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# WHO WE ARE:

# UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR SOCIAL AND URBAN RESEARCH

The mission of the University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) is to work collaboratively to conduct interdisciplinary research that improves communities and addresses social, economic, health, and policy issues most relevant to society. UCSUR carries out this mission by providing research support infrastructure and training; conducting original research in a few focused areas, including urban impact analysis, survey methodology, and psychosocial aspects of aging; and enhancing access to local and national policy-relevant data.

# **UCSUR** Goals

UCSUR was established in 1972 to serve as a resource for researchers and educators interested in the basic and applied social and behavioral sciences. UCSUR promotes and coordinates interdisciplinary research focused on the social, economic, and health issues most relevant to our society. Specific goals of UCSUR fall into four broad domains:

- Provide state-of-the-art research support services and infrastructure for investigators interested in interdisciplinary research in public policy and the social, behavioral, and health sciences. (Engage in research of impact; build foundational strength)
- Support the community service mission of the University by providing data and conducting policy analysis for the region. (Strengthen communities; engage in research of impact)
- Develop nationally recognized research programs within the center in a few selected areas—currently family caregiving, elder abuse, technology and aging.
   (Engage in research of impact)
- 4. Support the teaching mission of the University by offering interdisciplinary training and mentoring diverse graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty members.

  (Advance educational excellence; embrace diversity and inclusion)



To achieve these strategic goals, UCSUR maintains a permanent research infrastructure available to both the University and the community with the capacity to:

- conduct all types of survey research and quantitative data analysis;
- acquire, manage, store, and analyze secondary and administrative data sets, including census data and data of unique local interest;
- obtain, format, and analyze spatial data;
- carry out regional econometric modeling;
- design and carry out descriptive, evaluation, and intervention studies; and
- conduct qualitative data collection and analysis.

# Our research infrastructure is organized under four core programs:

- the Survey Research Program (SRP), which is responsible for all aspects of survey research and quantitative data analysis;
- the Urban and Regional Analysis
   Program (URA), which acquires,
   manages, and analyzes secondary
   and administrative data sets; does
   regional econometric modeling;
   and obtains, formats, and analyzes
   spatial data;
- 3. the Gerontology Program, which provides expertise in the design, measurement, and analysis of descriptive, evaluation, and intervention studies focused on older adults; and
- 4. the Qualitative Data Analysis Program (QDAP), which supports the collection and analysis of open-ended text data using rigorous computer-based methods.



#### **MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR**



Scott R. Beach, PhD

These resources contain more than 250 downloadable data sets and **500 indicators** covering more than 20 topic areas.

This annual report for UCSUR reflects the continued transition between former long-time director Richard Schulz and my appointment as interim director on September 1, 2016. Several of the accomplishments detailed in this annual report were initiated under Richard's leadership, and I look forward to continuing the momentum he has built over the past 20 years and moving UCSUR forward during this exciting time.

This transition for UCSUR also occurs within the broader context of evolving University priorities, as Chancellor Patrick Gallagher continues to implement his strategic vision. Several schools and units also are in leadership transitions; the new School of Computing and Information has been formed, and other administrative reorganization is occurring, including the appointment of a new senior vice chancellor for Research.

I strongly believe that UCSUR is well positioned to adapt to potential changes, as we have always been opportunistic in responding effectively to evolving University and faculty interests and priorities.

During the past year, UCSUR has produced more than 40 peer-reviewed publications, which have received approximately 5,000 citations; participated in more than 70 funded grants, the majority of which involve multidisciplinary collaborations; conducted more than 100 student trainings in the use of local policy-relevant data; and trained close to 2,000 students and health care professionals as part of the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program. The Center also has continued to be the go-to resource for data and analysis to inform regional public policy, with more than 50,000 Web visits to PittsburghTODAY, SWPA Profiles, and the Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center (WPRDC). These resources contain more than 250 downloadable data sets and 500 indicators covering more than 20 topic areas. Other notable achievements include UCSUR's receipt of a \$3.2 million National Institute on Aging grant on financial decision making and susceptibility to financial fraud in older adults; continued collaboration with the Health Policy Institute on a regional caregiving initiative, including dissemination of the Pittsburgh Regional Caregiver Survey and convening a Pitt caregiver research summit; completion of an economic study of the impact of potential military base relocations and closures (BRAC) to inform statelevel policy; and continued expansion of a new environmental policy initiative in the Urban and Regional Analysis Program. Finally, UCSUR continues to build its permanent research infrastructure with the capacity to conduct all types of survey research; obtain, format, and analyze spatial data; acquire, manage, and analyze large secondary and primary data sets; carry out regional econometric modeling; and carry out qualitative research.

I hope this report will give you a sense of the value that UCSUR provides to the University and the broader community, and I look forward to continued collaboration during this new phase in the Center's evolution.

Scott Beach Interim Director

# **PROGRAMS**

In response to faculty interests and current domestic policy issues, UCSUR develops interdisciplinary research programs that address regional and national policy issues. The resources described in the next section are provided by one or more of these programs. As new policy issues emerge, UCSUR is prepared to facilitate and coordinate the development of additional programs identified by interested faculty. Existing research programs include the following:

#### > Gerontology

Initiates, coordinates, and facilitates research on aging. In collaboration with faculty in more than a dozen different disciplines (e.g., psychiatry, anesthesiology, rheumatology, nursing, epidemiology, engineering, computer science), program faculty and staff play an active role in developing proposals for research focused on psychosocial, behavioral, cognitive, and physical aspects of aging.

#### > Qualitative Data Analysis

Offers a rigorous approach to qualitative data collection and analysis, including focus group facilitation; in-depth interviewing; cognitive interviewing; analysis of textual or Web site information; audio and video transcription and analysis; data preparation, cleaning, and management; codebook development and testing; coding and multi coder adjudication; reliability and validity reporting; and results analysis and reporting.

#### > Survey Research

Maintains a highly experienced staff of survey professionals, trained interviewers, and data management specialists. Services are available to faculty, staff, and students throughout the University and to local, state, and federal agencies and others working in the public interest. Offers the capability to execute any or all phases of a survey research project, including sample design, questionnaire construction, data collection, data processing, statistical analysis, and reporting. Features a 45-line telephone bank for Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI).

# > Urban and Regional Analysis

Promotes scholarly analysis of urban and regional development through multidisciplinary research and technical assistance in local, national, and international issues. Furthers our understanding of the causes and consequences of regional economic development and social change, enhances the analytic basis for public policy decisions and civic engagement, aids in the evaluation of policy alternatives, and applies GIS and neighborhood indicators to understand community revitalization.

Projects conducted in all these areas illustrate the Center's commitment to enhancing scientific understanding of social phenomena while generating information for improved policymaking in both the public and private sectors.

# UCSUR FY 18 Research **Internal Pitt Inputs** Collaboration (UCSUR Received sub-awards) **Network SHRS Nursing Psychiatry GSPH** Medicine **Psychology Epidemiology External Organization Inputs Health Policy Dental** (UCSUR Received sub-awards) Institute Medicine Carnegie Mellon Veteran's **Engineering** ULS RAND Corp. UCSUR **UCSUR Manners Pilot Awards Psychology Internal Pitt Outputs External Organization Outputs** (UCSUR provided sub-awards) (UCSUR provided sub-awards) Sociology **Psychiatry Nursing** Obstetrics, Gynecology & SHRS Medicine **Penn State University of** Reproductive Sciences **Social Work UPMC** (PGH)

# WHAT WE DO: CENTER RESOURCES

SURVEY RESEARCH SERVICES UCSUR provides survey research services through the Survey Research Program (SRP). SRP maintains a highly experienced staff of survey professionals, trained

interviewers, and data management specialists. SRP services are available to faculty, staff, and students throughout the University and to local, state, and federal agencies and others working in the public interest.

SRP is able to carry out any or all phases of a survey research project, including sample design, questionnaire design, data collection, data processing, statistical analysis, and reporting. SRP staff have the training and experience to design scientifically valid studies customized to client research needs. SRP can help to clarify study objectives, and provide advice on how to obtain the highest quality data within available resource constraints. More specifically, SRP provides assistance in the following areas:

#### Sample Design

SRP staff provide advice on sampling methodology and sample size to meet study objectives and budget. Services include in-house development of specialized sample frames, or consultation with commercial sampling firms to obtain an appropriate sample. Examples of the types of samples provided include:

- Random digit dialing (RDD)
   samples are: particularly suited for telephone surveys of the general population, computer-generated telephone numbers are used to target specific geographic areas, including both listed and unlisted phone numbers. RDD sampling for any region of the United States is available.
- Targeted/listed samples are: samples to reach specific subgroups or rare populations. These are useful for telephone recruitment of participants for larger studies. They also are used for supplementing RDD samples with oversamples of rare populations.

# **Data Collection Methodology** SRP staff can provide:

 Advice on the most productive and cost-effective method of data collection (mail, telephone, in-person, or internet/web-based), and the effective use of technology for surveys.  Specification of procedures for maximizing response rates within the framework of available resources. For example, recommended number of attempts to contact respondents, securing initial cooperation, following-up incomplete interviews, converting refusals into acceptances, and use of mixedmode designs and incentives.

#### **Questionnaire Development**

SRP staff can provide assistance with all aspects of the development of a reliable and valid instrument, including:

- Writing, formatting, and ordering questions
- Asking sensitive questions
- Instrument pre-testing

# Interviewing and Data Collection

SRP conducts local, regional, and national telephone and mail surveys with both general and special populations, as well as in-person surveys in the Southwestern Pennsylvania region. SRP also conducts internet/web-based surveys.

SRP relies on a pool of experienced interviewers for telephone and in-person surveys. These include both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as nonstudents under the management of senior fieldwork supervisors.

**control:** Interviewers are trained in general and project-specific interviewing techniques, such as maintaining objectivity, reading questions as written, and securing respondent cooperation. Training involves a com-

Interviewer training and quality

cooperation. Training involves a combination of lecture, written handouts, video instruction, and role-playing. Interviewers are continuously monitored during data collection for quality assurance, and periodic retraining sessions occur as necessary.

Computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI): A 45-line phone bank at UCSUR is dedicated to a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system. Interviewers read questions as they appear on the screen and enter the respondents' answers directly into the computer. CATI allows complex question contingencies, sample management, and call scheduling to be handled automatically.

RDD cell phone surveys: UCSUR has experience conducting random digit dialing (RDD) cell phone surveys in order to supplement traditional landline RDD telephone surveys. This methodology insures inclusion of cellphone only households, estimated at 50 percent of the U.S. population (and growing). Cellphone only households are typically younger, more likely to be employed, and more ethnically diverse, and their exclusion can result in significant biases in landline only surveys.

Computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI): With this type of interview an interviewer, using a laptop computer, reads questions to the respondent and then enters the answers directly into a database on the laptop computer. CAPI is programmed similar to computer-assisted telephone interviewing, and provides the same advantages (automated skips, randomized experiments, etc.).

Audio computer-assisted self interviewing (ACASI): With this application a respondent operates a computer, the computer displays the questions on screen and plays recordings of the questions to the respondent who enters answers directly into a database on the

computer. A respondent typically uses headphones with our ACASI solutions in order to maintain response privacy. ACASI enhances perceived privacy for sensitive questions and is ideal for less literate populations. ACASI is similar to CATI, CAPI, and CASI in programming requirements and function.

#### Interactive voice response (IVR):

IVR is an automated system where a recorded voice administers survey questions/scripts and detects voice and keypad inputs from a home phone or cell phone. Privacy is enhanced by switching to IVR from a live interviewer for the administration of sensitive questions. IVR is also ideal for ecological momentary assessment (EMA).

#### Web-based data collection:

SRP has the capability to conduct web-based surveys and other online data collection and management. UCSUR operates secure servers that host such activities.

#### Mobile device data collection:

SRP has capabilities to design applications for the collection of data on smartphones and other mobile devices. These include tools for the collection and integration of self-reported survey, location tracking, and physiological monitoring data for real-time ecological momentary assessment studies.

# Additional data collection services:

Telephone surveys using paper/ pencil methodology, mail surveys, and in-person surveys in the Southwestern Pennsylvania region, also are available.

Surveys of Special and Hard-to-reach Populations: UCSUR has conducted numerous surveys of special, hard-to-reach populations, including numerous clinical populations, children, and ethnically and linguistically diverse samples. UCSUR has conducted interviews in Spanish, Chinese, and Korean and has the capability to conduct international surveys.

#### **Research Registry**

UCSUR has developed and maintains an IRB-approved research registry currently containing more than 8,000 local residents who have agreed to be contacted for possible surveys and other research studies. The participants are recruited to the registry on an ongoing basis from the pool of respondents to UCSUR-conducted population-based telephone surveys. The registry includes detailed contact information and demographic information including age, gender, race, education level, marital status, household composition, employment status, and income. This allows for targeting of participants for studies with specific eligibility requirements. External investigators can contract with SRP to access the registry for study recruitment.

#### **Data Management**

Using a variety of computer programs, languages, database management software, and operating systems, SRP staff are available to perform a number of data management functions, including database development, editing, coding, and survey data processing. SRP staff also have the capability to integrate survey respondent data with GIS-based spatial data, and with other secondary data sources.

# Statistical Analysis of Survey Data

SRP staff can perform statistical analyses of survey data, ranging from simple tabulations to relatively complex statistical modeling using a variety of statistical packages.

Analytic capabilities include:

- Descriptive statistical analyses of survey responses, including calculations of sampling error and statistical weighting adjustments for unequal selection probabilities and non-response
- Cross-classification analyses with demographic or other predictive factors
- Multivariate analyses, including ANOVA, factor analysis, linear and nonlinear regression, logistic regression, categorical methods, and structural equation modeling
- Longitudinal analyses

# Report Preparation and Presentation

SRP staff have experience in the production of a variety of reports, including:

- Simple tabulations
- Executive summaries
- In-depth narrative reports
- Oral presentations of results to interested parties

We advise on the most productive and cost-effective method of data collection (mail, telephone, in-person, or internet/web-based), and the effective use of technology for surveys.



# **URBAN AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS SERVICES**

UCSUR's Urban and Regional Analysis Program (URA) analyzes major economic and demographic trends in the Pittsburgh region in national and international contexts. URA brings together faculty, research staff, and graduate

students to examine important urban and regional issues, with the results disseminated widely to state and regional policymakers, local officials, and community and economic development organizations. URA also partners with other researchers and organizations across the globe to advance urban and regional knowledge. URA's research extends from regional development to community change and examines the consequences for regional restructuring, equity implications, and policy analysis. In addition to the performance of the regional economy, specific strategic economic sectors are examined through in-depth studies and their implications for workforce development and job creation. The program also fosters the development of new methods of data collection and analysis. URA research is published in scholarly journals and technical reports and has been an important element of UCSUR's commitment to providing regional economic development analysis to both the academic community and the Pittsburgh region. Through URA's work, UCSUR is one of two research affiliates of the Pennsylvania State Data Center, the official source of demographic and economic data for the state.

#### **Environmental Policy Analysis**

In the spring of 2017, UCSUR initiated the Environmental Policy Analysis program led by Michael Blackhurst. The Environmental Policy Analysis program integrates engineering and social science methods to address society's environmental challenges through open source publications and decision support resources. The Environmental Policy Analysis program also serves to connect researchers at the University of Pittsburgh to sponsors and interests external to the University.

# The Pittsburgh Regional **Economic Model**

Regional economic models describe the flow of monetary and labor resources within and across both regions and economic sectors. They are often used to assess the economic and labor impacts of policy alternatives, such as tax revisions, economic development, large-scale infrastructure investment, and many other similar scenarios.

UCSUR uses software published by Regional Economic Models Inc. (REMI) to develop and maintain a regional economic model for Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh's REMI model is supported by UCSUR in partnership with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, which uses REMI for planning transportation infrastructure. UCSUR has more than 25 years experience applying the model to the Pittsburgh region. Previous applications of Pittsburgh's REMI model include economic, population, and labor forecasting and regional economic impact analysis.

# **Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center**

The Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center supports key community initiatives by making public information easier to find and use. The Data Center provides a technological and legal infrastructure for data sharing to support a growing ecosystem of data providers and data users. The Data Center maintains Allegheny County and the City

of Pittsburgh's open data portal, and provides a number of services to data publishers and users. The Data Center also hosts datasets from these and other public sector agencies, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations. The Data Center is managed by the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Social and Urban Research, and is a partnership of the University, Allegheny County, and the City of Pittsburgh. The Data Center is made possible through support provided by the Richard King Mellon Foundation, The Heinz Endowments, and the University of Pittsburgh.

# **Southwestern Pennsylvania Community Profiles**

Southwestern Pennsylvania Community Profiles (SWPA) Community Profiles) is a new way to collect, analyze, and understand information across a range of domains to look at our neighborhoods and communities in a comprehensive data fashion. SWPA Community Profiles presents community data and indicators in a series of interactive tables and maps. With data and indicators from local, state, and federal government sources, along with a select set of other databases, SWPA Community Profiles allows users to understand and visualize data along a range of geographic areas in our communities and region. Data are organized along 11 domains: Arts & Culture, Demographics, Economy, Education, Environment, Governance & Civic Vitality, Health, Housing & Properties, Human Services, Public Safety, and Transportation. Within each domain is important information in understanding the changes, trends, and developments that are affecting our local areas. Data are available by different geographies, from county and municipal levels down to neighborhood and Census tract and block groupings.

#### **Regional Indicators Project:** PittsburghTODAY.org

PittsburghTODAY.org is an in-depth journalism and regional indicators program that compares Greater Pittsburgh with 14 other regions on hundreds of measures. The statistical indicators provide reliable and timely information that shows this region's strengths and weaknesses and how it compares with other regions. Additionally, PittsburghTODAY.org undertakes in-depth journalistic projects in subjects that are important to the region's future.

#### **Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly**

UCSUR publishes the Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly (PEQ) to support organizations and staff involved with economic development throughout the region. PEQ highlights important economic and demographic trends that impact the regional economy and the competitiveness of the regional economy. PEQ is an extension of the continuing work done at UCSUR. Each issue includes the latest data on regional employment and economic conditions. Feature articles cover a variety of issues relating to the regional economy and how it is changing, along with analyses of other economic and social factors that directly impact the future of the





Economic Models Inc. the Southwestern

region. Significant positive response to PEQ has resulted in substantial press coverage and has filled a major need in the region for ongoing study of current economic trends. Recent issues of PEQ addressed these key topics:

- Profiles of Change in the City of Pittsburgh
- Regulatory Gaps May Increase Risks of Lead in Drinking Water with Service Line Replacements
- Bridging the Digital Divide: Libraries Become All-Purpose **Education Hubs**
- The Use of 311 Requests as a Measure of Neighborhood Conditions In the City of Pittsburgh
- Mining Employment and Industry Trends Across Pennsylvania

# **Geographic Information** System (GIS)

Geographic Information Systems visualize and analyze spatial trends in data. UCSUR staff have decades of leadership experience using GIS systems to manage and analyze spatial data, including executing original research and providing data publishing, technical assistance, online decision support, and data educational and training. Our staff have led GIS-driven projects across a diversity of domains, including environmental policy, health care, land use and housing policy, and public health. Exemplary recent projects include the Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center (WPRDC) and Southwestern Pennsylvania Community Profiles.

#### GERONTOLOGY **SERVICES**

The Gerontology Program at the University of Pittsburgh has been conducting federally funded research on critical issues related to health, aging, and

family caregiving for more than 30 years. Much of what is known about living with different illnesses has resulted from medical and psychological research such as that conducted in our program. This program is recognized as one of the leading social gerontology research programs in the nation. Program faculty and staff play an active role in developing proposals for research focused on the psychosocial, behavioral, cognitive, and physical aspects of aging. Our principal goals are to:

- stimulate the development of externally funded research in six areas:
  - 1. physical and mental health of older adults,
  - 2. use of technology to improve older adults' quality of life,
  - 3. work and retirement,
  - 4. aging and social institutions,
  - 5. socialization and social support, and
  - 6. cultural differences and aging.
- · operate as the information hub for interdisciplinary, aging-related research and training resources throughout the University.
- assist in the development of new gerontological training and service programs that serve the research and training missions of the University.

# **Graduate Certificate in** Gerontology

This educational program is designed to serve individuals from diverse educational, employment, and professional backgrounds who are interested in acquiring basic knowledge about gerontology and geriatrics and specialized knowledge of aging and aging processes. Students may focus broadly on a course of study in a general multidisciplinary track offered both on-campus as well as through Pitt Online. They also may select specialty tracks focused on prevention and healthy aging, dentistry, gerontechnology, law, mental health, nursing, occupational therapy/ rehabilitation, public health, and social work.

Whether to gain credentials and skills for a competitive advantage in the marketplace or to enhance understanding of aging to inform the delivery of services, programs, or products, students may solely enroll in this certificate program or they may pursue the certificate in conjunction with a degree program. Credits earned for the certificate may often be applied toward a degree program. Information about this Graduate Certificate in Gerontology Program can be found at: agingcertificate.pitt.edu.

# Center for Caregiving Research, **Education, and Policy**

In collaboration with the Health Policy Institute, the Gerontology Program of UCSUR launched the Center for Caregiving Research, Education, and Policy. The mission of the Center is to enhance research on caregiving; train professionals and family caregivers to be as effective as possible; institute support programs integrating caregivers into existing health care services, long-term services, and support systems; and inform public policy on the role of caregivers in state and national health care regulations.

For more than three decades, our multidisciplinary faculty and clinicians at the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC have been at the forefront of research documenting the impact of caregiving on family caregivers and the persons they care for, developing intervention strategies to mitigate the negative effects and enhance the positive effects of caregiving, and formulating policy to support caregivers.

The Center consolidates and synergizes this expertise to accelerate the impact of our research on policy, health care systems, and the health of family members who are providing and receiving care.

#### **Technology and Aging**

A major research project led by the Gerontology Program focuses on how and why community-residing older adults, particularly those with limited access to personal computers and mobile devices, use multi-user health kiosks located in congregate settings to self-monitor and manage several aspects of their health. In addition to tracking user engagement with the assessment and intervention features of the kiosk, the project explores health services utilization during and up to 18 months of study participation and promotes patientprovider communication regarding personal health and family caregiving concerns. This project is supported by the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research and involves

multidisciplinary collaboration among researchers in the health professions, social sciences, engineering, computer science, and informatics from several universities.

#### **Geriatric Education**

The Geriatric Education Center of Pennsylvania based at UCSUR leads a consortium comprising the University of Pittsburgh, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pennsylvania State University Center on Healthy Aging, and the UPMC Aging Institute. Six initiatives provide training and resources to professional and paraprofessional health care providers, older adults, and family caregivers. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, these initiatives address several regional needs and national directives regarding geriatric education:

- Improving the care of elderly veterans through education of primary care providers and family members
- Transforming clinical training for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and providing training to health and social services professionals in rural and underserved urban areas
- Advancing dementia-care competency and preparedness across disciplines in multiple primary care settings
- Improving mental health care for older adults in primary care settings
- Improving healthy lifestyles of older adults by training health and social service providers to implement preventive interventions for older adults in community settings
- Establishing a regional, communitybased outreach and resource center



The Geriatric Education Center of Pennsylvania the University of Healthcare System, Pennsylvania State **University Center on** Healthy Aging, and the **UPMC** Aging Institute.





**QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS SERVICES** 

The Qualitative Data Analysis Program (QDAP) at UCSUR provides a resource to the University community in all aspects of qualitative data collection and analysis. Experienced QDAP staff can carry out or assist with

all phases of a qualitative research project including study design, project management and coordination, data collection utilizing interviews, focus groups, and document or website analysis, audio and video transcription, data coding and analysis, and results reporting.



QDAP staff have the expertise to collect and manage a range of qualitative data utilizing a variety of methods and sources. This includes conducting in-depth interviews, facilitating focus groups, and collecting qualitative data from both traditional and innovative sources such as document and textual material, videos, images and other visual material, and web sources such as websites, blogs and emails. QDAP provides high quality transcription of audio and video recordings for further analysis. QDAP staff can provide management services ranging from full project management to assistance in the management of data collection including recruitment, screening and scheduling of participants, depending on project needs. Using qualitative data analysis and management software, QDAP staff also can organize and manage qualitative data in preparation for analysis.

#### **Value-Added Coding**

Accurate and reliable coding is central to qualitative and mixed methods analysis. QDAP offers a rigorous approach to analyzing a variety of qualitative materials. Experienced coders deliver the data you need in a timely and expert manner from a wide variety of sources. Original material for analysis might include indepth interviews, open-ended survey answers, field notes, transcripts from focus groups, web blogs, e-mails, website content, videos and images, results from database searches

(such as LexisNexis™), congressional testimony, historical texts, and a host of other unstructured but digitized data sets. QDAP staff work with your research team to craft an analysis plan and codebook with a tailored methodology designed to code the material for key concepts and relationships. Multiple coders can quickly and reliably extract the data you need to reach valid inferences.

QDAP employs University of Pittsburgh students and UCSUR professional staff trained in data collection and in using qualitative analysis software. We maintain a 15-station transcription and qualitative data coding lab that utilizes Olympus transcription software; ATLAS.ti, a widely used qualitative data analysis software package that supports project management, enables multiple coders to collaborate on a single project, and generates output that facilitates the analysis process; NVivo, another widely used qualitative data analysis software package; and Transana, a video coding software package; and a specialized, in-house program for quality control that calculates inter-coder reliability statistics and simplifies adjudication of coder disagreement. In addition, we offer training seminars and oneon-one training sessions for faculty, staff, and students in using ATLAS.ti, NVivo and Transana.



#### **Services Provided**

- Study design, management, and coordination
- Interviewer training and management
- Participant recruitment
- Data collection including focus group facilitation, in-depth interviewing, cognitive interviewing, and document analysis
- Transcription of audio and video recordings
- Data preparation, cleaning, and management
- Codebook development and testing
- Coding and coding adjudication
- Coder reliability and validity reporting
- Results analysis and expression
- Software training for qualitative data analysis software (ATLAS.ti, NVivo, Transana)

# **ACQUISITION** AND MANAGEMENT **OF SECONDARY DATA**

UCSUR provides assistance for secondary data acquisition and management to the academic community and to the Pittsburgh region as a whole. As an affiliate of the Pennsylvania State Data Center,

the official source of demographic and economic data for the state, UCSUR is a repository for electronic and printed Census information, including Census 2010 data. UCSUR also acquires and maintains a variety of government statistics, economic and labor market data, and other types of secondary information on a regular basis. This information is available to the academic community and to the general public.

> The data acquisition and management services UCSUR provides include:

- Assistance in acquiring secondary data stored at UCSUR to interested individuals and organizations
- Assistance in locating and acquiring a variety of other types of secondary information
- Expertise and consultation in the appropriate use and understanding of various secondary data sources
- Evaluation and interpretation of policy relevant secondary information data for government, business, labor, media, and other organizations

UCSUR also conducts demographic, economic, and policy research and analysis and reports on secondary data and data trends relevant to the Pittsburgh region, both alone and in combination with various primary data sources. This research is reported through a number of venues, including research reports and newsletters, such as the Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly, and up-to-date neighborhood information on the UCSUR website (www.ucsur.pitt.edu).

**UCSUR** is a repository printed Census Census 2010 data.



## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**UCSUR Technology Services provides customizable** data management systems and services for our programs and clients. These systems and services

focus on high levels of security, data integrity, reliability, and performance. UCSUR partners with the University of Pittsburgh's Computing Services and Systems Development (CSSD) department and cloud-based services from Oracle, Google, and Amazon. These relationships enhance our capability to utilize modern computing technologies, deploy enterprise quality software, implement contemporary security protocols, and leverage protective network infrastructures. These vital partnerships enable UCSUR to provide staff and researchers the tools needed to meet critical and unique project requirements. Using this approach, UCSUR can meet strict data integrity, security, and privacy demands of entities such as Institutional Review Boards, funding agencies, and the federal government.

UCSUR Technology Services also supports data mining and data analytics software and methods that enable researchers to identify relationships and draw conclusions from collected data. This integrated, data-based analytical methodology is fundamental to research conducted and supported by UCSUR's interdisciplinary research team.



# **PROGRAM EVALUATION SERVICES**

UCSUR can assist faculty at the University of Pittsburgh and community agencies with their program evaluation needs. We provide assistance in developing and designing

evaluation plans, collecting and analyzing data, and writing evaluation reports. Depending on the focus of the project, these services can be provided by the Survey Research Program, Qualitative Data Analysis Program, Urban and Regional Analysis Program, or Gerontology Program.

UCSUR's interdisciplinary staff have evaluation experience in a wide range of content areas, including social service programs, behavioral and mental health services, public health programs, and educational services. UCSUR has conducted evaluations on family support, home visiting, after school and youth development, conflict resolution, developmental disabilities, maternal and child health, fatherhood, and parent education programs, among many others.

In addition, UCSUR has expertise in developing and implementing management information systems and needs assessments. UCSUR provides training and technical assistance to increase the capacity of staff to carry out evaluations, either independently or in collaboration with program evaluation specialists.

Specific evaluation services offered include:

- Development of evaluation designs, including process and outcome evaluations
- · Assistance with program design, focusing on connecting program activities to expected outcomes (program logic models)
- Needs assessments
- Selection of appropriate outcomes and measurement methods
- Identification of assessment instruments
- · Development of surveys for program evaluation
- Data analysis consultation and research design
- Referral to evaluation consultants with expertise in specific content areas

# **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

#### 2018 AWARDEES:

Jamie Hanson, Psychology; Junia Howell, Sociology; Chelsea Pallatino, Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences

#### 2017 AWARDEES:

Courtenay Dunn-Lewis, Health and Physical Activity; Aidan Wright, Psychology

#### 2016 AWARDEES:

Victoria Shineman, Political Science: Alicia Sufrinko and Anthony Kontos, Orthopaedic Surgery

#### 2015 AWARDEES:

Carissa Low, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute;

Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal, Psychology

#### 2014 AWARDEES:

Anthony Fabio and Dara Mendez, Epidemiology;

Lyn Robertson, Medicine

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# 10 Keys to Healthy Aging— An Innovative Community-**Based Program**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Robert Keene, SRP, UCSUR Steven Albert, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences

Funder: Research Development Fund

Period: 07/14-present

UCSUR is helping to track study enrollees through a secure website.

# **Biobehavioral Studies of Cardiovascular Disease**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR Peter Gianaros, Psychology

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 05/18-06/23

Telephone interviewing will be used to recruit and screen subjects to participate in this project. Results of the studies will advance mechanistic and translational science on the neurobiology of cardiovascular disease risk in midlife.

# **Does a New Supermarket Improve Dietary Behaviors of Low-Income African Americans?**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Tamara Dubowitz. RAND

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 05/10-12/18

Interviewer training, programming for data collection, and data management in a study of the impact of a new grocery store on dietary behavior in 1,600 residents of lowincome neighborhoods.

# **Does Mindfulness Meditation Training Improve Social Relationship Functioning?**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR David Creswell, Carnegie Mellon University

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 09/15-08/20

Telephone recruitment of N=269 older adults for participation in a mindfulness meditation training program.

#### **Employer Cohort Project**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Rhaven Nelson, Technology Services, **UCSUR** 

Melanie Harrington, Vibrant Pittsburgh



Funder: Vibrant Pittsburgh Period: 08/17-09/17

Web-based data collection with large local employers about diversityrelated hiring, staffing, and best practices regarding encouraging diversity in the workforce.

# **Esophageal Cancer Patient Survey**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP. UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR Katie Nason, Medicine

Funder: National Institutes of Health Period: ongoing

Telephone interviews of 200 patients either diagnosed with or at risk for esophageal cancer exploring risk factors and patient interactions with the healthcare system.

# **Experimental Study of Stress** and DNA Damage in Humans: **Mediators and Moderators**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR Dana Bovbjerg, Psychiatry

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 01/17-12/21

Recruitment of 336 persons to participate in an experimental study looking at the effects of brief stresses on DNA in blood samples.

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# **Factors Contributing to Oral Health Disparities in Appalachia**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Stephen Strotmeyer, SRP, UCSUR Mary Marazita, Dental Medicine

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 04/11-06/21

Conduct prenatal and ten post-birth follow-up telephone interviews of 1,000 new mothers-500 in Pittsburgh and 500 in West Virginia—to explore factors related to childhood oral health disparities.

# **Healthy Steps for Older Adults:** A Statewide (PA) Approach to **Preventing Falls**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Robert Keene, SRP, UCSUR Steven Albert Behavioral and Community Health Sciences

Funder: Research Development Fund

Period: 07/14-present

UCSUR is using an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system to track balance, falls, activity, and hospital visits monthly over the course of 6 months.

# Identifying Predictors of Poor **Health-Related Quality of Life** among Pediatric Hematopoietic **Stem Cell Donors**

# **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach. SRP. UCSUR Janet Schlarb. SRP. UCSUR Galen Switzer. Medicine

Funder: National Institutes of Health Period: 01/18-12/21

This project focuses on the physical, psychological, and emotional experiences of children who donate stem cells to an ill sibling. Data will be collected via telephone interviews with pediatric donors and their family members. Findings will be used to design interventions to improve quality-of-life in donors and their families.

# Improving the Availability of Younger Unrelated **Hematopoietic Stem Cell Donors**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR Galen Switzer, Medicine

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 04/16-04/21

Web survey of several hundred younger potential unrelated hematopoietic stem cell donors (aged 18-30) with the ultimate goal of improving availability of this younger donor group.

# **Increasing Equity in Transplant Evaluation and Living Donor Kidney Transplantation**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Stephen Strotmeyer, SRP, UCSUR Larissa Myascovsky, Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 09/14-07/19

A telephone interview data collection effort of kidney transplant patients. The goals of the study are to: help pave the way for transplant centers to implement a fast-track system at their sites, improve quality of care by transplanting a larger number of vulnerable patients, and help address stark race/ethnic disparities in rates of LDKT.

# **Melanopsin Photosensitivity** and Psychopathology

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Stephen Strotmeyer, SRP, UCSUR Kathryn Roecklein, Psychology

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 09/14-05/19

Telephone recruitment of N=130 persons with seasonal affective disorder.

# On the Move: Optimizing **Participation in Group Exercise**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Robert Keene, SRP. UCSUR Jennifer Brach. Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Funder: Patient-Centered Outcomes

Research Institute Period: 10/14-present

SRP is using Interactive Voice Response (IVR) among group exercise participants to track falls, activity, and hospital visits monthly over the course of one year.

#### **Pittsburgh Caregiver Survey**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR Everette James, Health Policy Institute

Funders: Pittsburgh Foundation; Stern Center for Evidence Based Policy

Period: 08/16-07/18

Telephone interviews with 1000 local informal caregivers and 200 care recipients to assess the state of caregiving in the region.

#### **PittsSmartLiving Project**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP. UCSUR Stephen Strotmeyer, SRP, UCSUR **Alexandros Labrindis,** Computer

Funder: University of Pittsburgh

Period: 10/16-09/17

Survey regarding the use of public transportation, focusing on persons' flexibility in transportation schedules and use of incentives to change their schedules.

# **Regional Quality of Life 2018**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Douglas Heuck, URA, UCSUR

Funders: UCSUR. PittsburghTODAY

Period: 04/18-12/18

Web survey of N=1900 local residents assessing their views regarding quality of life in Allegheny County. This is an update to a similar survey conducted in 2011.

# **Social Integration, Daily Social** Interaction, and Health Risk Pathways in Midlife

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR Thomas Kamarck, Psychology

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 04/14-03/19

Telephone recruitment of 400 healthy adults to participate in a study about social interactions, stress, and health.

# **Targeted Interventions to Prevent Chronic Lower Back** Pain (TARGET Trial)

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR Anthony Delitto, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Funder: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

Period: 07/15-09/20

Surveys (web and phone) of 12,000 patients (across 5 sites) at 6 and 12 months after an initial doctor's visit for lower back pain.

# **Technology Assisted Collaborative Care Intervention**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Janet Schlarb, SRP, UCSUR Manisha Jhamb, Medicine

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 07/17-06/22

This study will look at the effect of a 12-week stepped care intervention on changes in depression, pain, fatigue, and health-related quality of life. Consented participants are interviewed via CATI and IVR.

# **Undergraduate Student** Satisfaction & Retention Study

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach. SRP. UCSUR Donald Musa, SRP, UCSUR Juan Manfredi, Office of the Provost

Funder: Office of the Provost Period: 09/97-present

Conduct telephone and web-based surveys of University of Pittsburgh undergraduate students (n=1800 per year) and withdrawing students (n=400 per year) to determine factors related to student satisfaction and retention.

# **Understanding Factors Influencing Financial Exploitation among Diverse Samples of Older Adults**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Sara Czaja, Weill Cornell Medical College

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 04/17-03/22

The aims of this project are to: examine the impact of financial scam susceptibility on incidence of financial exploitation (FE); examine the impact of socio-demographic factors and social integration/isolation on scam susceptibility and FE; examine the impact of general cognitive abilities and financial skills/advice and support on scam susceptibility and FE, and as mediators of relationships between socio-demographic factors, social integration/isolation, scam susceptibility and FE; and examine the impact of psychosocial factors on scam susceptibility and FE.

#### Wheelchair Registry

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR Robert Keene, SRP, UCSUR Rory Cooper, Human Engineering Research Laboratories

Funder: Human Engineering Research

Laboratories

Period: 01/14-present

This project helps the Human Engineering Research Laboratories at

the University of Pittsburgh efficiently and securely register and track participants in a wheelchair registry for research participation. The system involves a custom database working in conjunction with an online survey instrument for data collection and maintenance.

# **Developing Leaducated:** A Web-based, Citizen Science Approach to Detecting Lead **Water Lines**

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Michael Blackhurst, URA, UCSUR

Funder: Heinz Endowments Period: 01/18-12/18

This project develops, tests, and deploys a smart-phone app that allows users to determine the material of their drinking water service line.

# **Do Lead Water Laterals Affect Property Values? A Case Study** of Pittsburgh, PA

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Michael Blackhurst, URA, UCSUR Funder: Research Development Funds Period: 01/18-06/18

This study explores whether the expected presence of a lead water lateral affects property sales in Pittsburgh, PA.

# **Evaluating the Impact of Energy Conservation Education** on Energy Use in the Detroit, Michigan Area

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Michael Blackhurst, URA, UCSUR

Funder: EcoWorks Detroit Period: 04/16-ongoing

This project will assess the impact of energy conservation training on energy use in the Detroit, Michigan

# **Identifying Small Area Fair Rental Sub-Markets**

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Michael Blackhurst, URA, UCSUR

Funder: Housing Authority of the City

of Pittsburgh

Period: 10/17-ongoing

This project uses rental listings in the City of Pittsburgh to identify rental submarkets for the purposes of providing affordable housing vouchers.

# **Predicting Lead Water Service Line Locations for Improving Mitigation Strategies**

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Michael Blackhurst, URA, UCSUR

Funder: Research Development Funds Period: 01/18-06/18

Data describing the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority's drinking water distribution system were merged with property data to develop predictions of lead service line locations, and these predictions were merged with property-specific estimates of line replacement costs. Replacement costs were merged with demographic data at the Census block group and neighborhood levels to develop criteria for prioritizing prevention and lateral replacements.

# **Survey of Willingness-to-Pay** for and Participate in Mitigating **Lead in Drinking Water**

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Michael Blackhurst, URA, UCSUR

Funder: Research Development Funds Period: 06/17-ongoing

This project surveys residents in Allegheny County, PA with respect to their stated preferences for mitigation of lead in drinking water and willingness-to-pay for respective alternatives.

# **A Comprehensive Assessment** of Pennsylvania Military **Installations and Impacts**

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Sabina Deitrick, URA, UCSUR

Funder: Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission

Period: 01/17-07/18

Economic impact analysis of 12 individual military installations and collective impact in Pennsylvania, and a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threats analysis of each installation.

# **Evaluation of Rent Reform Policy and Family Self-Sufficiency Program and Alternative Small Area Fair Market Rent Program**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Sabina Deitrick, URA, UCSUR Michael Blackhurst, URA, UCSUR

Funder: Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

Period: 08/17-08/18

Evaluations of participation in the Family Self-Sufficiency program related to increased minimum monthly rent and rental income revenue; analysis of Small Area Fair Market Rent program through creation of a rental price-gradient map of the City of Pittsburgh and rental price map.

# **Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center**

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Robert Gradeck, URA, UCSUR

Funders: R.K. Mellon Foundation: University of Pittsburgh

Period: ongoing

The Data Center supports key community initiatives by making public information easier to find and use. The Data Center is managed by UCSUR, and is in partnership with Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh.

# **Regional Indicators Project:** PittsburghToday.org

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Douglas Heuck, URA, UCSUR

Funders: Hillman Foundation: Anonymous; Richard King Mellon Foundation: Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation

Period: ongoing

The Regional Indicators Project: PittsburghToday.org is an in-depth journalism and regional indicators program that compares Greater Pittsburgh with 14 other regions on hundreds of measures. Since its inception, hundreds of reports have been published on key regional quality of life issues.

# Self-management via Health **Kiosk by Community-residing Older Adults**

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Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Period: 09/14-09/19

This project will study older adults' views, motivations, and patterns of use of an adaptive, community-based, multi-user health kiosk over 18 months of study participation. The goal is to understand how and why older adults use a health kiosk to live a healthier lifestyle and monitor and manage selected chronic conditions.

# 2018 Graduate Research Practicum (GRP) Portfolio **Analysis**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

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Funder: Katz International Business

Center

Period: 04/17-present

Qualitative methods consultation and coding of Katz Graduate School of Business students' journals based on their Global Research Practicums.

# A Comparison of Treatment **Methods for Patients Following Total Knee Replacement**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Sara Piva, Physical Therapy

Funder: Patient-Centered Outcomes

Research Institute Period: 04/17-10/17

Facilitation, transcription, coding and reporting of focus groups with patients who have undergone total knee replacement surgeries and physical therapists who treat those conditions to compare their perceptions of clinic-based individual outpatient rehabilitative exercise and community-based group exercise classes after surgery.

# A Statewide Trial to Compare Three Training Models for Implementing an EBT

# **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca. QDAP. UCSUR Kevan Schultz. QDAP. UCSUR Amy Herschell, West Virginia

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Funder: National Institute of Mental

Health

Period: 08/17-01/18

Coding of open-ended survey responses from Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) trainees regarding their learning experience.

# **Analysis and Refinement** of the International Knee **Documentation Committee** (IKDC) Subjective Knee **Evaluation Form (SKF), 2018** Follow-up

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR James Irrgang, Physical Therapy Andrew Lynch, Physical Therapy

Funder: American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine

Period: 01/18-05/18

Data collection, transcription, and coding of cognitive interviews with knee injury patients interviews to determine comprehension and relevance of the questions on the IKDC SKF and to identify gaps in content coverage.

# **Development of a Culturally Relevant Web-based Intervention to Promote Physical Activity among African** Americans at High Risk for **Cardiovascular Disease**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Jacob Kariuki, School of Nursing

Funder: Start-up Funds Period: 04/17-09/17

Recruitment, facilitation, transcription and coding of focus groups with African Americans at high risk for cardiovascular disease regarding their needs and preferences for a culturally relevant web-based intervention to promote physical activity.

# Eager: Maker: Researching a School District's Integration of the Maker Movement Into Its Middle and High School

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Stephanie Maietta Romero, School of Education

Funder: National Science Foundation Period: 06/17-06/18

Transcription of interviews with community partners, administrators, and teachers, and focus groups with students regarding Elizabeth Forward School District's transformation into a leader in the integration of the Maker Movement in schools

# **Eleven Smaller Short-Term Transcription and Consulting Projects with a Variety of Investigators and Funders**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR

Funders: Multiple Period: 07/17-06/18

Eleven smaller, short-term transcription and consulting projects with a variety of investigators and funders.

# Feasibility and Acceptability of an Internet-based Cognitive-**Behavioral Treatment for** Insomnia in Adults with Asthma

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca. QDAP. UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Faith Luyster, School of Nursing

Funder: National Heart, Lung and

Blood Institute Period: 04/17-10/17

Collection, transcription and coding of interviews with adults with asthma and comorbid insomnia following participation in an internet-based Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Insomnia (CBT-I) intervention to assess the feasibility and acceptability of the intervention and to explore the need for asthma-related adaptations to the intervention's content.

# From Barely Making It To ...? **Effects of Raising Wages Among Low-Wage Workers**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Ray Engel, School of Social Work

Funder: National Institute of Mental

Health

Period: 07/17-present

Transcription of interviews with lowwage earners at Allegheny Health Network that explore ways in which unionization and increased wages have made a difference.

# **Implementation of Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Services for Cystic Fibrosis Patients**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Olufunmilola Abraham, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Funder: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Period: 07/17-10/17

Transcription and coding of interviews with healthcare providers regarding medication management and counseling in pediatric Cystic Fibrosis patients.

# **Informed Choices - A Decision** Aid Designed in Partnership with CF Patients and Caregivers

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Melissa Basile, Northwell Health

Funder: Start-up Funds Period: 12/17-02/18

Transcription of interviews with Cystic Fibrosis patients and their caregivers regarding a decision aid for the advanced care planning for Cystic Fibrosis.

# **Linguistic Impressions:** Language as a Mechanism to Build a Firm's **Organizational Code**

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Emily Bulger, Katz Graduate School of Business

Funder: Berg Center & Center for Healthcare Management Period: 10/17-01/18

Transcription of interviews, speeches, and panel discussions involving four Eli Lilly & Company CEOs to explore how the CEOs' description of what personalized medicine means at Eli Lilly (and in other contexts) evolves as they pioneer a transformative business model innovation surrounding the concept of personalized medicine.

#### **Perceptions About Disease** Flares in Rheumatoid Arthritis

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Nancy Baker, Occupational Therapy Sara Piva, Physical Therapy

Funder: Research Development Funds

Period: 04/17-10/17

Facilitation, transcription, coding and reporting of focus groups with Rheumatoid Arthritis patients regarding flare signs, triggers, prevention strategies and management approaches to guide development of a patient-centered research program to identify disease flares before they happen and improve clinical care of those patients.

# **Perspectives of Secondary** School Leaders and Key Stakeholders Concerning **Adolescent Depression**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Andrea Nottingham, Concordia University Chicago

Funder: Self-funded Period: 05/18-06/18

Coding of interviews with secondary school administrators, counselors,

and teachers to examine adolescent depression as it manifests in the developing stages of middle school, exploring the underlying causes and effects of adolescent depression and strategies for teachers to employ in the classroom.

# Redesign of University of **Pittsburgh Doctor of Physical** Therapy (DPT) Curriculum

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR James Irrgang, Physical Therapy Andrew Lynch, Physical Therapy

Funder: Departmental Funds Period: 02/18-05/18

Collection, transcription, and coding of focus groups with stakeholders to explore mechanisms to reduce the duration of the DPT program without sacrificing the quality of DPT education.

#### Schizophrenia

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Armando Rotondi, VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP)

Funder: VA Pittsburgh Healthcare

System

Period: 06/17-06/18

Data collection via interviews with veteran patients diagnosed with schizophrenia.

# **Service-Learning Experiences** in Free Clinics: Perspectives of **Student Pharmacists**

# **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR **Sharon Connor,** School of Pharmacy Olufunmilola Abraham, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Funder: Start-up Funds Period: 07/17-09/17

Coding of approximately 400 reflective essays/papers from all second- and third-year pharmacy students who participated in a required service learning experience in underserved and free clinics.

# **Sexual Function in Older Women: Identifying Treatment** and Outcome Preferences

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Holly Thomas, UPMC, Division of General Internal Medicine

Funder: National Institute on Aging

Period: 12/17-present

Transcription of interviews and focus groups with women 50 and older to understand their sexual function, and what sort of treatments they would prefer for sexual problems.

# **Targeted Intervention for Insufficient Sleep Among Typically-Developing Adolescents**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Jessica Levenson, Psychiatry

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Period: 11/17-04/18

Transcription of focus groups with healthcare providers, parents, and youth regarding the development and refinement of a sleep intervention program for typically developing adolescents between the ages of 13-15 who report insufficient sleep.

# The Role of Higher Education Programs to the Future of the **Wastewater Industry**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Kimberly Wahl, Baker College

Funder: Self-funded Period: 05/18-present

Transcription and coding of interviews with undergraduate students to examine the role of higher education programs in the future of the wastewater industry.

# **Transcription Projects for University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Laurel Person Mecca. QDAP. UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Jill Radtke Demirci, School of Nursing Melissa Glaser, School of Nursing

Funders: National Institutes of Health:

Departmental Funds Period: 07/17-present

Transcription for three projects addressing various aspects of mothers' recent breastfeeding experiences.

#### **Civic Switchboard**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Elizabeth Monk, URA, UCSUR **Aaron Brenner,** *University Library* System

Funder: Institute of Museum and

Library Services Period: 10/17-12/19

Civic Switchboard aims to develop the capacity of academic and public libraries in civic data ecosystems. This project encourages partnerships between libraries and local data intermediaries, which will better serve data users, further democratize data, and support equitable access to information. The project will create a toolkit for libraries interested in expanding (or beginning) their role around civic information. Civic Switchboard is a partnership of UCSUR, the University Library System at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

# A Qualitative Study of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Fighters' Perceptions about Injury-**Related Risk Factors**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Donald Musa, SRP. UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Stephen Strotmeyer, SRP, UCSUR Keri Rodriguez, VA Pittsburgh

Funder: Research Development Funds

Period: 03/16-07/17

Transcription and coding management and support for semi-structured interviews with professional and amateur Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighters regarding their perceptions about about risk factors associated with fight- and training-related injuries.

# An In-Depth Assessment of **Patient Factors that Affect** One's Choice to Accept or **Decline an AICD**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Donald Musa, SRP. UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Amber Johnson, Cardiology

Funder: Department Funds Period: 02/16-09/17

Transcription and coding of interviews with patients regarding factors that affect their choice to accept or decline an automatic implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (AICD).

# **Chronic Conditions and Mutuality of Care in Late** Life Marriage

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Donald Musa, SRP. UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Joan Monin, Yale University

Funder: National Institute on Aging Period: 01/17-09/17

Transcription and coding of discussions between married couples aged 60+ regarding how they met and health concerns to understand how support dynamics in late-life marriage influence health, particularly cardiovascular health and depression, and longevity.

# From Periphery to Center: **Transitioning Public Art Practices in Contemporary** Mexico

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Donald Musa, SRP. UCSUR Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Caitlin Bruce, Communication

Funder: UCIS-Hewlett International

Grant

Period: 03/17-present

Spanish transcription of interviews that explore how a city-sponsored graffiti program in León Guanajuato, Mexico impacts graffiti artists' civic status.

# **Supporting Practices to Adopt** Registry-based Care (SPARC)

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Donald Musa, SRP, UCSUR Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Rebecca Etz, Virginia Commonwealth University

Martha Gonzalez, Virginia Commonwealth University

Funder: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Period: 03/15-02/18

Transcription of interviews regarding the effectiveness of a low resource, low impact process for initiating improvement in the primary care management of patients with type 2 diabetes through implementation of a diabetes registry.

# **Transcription Projects for** Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Donald Musa, SRP, UCSUR Laurel Person Mecca, QDAP, UCSUR David Halpern, QDAP, UCSUR Kevan Schultz, QDAP, UCSUR Luke Horner, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Deborah Peikes, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Funder: Centers for Medicare &

Medicaid Services Period: 03/15-present

Transcription for three projects addressing a variety of policy and health care issues.

# A Non-Pharmacological Intervention for Patients with Alzheimer's Disease And **Family Caregivers**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR Sara Czaja, Weill Cornell Medical College

Funder: National Institute on Aging Period: 09/16-04/21

The study will develop and test the efficacy and feasibility of a dyadicbased intervention program (DT), delivered through state-of-the art computer tablet technology. A novel feature of the investigation is its

focus on both the caregiver and the recipient of care (person with AD) and the integration of an evidencedbased caregiver intervention and evidenced-based cognitive/functional training for the care recipient.

# A Randomized Pilot Study of Behavioral Self-monitoring to Promote Mental Health **Among Spousally Bereaved Older Adults**

#### Co-Mentor:

Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR **Principal Investigator:** 

Sarah Stahl, Psychiatry

Funder: National Institutes of Health Period: 02/15-01/19

The purpose of this research is to gather evidence for the feasibility of a behavioral intervention to prevent the onset or delay the progression of depression, anxiety, and/or complicated grief disorder(s) in adults who experience late-life spousal bereavement.

# A Tailored Technology **Intervention for Diverse Family Caregivers of AD Patients**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR Judith Matthews, Gerontology, **UCSUR** 

Sara Czaja, Weill Cornell Medical College

Funder: National Institute of Nursing

Research

Period: 04/13-03/19

This investigation focuses on gathering systematic data on the acceptability and efficacy of a unique technology-based, culturally-tailored psycho-social intervention program that targets ethnically/culturally diverse family caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's Disease.

# **Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR Judith Matthews, Gerontology,

Funder: Health Resources and Services Administration Period: 07/15-06/19

The Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) is a consortium of the University of Pittsburgh, the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Penn State University, and UPMC, with Pitt as the lead institution. Through this collaboration we are able to provide interprofessional training and access to resources for older adults and their families throughout HHS Region III.

# **Return of Amyloid Imaging Research Results in MCI**

#### **Principal Investigators:**

Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR Jennifer Hagerty Lingler, Nursing

Funder: National Institute on Aging

Period: 06/14-05/19

The purpose of this study is to use a series of qualitative interviews and content analysis to identify the information and support needs of MCI care dyads who are offered amyloid imaging research results.

#### **Competitiveness Research**

#### **Principal Investigator:**

Viiai Singh. Office of the Chancellor

Funders: Heinz Endowments. Consolidated Natural Gas Period: ongoing

Projects include analysis of factors which promote regional competitiveness of the biotech industry in Pittsburgh. Partner in a research network with Transatlantic Comparison of Continental Innovation Models. Project Director: Professor Ulrich Hilpert, University of Jena, Germany.

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