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Announcing the Carsey Forum:

We are pleased to bring you the first issue of *The Carsey Forum*, the on-line newsletter of the Carsey Institute for Families and Communities at the University of New Hampshire. You are receiving this email because you are either an affiliate of the Institute or have joined our mailing list. To stop receiving this update, please reply to this message with the word "Unsubscribe" in the first line. Those not already on this list who are interested in receiving this update can send a subscription request to amy.scif@unh.edu.

Spotlight On

The New Carsey Website

A new website for the Carsey Institute has entered cyberspace at <http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu>! We thank UNH Publications and Web Solutions for helping us to craft an updated and professional look for our site. Please visit our website to stay on top of Carsey news, to access information on grants and fellowships, to download papers and reports, and to retrieve data on families and communities.

Other News

The Carsey Seminar Series Begins, Next Seminar on April 12

Captivating presentations by Andrew Smith and Larry Hamilton on March 8 kicked off the first season of the Carsey seminars. More than 60 people braved the snowy afternoon

to hear about survey technologies and analysis. An audio recording and power point slides of the presentations are available by contacting amy.scif@unh.edu.

Our next seminar takes place on Tuesday, April 12 in MUB Theatre II. Kristin Smith and Fay Rubin will be helping us to navigate through the U.S. Census Bureau website and explain the possibilities for mapping the data. Don't miss this opportunity to learn invaluable tools for tracking social change and trends! For the full spring seminar series schedule, go to <http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/seminars.html>.

Carsey Faculty Research Fund, Deadline April 25

Applications from full-time faculty are now being accepted for summer and fall 2005 grants and fellowships. Funding will support interdisciplinary research in the behavioral, health, and social sciences. Policy-oriented research on families and communities is encouraged. The RFP is posted on-line at <http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/grants.htm>.

We congratulate Professors Robert Drugan in Psychology and Mardi Kidwell in Communication, recipients of the Fall 2004 Carsey Faculty Research Fund awards. Robert Drugan is studying the antidepressant reversal of intermittent swim stress-induced behavior depression in rats to identify the behavioral and physiological effects of stress-induced depression. Mardi Kidwell is analyzing video materials of the naturally occurring interactions of people across a diverse range of social situations. Her findings have implications for the expansion of our understandings of the very fundamental importance of gaze and other embodied behaviors.

Statistical Consortium, Now Available to Faculty

Statisticians are now available to advise any faculty member preparing proposals for research in line with the Carsey Institute mission. A group of statistically sophisticated social, behavioral, and health scientists from UNH are making themselves available on a limited basis to other faculty for consultation. To make an appointment to meet with a member of the Carsey Statistical Consortium – Suzanne Graham (Education), Lawrence Hamilton (Sociology), Rebecca Warner (Psychology), or Robert Woodward (HM&P and Economics) – contact the Carsey Institute at 862-2821.

John G. Winant Fellowships Summer 2005

Previously coordinated by the Institute for Policy and Social Science Research, the Carsey Institute is now home to the Winant Fellowships for undergraduates committed to public service. These summer fellowships, in memory of the late NH Governor John G. Winant, pay stipends to students interning at New Hampshire nonprofits and agencies. Visit <http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/fellowships.html> after April 12 to get the scoop on this year's Winant Fellowship recipients.

Civic Journalism Fellowship 2004 - 05

The Carsey Institute is partnering with the Partnership for Effective Non-Profits (PEN) and the Portsmouth Herald-Seacoast Newspapers to offer fellowships to outstanding juniors and seniors interested in news writing and nonprofit work. Collins Dunn'05, a communications major, is the first recipient of this new fellowship. Collins is writing

articles for the Portsmouth Herald profiling the work of area nonprofits and exposing timely issues. For more information on this fellowship program, go to <http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/journalism.html>.

New Projects

Social Indicator Maps for Northern New England Available Soon

Based on social indicator mapping websites now available in other regions, the Carsey Institute will soon offers maps and related data on Northern New England. These interactive maps will offer visual information on current trends in income levels, diversity, housing, and other social factors. This new data-intensive website will be linked to the Carsey Institute homepages at <http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/resources.html>.

The First Stop for Rapidly Growing Communities

The Carsey Institute, through its Center for Integrative Regional Problem Solving (CIRPS) project, is the go-to place for growing communities in Northern New England needing quick access to resources. The Clearinghouse for Rapidly Growing Communities provides a user friendly, dynamic database of community assistance providers, publications and other tools, experts and consultants, and community stories to the public via the World Wide Web. Start your search at <http://cirps.sr.unh.edu/Clearinghouse>.

Spotlight on Carsey Center

The UNH Survey Center

The UNH Survey Center has long provided services to organizations, businesses, scientists, and the public on people's opinions on timely and critical subjects. Perhaps most prominent during Presidential elections, the Survey Center plays a central role in the state that leads public opinion on U.S. leadership. Now within the Carsey Institute, we continue to applaud the center's work in these areas while fostering new partnerships with university researchers and public charities. Find out more at <http://www.unh.edu/survey-center>.

Coming Soon!

In the next issues of *The Carsey Forum*, read about our new national program on Rural Families and Communities and find out about our 2005 Winant Fellowship recipients.

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