May 20 and 21, on Economic and Social Mobility: Historical and Contemporary. The conference attracted presenters from a variety of disciplines and from prominent institutions. It was attended by approximately 40 UCD faculty and graduate students. The program included:

- Intergenerational Mobility in Britain, France and the U.S. Since 1850. Joseph Ferrie, Department of Economics, Northwestern University
- Jason Long, Department of Economics, Colby College
- Black-White Differences in Intergenerational Economic Mobility in the U.S. Bhashkar Mazumder, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
● Who’s on the Bus? The Role of Schools as a Vehicle to Intergenerational Mobility
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● The Intersection of Economic, Social and Cultural Capital: How Family Socioeconomic Status is Moderated by Family Structure for Children’s Education
   Molly A. Martin, Department of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University

● Intergenerational Correlations in Health Over the Twentieth Century
   John Parman, Department of Economics, UC Davis

● The Intergenerational Transmission of Smoking and Schooling
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● Institutional Change and Social Mobility in Twentieth Century China
   Suresh Naidu, Harvard Academy Post-doctoral Fellow

● Determinants of Educational Attainment in China: Continuity and Change over the Past 60 Years
   Donald Treiman, Department of Sociology, UCLA

● Gender Role Attitudes and Women’s Labor Market Participation: Opting-Out, AIDS, and the Persistent Appeal of Housewifery
   Nicole Fortin, Department of Economics, University of British Columbia

● Economic Outcomes and Self-Selection in the Age of Mass Migration: A Micro Approach
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Environmental Policy Frontiers

The Environmental Policy Frontiers initiative seeks to generate reciprocal feedback from cutting-edge academic research in environmental policy to policy decision-makers who need it. Mark Lubell (Environmental Science and Policy) leads the initiative in partnership with IGA director Bob Huckfeldt. The main goal of the initiative is to provide “face time” between researchers and practitioners, and also keep researchers abreast of the newest theories and methods. The EPF initiative also seeks to partner with other
UCD Centers and Institutes to leverage multiple funding sources. The EPF was involved in three main activities in the reporting period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

California Water Policy Seminar

The California Water Policy Seminar was conducted jointly with the Center for Watershed Science and coordinated by Jay Lund. The seminar featured presentations by many of the leading water policy experts in the state of California, including high-level officials from California water management agencies and the legislature. The Water Policy Seminar was offered for graduate and undergraduate credit so attendance was high among students, faculty, and outside visitors. This is one of the most important seminar series at UC Davis and parallels a similar seminar at UC Berkeley. It significantly raises the visibility of the campus and all associated Centers. EPF will continue to jointly fund this seminar next time it occurs.

Environmental Policy and Economics Seminar

This seminar focused on a quarter long speaker series of environmental policy and economics researchers from around the country, including resident researchers at agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency. The seminar was jointly funded with money from the College of Ag and Environmental Sciences, and coordinated by Jim Sanchirico in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy. The seminar was offered for graduate student credit and the graduate students had opportunities to personally meet with each researcher and discuss common interests. Future iterations of this seminar will attempt to more directly connect researchers and policy practitioners focused on the same topic.

Matt Jenkins, High Country News Reporter

The media is an important player in environmental policy and High Country News is one of the very best environmental newspapers in the country. Matt Jenkins is a reporter for HCN who focuses on Western water issues including the California Bay-Delta. He provided his perspective on the evolution of Bay Delta Water Policy, and also on the role of the media in the context of environmental policy and politics. The talk was well-attended by a variety of UCD faculty and students.

Migration Dialogue

Directed by Philip Martin (Agricultural and Resource Economics), this program develops the data and analysis necessary for rational decision-making on emotionally charged immigration issues in California, the United States and in other countries. The researchers affiliated with the program analyze the impacts of immigrant workers on the California economy generally, and especially in agriculture and Science and Engineering, the impacts of immigrants on US residents, and the roles of and effects of immigrant workers abroad.
Immigration researchers at UC-Davis include Jeannette Money (Political Science), Kevin Johnson (School of Law), and David Kyle (Sociology). Ed Taylor (Agricultural and Resource Economics) participates in program activities that examine the impacts of immigration in agricultural areas of California.

During 2009-10, the Immigration, Population, and the Economy program:

- Hosted a major conference on various aspects of migration in San Diego in March 2010
- Organized a conference that explored the impacts of pending US immigration reforms on agriculture at UC-DC in Washington DC (http://migration.ucdavis.edu/cf/)
- Produced the quarterly newsletters Migration News and Rural Migration News http://migration.ucdavis.edu/index.php

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Rural Economies in the Americas Program

The Rural Economies of the Americas Program (REAP) fosters collaborative research, training, and outreach on rural economies in the Americas. A new project launched in 2010 will study changes in Mexico’s rural poverty during the global economic crisis and derive lessons for designing rural development policies. Remittances to rural Mexico from migrants in the U.S. fell sharply in 2009. As the impacts of the global economic crisis rippled through the Mexican economy, it is likely that household access to non-farm income decreased. Non-farm jobs and migrant remittances were important in reducing rural poverty in Mexico between 2002 and 2007. A national survey of rural households was conducted just prior to the crisis, and a new round will be carried out in winter 2011 to study its impacts.

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Social Networks Workshop

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These past few months have involved start-up and transition issues for the Center for Sustainable Development and Policy (CDSP). It is now listed in the official “State Administration for Foreign Expert Affairs of People’s Republic of China” brochure. The following delegations are expected on campus over the next few months: In all cases the center director Larry Berman (Political Science) will provide overview seminars on the American political system, federalism and selected topics that relate to the delegation’s interest.

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2. A delegation from China State Grain Administration and its affiliated colleges in late June or early July.

3. The Coal Mine Safety Program from China State Administration of Work Safety. The seminar program will focus on the government regulation system.

4. The China National Sports Administration will send a group of national team physicians to United States. They will spend most of their time in L.A. for a sports-physician program, but then venture to Davis, San Francisco and Sacramento for a program on government, labor negotiations and sport.

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The CEGE has three main functions:

1) **CEGE AS A BRANDING & MARKETING DEVICE** The CEGE is a focal point for the reputation of international economics and economic history at UC Davis. The center holds an annual conference on a topic related to the global economy past or present, each year with high-ranking invited professors from around the United States and overseas taking part as presenters and discussants. As well as providing a fertile environment for research, the conference connects the wider scholarly community to the group of distinguished faculty at Davis, and helps to promote knowledge around the world of our department’s excellence in these areas. Without these events, our department’s profile among these scholars would be noticeably reduced.

2) **GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT** The director supports one graduate student RA each year from core funding, to ensure that students working in this area get support. As external grants flow in (there was a 3-year NSF grant for 2009–12 under Taylor for instance) more RAs can be supported, helping to keep our graduate program strong and competitive in what support CEGE can offer students.

3) **CONNECTIONS: INTERNATIONAL & INTERDISCIPLINARY** The program also aims to develop international exchanges with partners in support of scholarly research and training. The center has ties with such institutions as Groningen Growth and Development Centre, University of Groningen; University of Utrecht; London School of Economics; University of Warwick; Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain), Center for Quantitative Economic History, Cambridge University, United Kingdom, and the Economic History Initiative, Centre for Economic Policy Research (UK). The CEGE has
also supported visiting scholars for short visits to the economics department from other institutions both domestic and international.

**Activities**

1. **Short and Long-Term Visitors at CEGE.** The following visitors came to campus with the support of CEGE in 2010–11. The goal is to bring in researchers in our main areas of interest. CEGE also aims to build bridges to foreign institutions with whom we can forge long-term partnerships and collaborative/exchange programs.

   a. CEGE hosted Chryssi Giannitsarou, a professor at Cambridge University, United Kingdom in November 2010. While here, she gave a public research seminar in the economics department and discussed research in macroeconomics with graduate students and faculty.

   b. CEGE hosted Toke Aidt, a professor at Cambridge University, United Kingdom, in May 2010. He came to present his research at the CEGE conference and to pursue potential research projects with Chris Meissner.

   c. CEGE hosted Markus Lampe, an assistant professor at Carlos III, Madrid, Spain in May 2010. He came to present research at the annual conference and to discuss ongoing research with faculty.

2. **Graduate Student Support** UC Davis economics graduate students have been engaged as research assistants at CEGE: Travis Berge (working on projects with Alan Taylor and Óscar Jordà), Rivka Shenhav (Project with Meissner), Gabriel Mathy (project with Meissner).

3. **Undergraduate Support:** With funding from the CEGE, three undergraduates (Tracy Regis, Luba Golovina, Zach Laudi) were able to be employed as research assistants on a data entry project for Chris Meissner during the fall and winter quarters of this academic year.

4. **Annual CEGE Conference** The 5th Annual CEGE Conference was held in May 2011, a one and a half day meeting with 9 papers presented. Some financial assistance was also given from the All-UC economic history group. The conference program is here: [http://iga.ucdavis.edu/Events/all-uc-group-cege-conference](http://iga.ucdavis.edu/Events/all-uc-group-cege-conference).

The theme was “New Perspectives on the Great Specialization in the Nineteenth Century: Growth, Welfare and Interdependence.” This topic covered a range of issues including many in the Political Economy of development. From this perspective it brought together a diverse number of scholars from several different fields including economists, economic historians, political economists and historians.
The event was organized by Christopher Meissner and Kris Mitchener from Santa Clara University and attended by 45 people. Many Northern California colleagues attended including leading scholars from schools such as Stanford, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Berkeley. In addition, the program included many top researchers from around the country and some international scholars. Members of the economics department and the political science department and graduate students in economics with interests in the area also attended.

Authors were Ian Keay (Queen’s University, Canada), Kanda Naknoi (Krannert School of Management, Purdue), Toke Aidt (Cambridge, Economics), Saumitra Jha (Stanford GSB), Christian Dippel (PhD candidate, Toronto, Economics), Peter Zeitz (Stanford), Markus Lampe (Carlos III, Economic History), Alan Dye (Barnard, History), Roy Elis (PhD candidate, Stanford, Political Science)

Discussants were: John Ries (UBC, Sauder School & visiting UC Davis, Economics), Stephan Houpt (Carlos III, Economic History, visiting UCSD, History), Jo Andrews (UC Davis, Political Science), Latika Chaudhary (Scripps College, Economics), Luz Arias (Fundación Juan March, Madrid, Economics), Greg Clark (UC Davis, Economics), Christopher M. Meissner (UC Davis, Economics), Steven Topik (UC Irvine, History), Jared Rubin (Cal State Fullerton, Economics)

5. CEGE Interim Director Christopher M Meissner gave research presentations at the American Economic Association in Denver, Colorado, Vanderbilt University, UC Santa Cruz, and UC San Diego.

6. CEGE Interim Director Meissner spoke to the UCD faculty with CEGE faculty associates Wing Thye Woo and Paul Bergin on the Euro Crisis at the Institute for Governmental Affairs in January, 2011

Conflict Processes Group

The Conflict Processes Group (CPG) at UC Davis is an interdisciplinary research program devoted to the study of interpersonal, intergroup, intranational, and international conflicts that entail potential or actual violence. The program is headed by Zeev Maoz (Political Science) and jointly sponsored by IGA and the International Relations Program.

The lack of funds for the conflict processes group required it to base our activities on local resources. Consequently, over the past two years, the conflict processes group was engaged in a series of reading groups bringing together faculty and graduate students in discussion of papers by participants. Talks in this group included the following:

• Gabriella Montinola. Foreign Aid and Civil Unrest. March 4, 2011

Economy Justice and Society
Economy, Justice and Society (EJS) is an interdisciplinary program primarily involving faculty from the Departments of Economics, Sociology, and the School of Education. The program focuses on the influence of social, cultural, and economic factors on the economic success of individuals and groups.

Marianne Page (Economics) directed the program in 2010-2011. The 2010-2011 program committee consisted of Dina Okamoto (Sociology), Michal Kurlaender (School of Education), Kim Shauman (Sociology), Heather Rose (School of Education), and Doug Miller (Economics).

Despite the continuing decline in the budget, EJS was able to continue engaging in activities by combining our funds with other programs on campus. Activities in 2010-2011 consisted of a well-attended seminar series on The Determinants of Economic Success, which ran in both the Fall and Spring Quarters, and a spring Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Family, which was organized by Marianne Page, Michal Kurlaender and Kim Shauman. EJS also co-sponsored (with the Law school) a public lecture by Joan Williams of the Hastings School of Law, entitled “Reshaping the Work-Life Debate: Why Men and Class Matter.”

Unlike some previous years, EJS did not have funding in 2010-2011 to sponsor a graduate student retreat.

DES Seminar: The typical DES seminar provided speakers from universities such as Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Michigan, and had an audience of 30 or more people. The following 6 seminars constituted the DES series for 2010-2011.
• *Permanent Income and the Black-White Test Score Gap*, Jesse Rothstein (Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley)

• *The Diversity Dividends of a Need-blind and Color-blind Affirmative Action Policy*, Sigal Alon (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University)

• *Toxic Releases and Infant Health: Evidence from Plant Openings and Closings*, Janet Currie (Department of Economics, Columbia University)

• *Deadly Disparities and Disparate Disparities: Infant Mortality Differences in the United States*, Steven Haider (Economics, Michigan State University)

• *The Rise of the Internet as a Social Intermediary*, Michael Ronsefeld (Department of Sociology, Stanford University)

• *Weighted Student Funding in the Netherlands: A Model for the U.S.?* Helen Ladd, (Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University)

**Spring Conference:** Marianne Page (Economics), Kim Shauman (Sociology) and Michal Kurlaender (School of Education) have organized an Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Family which will take place May 15-17. The workshop is pulling in participants from several disciplines and prominent institutions. In addition to formal paper presentations, the workshop also includes multiple opportunities for cross-disciplinary round-table discussions. The workshop will be attended by approximately 24 faculty. The program includes:

• *Human Capital Development before Age Five*, roundtable discussion: Marianne Page, Department of Economics, UCD, Jason Lindo, University of Oregon, Bhashkar Mazumder, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

• *The Widening Academic Achievement Gap between the Rich and the Poor: New Evidence and Possible Explanations*, Sean Reardon, Stanford University

• *How the Business Cycle Affects Individuals and Families*, Ann Stevens, UCD

• *Family Structure, Fertility and Female Labor Supply*, roundtable discussion: Mary Noonan (University of Iowa), Kim Shauman (UC Davis), Martha Bailey (University of Michigan)

• *Connections between Research and Policy*, Jessica Howell, College Board

• *Health Impacts of the Safety*, Marianne Bitler (UC Irvine), Hilary Hoynes (UC Davis)
Environmental Policy Frontiers
The Environmental Policy Frontiers initiative seeks to generate reciprocal feedback cutting-edge academic research in environmental policy to policy decision-makers who need it. Mark Lubell (Environmental Science and Policy) leads the initiative in partnership with IGA director Bob Huckfeldt.

Ecology, Economics, and Policy Seminar Series
The Ecology, Economics, and Policy seminar series is offered every year, and started in 2010. It is funded in partnership with IGA, CAES, and DESP. IGA essentially pays for one of the speakers. The seminar series invites policy and economics scholars to give talks on their recent work. It is offered as a graduate course, and includes students from Agricultural Economics, Graduate Group in Ecology, and Hydrological Sciences. In 2010, IGA paid for the visit of Marco Janssen of Arizona State University. Marco is one of the leading scholars in the analysis of complex social-ecological systems, using computational models, behavioral experiments, network analysis, and empirical field research.

Advocacy Coalition Framework Conference
In partnership with the Department of Environmental Science and Policy, IGA supported a conference on the Advocacy Coalition Framework (ACF). The ACF is a long-standing theory of the policy process developed primarily by UC Davis Professor (retired) Paul Sabatier. The hypotheses of the ACF continue to inform scholarship across the world, and the conference was designed to bring together some of the best scholars to discuss future directions. The table below lists the participants, who came from all over the world. Conference activities included a series of talks and discussions on ACF research, along with group dinners. The conference was unusually productive because it contributed to a special issue of the Policy Studies Journal, produced several new collaborations on papers, and attracted an international visiting scholar (Karin Ingold) to visit UC Davis for several months.

Migration Dialogue
The Program on Immigration, Population, and the Economy in 2010-11, directed by Philip Martin (Agricultural and Resource Economics), develops the data and analysis necessary for rational decision-making on emotionally charged immigration issues in California, the United States and in other countries. The researchers affiliated with the program analyze the impacts of immigrant workers on the California economy generally, and especially in agriculture and science and engineering, the impacts of immigrants on US residents, and the roles of and effects of immigrant workers abroad.

Immigration researchers at UC-Davis include Jeannette Money (Political Science), Kevin Johnson (School of Law), and David Kyle (Sociology). Ed Taylor (Agricultural and Resource Economics) participates in program activities that examine the impacts of immigration in agricultural areas of California.
During 2010-11, the Immigration, Population, and the Economy program:

- Organized a conference that explored the impacts of pending US immigration reforms on agriculture at UC-DC in Washington DC (http://migration.ucdavis.edu/cf/)
- Produced the quarterly newsletters Migration News and Rural Migration News http://migration.ucdavis.edu/index.php
- Organized a conference at UCD on migration and development in Mexico and Turkey

Support for these activities was received from the Giannini Foundation, $20,500 the UC Center for German and European Studies, $4,500, and the Sloan Foundation, $439,000.

**Rural Economies of the Americas Program**

The Center on Rural Economies in the Americas and Pacific Rim (REAP) promotes collaborative research, training, and outreach on rural economies in the Americas as well as in other world regions. In Winter 2011 REAP carried out a new national rural household survey designed to study changes in Mexico’s rural poverty during the global economic crisis and derive lessons for designing rural development policies. Studies by REAP student and faculty researchers is uncovering new insights into poverty dynamics. Over time, some households consistently avoid poverty, while others appear to be caught in a poverty trap. Still others experience spells in and out of poverty. As a result, there is not likely to be a “one size fits all” approach to alleviating rural poverty.

The heterogeneity of rural households, from landless to subsistence to large commercial producers, means that a given policy or market change is likely to create both winners and losers. Such was the case with the recent global food price surge. Wheat, rice, and coarse cereal prices reached record highs during the global food crisis of 2008, peaking at between 60% and 80% above their levels of the previous decade. Our research indicates that changes in world corn prices observed in late 2007 had widely varied effects across rural Mexico. Large commercial producers benefited; however, most agricultural households are net buyers of grain. Contrary to conventional wisdom, higher corn prices did not produce benefits for most rural households in Mexico, nor did they stimulate deforestation to clear new land for corn production.

Other REAP-sponsored research examined a diversity of topics including: the impacts of free trade agreements on women and immigrants in the Dominican Republic; the economic incentives to conserve the coral reef in Honduras; and the effectiveness of income transfer programs for rural households in Nicaragua and Guatemala.
Findings by REAP researchers are published in international development and agricultural and resource economics journals. REAP receives generous core support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation along with project support from a diversity of other funding agencies.

Social Networks Workshop

The Social Networks Workshop did not conduct any activities in the 2010-2011 academic year.

All-UC Group in Economic History (Systemwide)

The group has been very active again this year. With a base budget of $90,000 from the Office of the President The All-UC Group has organized or co-organized 6 conferences on the research themes of the group, raised $46,000 in matching funds from universities outside the UC system, as well as another $10,000 in matching funds from other UC units, and have funded a significant number of graduate research proposals for this summer. Participants in these conferences have included faculty and graduate students from 9 of the UC campuses. They have also attracted faculty from the Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, UK, Italy, and the Netherlands.

The 2010-11 conferences were:

Stanford, July -- New Frontiers in Economic History: the All-UC sponsored five graduate students to attend this conference, covering their travel expenses. Stanford covered their lodging and meals, so the total cost to the All-UC was less than $2,000.

UC-Davis, September -- “Graduate Student Workshop” - eight graduate students from the All-UC Group made presentations, and got feedback on their dissertation research, to faculty members of the group from Berkeley, Davis, Riverside, and UCLA ($12,000).

Caltech, Dec. The All-UC co-sponsored a workshop on Institutions and Economic History at Caltech. ($3,000).

UC - Berkeley, February -- Large joint international conference with the Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Association in Berkeley (“Inertia and dynamism in Asian economic history”). Outside funding for this conference included $9,000 from the Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Association, and $2,000 from UC-Berkeley ($22,500)
Huntingdon Library, April -- Large joint conference with Caltech on “Space and Place in Economic Growth”. Caltech contributed $25,000 of the costs, and the All-UC $15,000.

UC - Davis, May -- Joint conference with the Center for the Evolution of the Global Economy at UC Davis ($7,000).

Graduate Student Research Support. The group has committed $16,000 of its 2010-11 funding to research support for graduate students within the group. This program, run by Martha Olney (UCB) and Chris Meissner (UCD), awards support to proposals on a competitive basis for money to fund data acquisition and travel to archives, as well as travel to other campuses to collaborate with faculty.

Institute Programs

Dissertation Improvement Awards Program

Since 2003-2004, IGA has sponsored a Dissertation Improvement Awards Program. The program is intended to provide research funding for exemplary graduate students. The grants are used for research-related expenses such as interview transcription, data acquisition, fieldwork, and travel to archives and special collections. The institute works with department graduate program chairs to administer parallel competitions in several departments with award criteria tailored to the varying needs and preferences of the disciplines. These modest awards have allowed many talented students to expand the depth and breadth of their dissertation research in ways that not only improve the quality of the dissertation but have positive impacts on their initial job placements and on their careers for many years to come.

Recipients for 2009-2010 were:

- Chia-wen Chen (Economics) Estimating the Foreclosure Effect of Exclusive Dealing: Evidence from Entry of Specialty Beer Producers
- Cassandra Gilmore (Anthropology) A comparative framework for the interpretation of antemortem tooth loss in human evolution
- Jesus Hernandez (Sociology) Race, Market Constraints, and the Housing Crisis: Critical Links to Segregation and Mortgage Redlining
- Baba G. Jallow (History) Silencing the Future: Censorship and the State of West Africa, 1957-1987
- Zhiyuan Li (Economics) Exports and Credit Constraints Under Incomplete Information: Theory and Evidence from China
• Sarah Lockhart (Political Science) The Post-War Dilemma: War Outcomes, State Capabilities, and Economic Development after Civil War
• David Orzechowicz (Sociology) Working in Wonderland: Sexuality, Emotions, and Work Culture in Theme Park Entertainment
• Charles Pearson (Anthropology) Digital conservatism: The emergence of network politics
• Matthew Pietryka (Political Science) Citizen Preferences and Candidate Position Taking in U.S. Congressional Elections
• Robin Pleau (Sociology) Multigenerational Coresidence and Its Effect on Women’s Employment
• Bob Reinhardt (History) Remaking Bodily Environments: The Global Eradication of Smallpox
• Jed Richardson (Economics) Accountability Incentives and Academic Achievement: The Benefit of Setting Standards Low
• Ryan Sandler (Economics) Clunkers or Junkers? Adverse Selection in a Vehicle Retirement Program
• James Casey Sullivan (History) Dissertation in United States History
• Kristin Stone (History) Dissertation in United States History
• Brian Veazy (Sociology) Midnight Children: Work Culture, Identity, and Social Mobility in the Indian Call Center Industry
• Monica Williams (Sociology) Configurations of Social Control in Community Responses to Sex Offenders
• Shaofeng Xu (Economics) Idiosyncratic Income Risk and Housing Tenure Decision

Recipients in 2010-2011 were:
• Sarah Augusto (Sociology) Student Activism in Response to the UC Budget Crisis
• Roxana Bahar (Sociology) Cesarean Section, Race, and Hybrid Habitus: Toward an Understanding of the Underlying Mechanisms of Medicalized Birth
• Adam Costanzo (History) The Relationship between the District of Columbia and the Federal Government in the Early Republic
• Tania Garcia (History) Family and Gender Dynamics of Indigenous Female Sugar Cane Cutters in Veracruz Mexico
• Matt Guffin (Anthropology) Space and Identity in Cyberabad, Hyderabad’s Urbanizing Periphery
• Debra Leiter (Political Science) Does Issue Saliency Increase Accuracy of Voter Perceptions?
• Baba Jallow (History) Silencing the Future: Censorship and the State of West Africa, 1957-1987
• Teny Maghakian (Economics) Effects of Child Tax Benefits on the Timing and Method of Births
• Elizabeth Montanez-Sanabria (History) Dangerous Presence: Pirates and Spanish Colonialism in the Viceroyalty of Peru 1570-1750
• Vandada Nagaraj (Anthropology) Creating a Government without a Territory: The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam
• Bob Reinhardt (History) Remaking Bodily Environments: The Global Eradication of Smallpox
• Danielle Sandler (Economics) The Effect of Recent Major Public Housing Demolitions on the Geographic Distribution of Crime
• Ryan Schacht (Anthropology) Gender Roles, Mate Choice, and Adult Sex Ratios: A Comparison in the Rupununi, Guyana
• Jessamyn Schaller (Economics) Gender-Specific Labor Market Conditions and Fertility
• Jane Skaife (Sociology) Transnational Tightrope among Refugees: A Comparative Study of Vietnamese Refugees in the United States and France and Their Transnational Ties Back to Vietnam
• Elizabeth Sweet (Sociology) Passive in Pink? Exploring the Gendered World of Children’s Toys and Toy Advertising
• Ryan Tripp (History) The Role of State Currency in the Sale of Indentured Servants
• Monica Williams (Sociology) No Good Place: Community Responses to Violent Sexual Offenders
• Greg Wright (Economics) The Domestic Employment Effects of Offshoring
• Shaofeng Xu (Economics) Idiosyncratic Income Risk and Housing Tenure Decision

**Summer Graduate Student Training Funds**

In 2011 for the first time, IGA offered a pilot program to help support graduate students in several departments attend methodologically focused summer training programs. The department of economics will be using the funds to support students who are
invited to attend summer workshops at the National Bureau of Economic support students who are attending the University of Essex’s Summer School in Social Data Analysis and the Santa Fe Institute’s Workshop in Computational Social Science Modeling. The department of sociology will use the funds to support students attending an Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research workshop on Categorical Data Analysis with Stata that is being held at UC Berkeley.

Junior Faculty Research Program

The goal of the IGA Junior Faculty Research Program is to assist untenured faculty in cultivating a base of external funding that will support their work over the long term. The program held a competition in Fall 2009. Awardees were:

- Cheryl Boudreau (Political Science) The Effect of Endorsements on Public Opinion
- Amber Boydstun (Political Science) Advancing Media Studies Through Automated Text Classification
- Scott Carrell (Economics) Does Making the “A” Matter? Self Perception, Ability, and Student Outcomes
- Erin Hamilton (Sociology) Geography and the Health and Health Insurance Coverage of the Children of Immigrants
- Kyle Joyce (Political Science) Modeling the Geographic Expansion of War
- Scott MacKenzie (Political Science) Congressional Career Paths and Their Implications for Political Decisions-Making
- Heather McKibben (Political Science) Coercion or Cooperation? Analyzing the Cooperative Nature of International Bargaining Processes
- David Rapson (Economics) Energy Conservation in Commercial Real Estate