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Library & Information Services Offered to the PSC Research Community

The PSC Information Services staff supports the research and course work of Graduate Students, Research Associates, Research Affiliates, and the Staff of the Population Studies Center (PSC) and the aims and goals of the Center. While the Demography Library and its related services is an integral group of services we provide, we also offer many other services fall into the four areas below:

Demography Library & Library Services

- Manage check-ins, check-outs, renewals, overdues and recalls
- Prepare course reserve readings
- Acquire new research material for the collection
- Maintain & manage the online catalog
- · Provide interlibrary loan, courier services and document delivery
- Manage serial subscriptions
- Provide photocopier and copying services
- Maintain and manage the Demography Library collection
- Provide physical space for studying and 2 PC's for research

Reference and Research Services

- Locate data sources and statistics
- Verify citations
- · Perform literature searches
- Provide current awareness services (e.g. TOC alerting)
- Assist with special research projects and hiring students
- Provide other reference and research services as requested

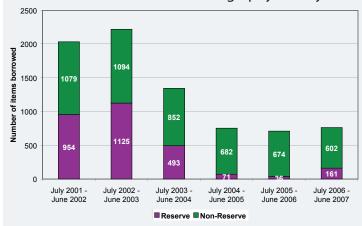
Training and Instruction Services

- Manage the PSC Workshop Series
- Develop and present PSC Workshops
- Provide bibliographic instruction
- Develop handouts, guides and lists of links to web resources
- Help with desktop publishing training and troubleshooting

Publishing & Dissemination Services

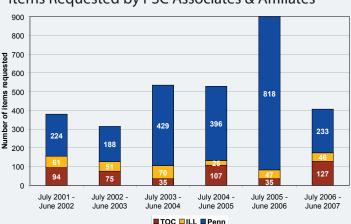
- Create and publish the Information Services Newsletter
- Design, manage, and maintain the PSC Website
- Create bibliographies for researchers
- Design, create and produce brochures
- Manage the PSC Working Paper Series
- Provide research project website consultation
- Obtain and interpret journal guidelines and instructions
- Provide presentation help
- Provide listservs help
- Additional dissemination services

Items Borrowed from the Demography Library



Reserve includes the total number of course reserve readings borrowed, while Non-Reserve includes all other items borrowed from the Demography Library. Any items used within the library are not included in the circulation statistics. Please note that during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years photocopying was being subsidized by the PSC, and, as a result, reserve checkouts were extremely low. Prior to 2004, each reserve reading was catalogued individually, resulting in much higher Reserve statistics for those years. Beginning in 2004, readings were combined in binders for each lecture or week.

Items Requested by PSC Associates & Affiliates



Research Associates at the PSC can request articles, books, book chapters and other types of items from the staff at the Demography Library. Library staff will locate, retrieve, and/or order items requested and then deliver them in print format or electronically. The graph above shows items requested over six academic years. Penn items include anything found on campus including electronic subscriptions. ILL items are borrowed from other libraries and requested via Interlibrary Loan, EZ Borrow, APLIC-I or Borrow Direct. Items requested in response to our Table of Contents alerting service are shown as TOC.

Recent Acquisitions

Advances in telephone survey methodology. Edited by James M. Lepkowski. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Interscience, 2008. BK HA31.2 .I563 2008

Data analysis using regression and multilevel/hierarchical models. By Andrew Gelman, and Jennifer Hill. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. BK HA31.3. G45 2007

Demography, the study of human population, 3rd edition. By David Yaukey, Douglas L. Anderton, and Jennifer Hickes Lundquist. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press, 2007. BK HB871. Y38 2007

Designing and conducting mixed methods research. By John W. Creswell, and Vicki L. Plano Clark. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2007. BK H62 .C6962 2007

Designing and constructing instruments for social research and evaluation. By David Colton and Robert W. Covert. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2007. BK H62 .C583 2007

Differential equations: a modeling approach. By Courtney Brown. Los Angeles: Sage Publications, 2007. BK HA29 .S24 no. 150

Event history analysis with Stata. By Hans-Peter Blossfeld, Katrin Golsch, and Gotz Rohwer. New York: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2007. BK H61 .B492 2007

Explanatory item response models: a generalized linear and nonlinear approach. Edited by Paul de Boeck, and Mark Wilson. New York: Springer, 2004. BK HA32 .E96 2004

Handbook of the economics of giving, altruism and reciprocity! (2 volumes). Edited by Serge-Christophe Kolm and Jean Mercier Ythier. Amsterdam and Boston: Elsevier, 2006. BK HB523 .H36 2006 v.1 & v.2

Missing data: a gentle introduction. By Patrick E. McKnight, et al. New York: Guilford Press, 2007. BK H62 .M464 2007

Mixing methods in social inquiry. By Jennifer Greene. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2007. BK H62 .G7514 2007

Multilevel analysis for applied research: it's just regression! By Robert Bickel, and David A. Kenny. New York: Guilford Press, 2007. BK H61.25 .B53 2007

Multivariate and mixture distribution Rasch models: extensions and applications. Edited by Matthias von Davier, and Claus H. Carstensen. New York: Springer, 2007. BK H61.25 .M85 2007

Quantile regression. By Lingxin Hao, and Daniel Q. Naiman. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2007. BK HA29 .S24 no. 149

Register-based statistics: administrative data for statistical purposes. By Anders Wallgren, and Britt Wallgren. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2007. BK HA31.23 .W35 2007

Statistical reasoning in the behavioral sciences. By Bruce M. King, and Edward W. Minium. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2008. BK BF39 .K54 2008

New Online Resources Available from Penn Libraries

Encyclopedia of Statistical Sciences http://hdl.library.upenn.edu/1017/50595

With financial assistance from Professor Richard Berk in the Jerry Lee Center of Criminology and from the Population Studies Center, the Penn Libraries now offers online access to the full content of the 2nd edition (2006) with ongoing updates, the 1st edition (1983), and all supplements.

Journal of Human Capital

http://hdl.library.upenn.edu/1017/53772

This new journal, relevant to PSC Researchers, is a one-concurrent-user subscription.

Race Relations Abstracts

http://hdl.library.upenn.edu/1017/50635

Complete digitized backfile (1975 to present) of the print publication which covers scholarship related to race relations, including ethnic studies, discrimination, and immigration.

Latinobarometro data files http://hdl.library.upenn.edu/1017/50414

Penn Libraries acquired the annual Latinobarometer microdata files for 1995-1998 and 2000-2006. The Latinobarometers are annual public opinion polls conducted in several Latin American countries, 1995 to present. Each Latinobarometer data file is provided in SPSS format and requires SPSS or other statistical processing software. Data code books are also available.

BE Press Research Now

http://hdl.library.upenn.edu/1017/7087

Penn Libraries now subscribes to the full suite of Berkeley Electronic Press peer-reviewed journals, covering Economics, Business, Marketing, Law, Political Science, Policy, and International Studies, Health and Medicine, Science and Technology.

The PSC Information Services newsletter is published once a semester by the PSC Information Services staff. Content includes information about services, resources, news, and events relevant to PSC researchers.

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