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# WHO WE ARE

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## UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR SOCIAL AND URBAN RESEARCH

The University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) was established in 1972 to serve as a resource for researchers and educators interested in the basic and applied social and behavioral sciences. As a hub for interdisciplinary research and collaboration, UCSUR promotes a research agenda focused on the social and economic issues most relevant to our society, including children, youth, and families; regional economic analysis and forecasting; the psychosocial impacts of aging; intergenerational relations; and environmental resource management. Through a combination of research, education, and outreach efforts, UCSUR unites faculty from throughout the University with representatives from federal, state, and local governments, community organizations, and foundations in a coordinated pursuit of effective solutions to contemporary problems.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



**RICHARD SCHULZ**

I am pleased to share with you an update of activities and accomplishments of the Center for the academic year 2000-2001. For the past five years, the Center has aggressively pursued opportunities to enhance its research infrastructure, broaden the range of support services available to faculty and the community, expand the participation of faculty and graduate students in Center research programs, and strengthen University-community collaborations. These efforts are reflected in a number of specific outcomes achieved this year. We have expanded and enhanced the survey research capacity of the Center through the acquisition of state-of-the-art computer hardware, software, and hiring talented new personnel. In addition, we have added PC-based Geographic Information Systems infrastructure to complement the survey research resources and support regional environmental decisionmaking. The availability of these services, briefly described in the first section of this report, has in turn enhanced the number and diversity of faculty and graduate students that work with us. Indeed, the Center has become a major resource in mentoring and supporting the research careers of junior faculty and graduate students.

The Center has always had a strong presence in the community through its regional economic modeling activities and its focus on pressing social issues facing the region. Our reputation in this area has been further enhanced by several publications initiated this year, including the Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly, the State of the Environment Report, and by our work in evaluating and running community demonstration programs. The range and diversity of projects are illustrated throughout this report.

Many of you know us through the local and national media. Our work regularly appears in the local press and occasionally in the New York Times, USA Today, and Time Magazine. Less visible are the many peer reviewed professional publications that reflect the academic contributions of staff and faculty of the Center, listed at the end of this report. The Center remains committed to continued self-assessment and improvement, and we look to your guidance for shaping the future development of the Center.

# WHAT WE DO: CENTER RESOURCES

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## SURVEY RESEARCH SERVICES AND CAPABILITIES

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 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:** 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:** samples to reach specific subgroups or rare populations. These are useful for telephone recruitment of participants for larger studies. They are also 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).
- 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 mixed-mode designs.

### 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.



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## Interviewing and Data Collection

SRP conducts local, regional, and national telephone and mail surveys with both the 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 non-students under the management of senior field work supervisors.

**Interviewer training and quality 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 combination of lecture, written hand-outs, video instruction, and role-playing. Interviewers are continuously monitored during data collection for quality assurance, and periodic re-training sessions occur as necessary.

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

**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.

**Additional data collection services:** Telephone surveys using paper/pencil methodology, mail surveys, and in-person surveys in the Southwestern Pennsylvania region, are also available.

## Data Management

Using a variety of computer programs, languages, data base management software, and operating systems, SRP staff are available to perform a number of data management functions, including data base 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 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 non-linear 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 report.
- Oral presentation of results to interested parties.

# WHAT WE DO: CENTER RESOURCES...CONTINUED

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## ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION SUPPORT

### Geographic Information Services

Geographic Information Services are available to faculty at the University of Pittsburgh and to non-profit organizations through the Environmental Decision Support (EDS) Program at UCSUR. The intent of these services is to meet the growing needs for spatially represented data and analysis in many disciplines. While there is a variety of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) skills across the university, there is no single unit dedicated to meeting GIS research and teaching needs of the faculty.

Appropriate spatial data are critical to GIS. EDS can provide assistance in obtaining and formatting data. Some commonly used data sets are available within the university, and others are available at state and federally sponsored web sites. Data resources at the University of Pittsburgh are inventoried at the following UCSUR web site: [http://www.pitt.edu/~envpol/gis\\_db/](http://www.pitt.edu/~envpol/gis_db/)

EDS seeks to offer services that are not available elsewhere at the University. Due to limited resources, services are not available to students. Services may be provided free, or for a fee that covers costs, depending upon the magnitude and complexity of the service provided.

### Services Provided

- Assistance in obtaining spatial data and converting to appropriate GIS formats (e.g., MapInfo to ArcView).
- Spatial mapping of GIS data.
- Assistance in creating presentations meeting client needs.
- Assistance in obtaining, formatting, and projecting spatial data for faculty use in classrooms.
- Assistance in combining spatial and non-spatial data.
- Limited spatial analysis of data, depending upon complexity and time.
- Full color printing of maps at fees sufficient to cover costs.
- Digital scanning and creation of digital files in formats appropriate for client use.
- Digitizing of spatial features.

### Equipment and Software Services

At this time, EDS is able to provide full ArcView and limited ArcInfo based services. The equipment is high quality, but not designed for large, complex GIS tasks. The equipment includes:

- Gateway GP7-750MHz Pentium III with 256MB SDRAM, 34GB Ultra ATA hard drive, IOMEGA 250MB internal ZIP, R/W/R CD drive and Windows NT.
- Medium format EPSON Stylus Pro 5000 printer capable of 1440x720 dpi resolution, six color inking, and 13x19" (A3) prints.
- Medium-size Epson 836XL scanner, capable of 1200dpi and 12x17" scan.
- Altek/Kurta DT-4 digitizer capable of 1000 pt/inch resolution with a 24x36" active digitizing area.



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## REGIONAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

UCSUR studies major economic and demographic trends in the Pittsburgh region in the national context. The policy consequences of these shifts, especially the strategies for economic development and job creation are analyzed. In addition to the performance of the regional economy, specific economic sectors that are considered promising are chosen for in-depth studies. The results of such studies are disseminated widely to the region's policymakers and relevant organizations. The program also fosters the development of new methods of data collection and analysis as well as scholarly publications by the graduate students and the participating faculty.

Urban Regional Analysis has been an important element of UCSUR's commitment to providing regional economic policy analysis capabilities to policymakers and the academic community.

### **The Pittsburgh Regional Economic Model**

This project involves the support and application of a large-scale regional econometric model. This model was developed by Regional Economic Models Inc. (REMI) and is supported by UCSUR in partnership with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission. The REMI model provides a powerful framework for economic analysis related to structural change in the Pittsburgh region and complements a variety of activities undertaken by the Center. The Center continues to maintain this model and provide support to local agencies as needed as part of the need for quality regional economic forecasting and impact analysis in the region.

The Pittsburgh REMI model is calibrated by UCSUR staff based on local conditions and our 10 years of experience with applying the model to the Pittsburgh region. This capability to forecast future regional economic conditions and conduct detailed impact analysis of potential changes in the regional economy is unique in the region.

The model has been expanded from what had been a six-county region forming the core of the Pittsburgh Metropolitan region (Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington, Westmoreland, and Armstrong counties) to also include three additional counties that make up Southwestern Pennsylvania (Fayette, Greene, and Indiana counties). This extends the capability of the model to look at economic and demographic impacts across a wider region.

### **Support of the Southwestern Planning Commission (SPC)**

UCSUR continues to support the Southwestern Planning Commission (formerly the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission (SPRPC) in developing its forecast of regional population and employment for the region. This is a primary function of the REMI model, which is essential to this project because of its extensive demographic modeling capability. UCSUR staff provide both technical and research consulting to SPRPC to aid its use of the REMI model and in producing as accurate a forecast as is possible for the region. The SPRPC needs these baseline forecasts and the REMI model in order to evaluate a range of transportation projects for the region and decide on funding priorities. The SPRPC is also required by federal mandate to provide 30-year projections of population and employment to the Department of Transportation as part of their planning process.



# WHAT WE DO: CENTER RESOURCES...CONTINUED

## Workforce Development and Labor Demand Tracking

The Center is in the process of setting up an ongoing project to track ES-202 employment data collected by the state of Pennsylvania. This data will provide a crucial source of labor supply information needed by local business and government leaders. As the labor supply tightens both nationally and locally, the ability to attract new businesses is growing more and more dependent on the quality and quantity of the local labor force. This data source has yet to be fully developed by the state, and the Center believes that there is an opportunity that can be taken up by the Center's faculty and staff to make it into an information resource for the policymaking organizations in the region.

## Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly

In 2000, UCSUR began a new publication to support organizations and staff involved with economic development throughout the region. The goal of the Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly (PEQ) has been to highlight the important economic trends that impact the regional economy and the competitiveness of local industries. This is an extension of the continuing work done at UCSUR. Each issue will include the latest data on regional employment and economic conditions. Feature articles will cover a variety of issues relating to regional industries and how they are changing and other economic and social factors that directly impact the future of the region. The PEQ will focus entirely on the local economy. Significant positive response to the PEQ has resulted and has filled a major need in the region for ongoing study of current economic trends. Future issues of the PEQ will center on these key issues:

- Industries that are driving economic growth in the region.
- Changing workforce in Western Pennsylvania.
- Analysis of the latest economic and demographic data affecting the regional economy.

<b>Pittsburgh Region: 10 Year Baseline Forecasts</b>		
Cumulative Growth Predicted 2000-2010		
	Woods & Poole Forecast	REMI Model Forecast
Total Population	0.4%	0.1%
Total Employment	7.2%	5.5%
Agricultural Services	22.2%	19.4%
Mining	4.9%	-18.2%
Construction	8.1%	-0.9%
Manufacturing	-7.9%	-7.0%
Transportation/Utilities	13.3%	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	10.2%	-1.8%
Retail Trade	2.7%	-3.2%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	19.6%	0.6%
Services	10.4%	17.8%
Personal Income*	15.1%	15.2%
Income Per Capita*	14.7%	15.0%

\*Inflation Adjusted



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## 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 2000 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.



# WHAT WE DO: CENTER RESOURCES...CONTINUED

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## PROGRAM EVALUATION SERVICES

The University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) can assist faculty at the University of Pittsburgh and community agencies with their program evaluation needs. The planning and evaluation function provides technical assistance on designing evaluation plans, identifying evaluation consultants with expertise in the area to be evaluated, and conducting program evaluations in fields related to children, youth, family services, and the elderly. Depending on the focus of the project, these services can be provided by the Office of Child Development, Gerontology Program, or Generations Together.

UCSUR's interdisciplinary staff has academic training in psychology, public health, and child/family studies, and has evaluation experience in a wide range of content areas including social service programs, behavioral and mental health services, public health programs, and educational services. More specifically, 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 child and family indicators, management information systems, and needs assessments. UCSUR provides training and technical assistance to increase the capacity of staff to conduct monitoring and 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.

# PROGRAMS

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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 previous 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:

## **Environmental Decision Support (EDS)**

*Stephen C. Farber: Program Director*

A new program established in response to a regional need for environmental resource management decision support. Researchers from a broad range of natural sciences, social sciences, and engineering disciplines focus on complex environmental issues using Geographic Information Systems as a tool for data integration and modeling.

## **Gerontology**

*Richard Schulz: Program Director*

*Lynn Martire: Associate Program Director*

Acts as a catalyst and coordinator for the multidisciplinary study of aging. It aids communication and proposal development and operates as the information hub for research, training, and aging-related clinical services throughout the University. While the main focus of the program remains on the psychosocial and health policy aspects of aging, faculty are also actively involved in gerontology training, basic cognitive science research, and epidemiologic studies of the elderly.

## **Generations Together (GT)**

*James McCrea: Program Director*

An intergenerational studies program that furthers the development, training, evaluation, research, technical support, and information dissemination on intergenerational programs, and prepares multidisciplinary professionals for work in the intergenerational field.

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*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.*

## **Office of Child Development (OCD)**

*Christina J. Groark: Co-Program Director*

*Robert B. McCall: Co-Program Director*

Promotes interdisciplinary research and educational programs pertaining to children, youth, and families; stimulates and manages interdisciplinary and multi-institutional educational, research, service demonstration, and program evaluation projects; provides needs assessment research, background information, and policy analyses; and disseminates research and professional information on children, youth, and families.

## **Survey Research Program (SRP)**

*Scott Beach: Program Director*

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 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.

## **Urban and Regional Analysis (URA)**

*Ralph L. Bangs: Co-Program Director*

*Sabina Deitrick: Co-Program Director*

Promotes scholarly analysis of urban and regional problems. Its multidisciplinary research, which is local, national, and international in character, touches on issues that further our understanding of the causes and consequences of economic and social change, enhances the analytical basis for public policy decisions, and aids in the evaluation of policy alternatives.

# CURRENT CORE STAFF

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## **Administration**

*Director:* Richard Schulz  
*Business Manager:* James E. Clossin  
*Administrative Assistants:* Anna Aivaliotis, Donna M. King  
*Systems Administrator:* James R. Lefcakis

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*Data Entry Specialist:* Barbara Dughri

## **Office of Child Development**

*Co-Program Director:* Christina J. Groark  
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*Associate Program Director:* Carl N. Johnson\*\*  
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*Service Demonstrations Director:* Laurie Mulvey  
*Community and Internet Services Coordinator:* Kathryn L. Rudy  
*Administrator:* Peggy Maloney  
*Executive Administrative Assistants:* Mary Ellen Colella, Mary Louise Kaminski  
*Administrative Assistant:* Susan Jones  
*Newsletter Editor:* Jeffery Fraser

## **Gerontology**

*Program Director:* Richard Schulz  
*Associate Program Director:* Lynn Martire\*\*  
*Project Coordinators/Directors:* Jennifer Bissell, John Hennon, Joy Herrington, Melissa Mooney, Bozena Zdaniuk  
*Project Assistants:* Elaine Aivaliotis, Sally Hostein-Neft, Mary Parks

## **Generations Together**

*Program Director:* James McCrea  
*Program Coordinators:* David Fetterman, Sue Schneider, Gina Thorpe-Bradley, Merrille Weissman  
*Program Assistant:* Anne Martin  
*Library Specialist:* Louise Humphreys  
*Journal Editor/Emeritus Director:* Sally Newman  
*Secretary:* Sandra Harris

## **Environmental Decision Support**

*Program Director:* Stephen C. Farber\*\*



\*\* Indicates participating faculty, not UCSUR staff

# FACULTY ASSOCIATES

The following individuals serve as faculty associates, representing numerous schools, departments, institutes, and centers.

Derek C. Angus	Anesthesiology	William B. Kory	Geography
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Thomas K. Gaither	English	Anne B. Newman	Medicine
Marcia Landy	English	Edward Post	Medicine
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Steven Belle	Epidemiology	Eric Rodriguez	Medicine
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Andrea Kriska	Epidemiology	Rakesh Sindhi	Medicine
Joel L. Weissfeld	Epidemiology	James Stahl	Medicine
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 James J. Irrgang *Physical Therapy*  
 Jessie VanSwearingen *Physical Therapy*  
 David Barker *Political Science*  
 Christopher Jan Carman *Political Science*  
 Susan Hansen *Political Science*  
 John Hurwitz *Political Science*  
 Jack L. Daniel *Provost Office*  
 Mary Amanda Dew *Psychiatry*  
 John E. Donovan *Psychiatry*  
 Linda J. Ewing *Psychiatry*  
 Benoit H. Mulsant *Psychiatry*  
 Robert S. Marin *Psychiatry*  
 Kimberly K. Mathos *Psychiatry*  
 Karen A. Matthews *Psychiatry*  
 Lisa A. Morrow *Psychiatry*  
 Rick Morycz *Psychiatry*  
 Edward P. Mulvey *Psychiatry*  
 Herbert L. Needleman *Psychiatry*  
 Bruce Pollock *Psychiatry*  
 Charles F. Reynolds III *Psychiatry*  
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 Judith A. Saxton *Psychiatry*  
 Sarah H. Scholle *Psychiatry*  
 Vaughan Stagg *Psychiatry*  
 Magda Stouthamer-Loeber *Psychiatry*  
 Kenneth S. Thompson *Psychiatry*  
 Daniel Shaw *Psychology*  
 John Levine *Psychology*  
 David Marsh *Psychology*  
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 Julie Tietz *Psychology*  
 Thomas W. Kamarck *Psychology*  
 Gregg Margolis *Rehabilitation Science and Technology*  
 Walter Antonio Bretz *Restorative Dentistry*  
 Nancy Condee *Slavic Languages and Literatures*  
 Vladimir Padunov *Slavic Languages and Literatures*  
 Larry E. Davis *Social Work*  
 Rafael J. Engel *Social Work*  
 Katie Greeno *Social Work*  
 Wynne S. Korr *Social Work*  
 Lambert Maguire *Social Work*  
 Helen Petracchi *Social Work*  
 Mary Beth Rauktis *Social Work*  
 Esther Sales *Social Work*  
 Edward W. Sites *Social Work*

Tracy M. Soska *Social Work*  
 Hide Yamatani *Social Work*  
 Akiko Hashimoto *Sociology*  
 Kathleen M. Blee *Sociology*  
 Lisa D. Brush *Sociology*  
 Patrick Doreian *Sociology*  
 Thomas Schott *Sociology*  
 William J. Futrell *Surgery*  
 Dennis J. Hurwitz *Surgery*  
 Badrinath R. Konety *Surgery*  
 James D. Luketich *Surgery*  
 Jorge Reyes *Surgery*  
 Ron Shapiro *Surgery*  
 Attilio Favorini *Theatre Arts*  
 William I. Brustein *University Center for International Studies*  
 Carolyn J. Carson *Urban Studies Program*  
 Guido K. Frank *Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic*





# PROJECTS\*

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## **One Economy African Americans**

*PI: Ralph Bangs, URA, UCSUR*

*Funders: Pittsburgh Foundation*

*RK Mellon Foundation*

*Period: 07/99-06/02*

Research designed to monitor the economic conditions of African Americans in the Pittsburgh Region and improve local strategies and programs for addressing these conditions.

## **ACES Colorectal Cancer Screening Survey (Phase II)**

*PIs: Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR*

*Joel Weissfeld, Epidemiology*

*Funder: Pennsylvania Department of Health*

*Period: 04/01-06/01*

Telephone survey in the Aliquippa and Clairton communities examining cancer screening behaviors among 50-79 year olds. Conducted to test the effectiveness of a community-wide colorectal cancer screening information campaign.

## **Family and Peer Risk Factors for Pre-Adolescent Drinking Screening Survey**

*PIs: Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR*

*John Donovan, Psychiatry*

*Funder: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse*

*and Alcoholism*

*Period: 04/00-03/05*

UCSUR is assisting the Department of Psychiatry in a telephone survey to identify families with 8-10 year olds suitable for intensive interviewing regarding risk factors for early alcohol use.

## **Impact of Computers in Medicine**

*PIs: Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR*

*Cynthia Gadd, Medical Informatics*

*Funder: UPMC Income Account*

*Period: 04/99-12/01*

Analyze the results of surveys assessing the impact of an electronic medical records system on physicians and patients.

## **Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Member Survey**

*PIs: Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR*

*Sandy Klinzing, LASA*

*Funder: LASA*

*Period: 08/00-11/00*

Web-based/email survey of LASA members concerning current and potential electronic services and web site features.

## **Qualitative Research on Battering Work and Welfare**

*PIs: Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR*

*Lisa Brush, Sociology*

*Funder: Institute for Justice*

*Period: 04/99-12/01*

Qualitative research study focusing on violence against women and its effects on labor force participation, economic well being, and welfare-to-work transition.

## **Racial Polarization**

*PIs: Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR*

*Jonathan Hurwitz, Political Science*

*Funder: National Science Foundation*

*Period: 09/99-05/02*

Study designed to explore interracial differences in evaluations and perceptions of the criminal justice system, and to determine the precise nature of the cynicism found among many African Americans.

**\*In alphabetical order by UCSUR PI**

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**Undergraduate Student Satisfaction/Retention Study at the University of Pittsburgh**

*PIs: Scott Beach, SRP, UCSUR  
Donald Musa, UCSUR  
Jack Daniel, Office of the Provost  
Funder: University of Pittsburgh  
Period: 01/97-10/01*

Study will help determine the social, demographic and economic factors that predict student satisfaction with the University and the decision to withdraw.

**Integrated Watershed Analysis of an Urbanized Watershed**

*PIs: Kathi Beratan, EDS, UCSUR  
Karl Herman, U.S. Geological Survey, CA  
Funder: United States Geological Survey  
Period: 10/00-09/01*

Develop a computer-based decision support system incorporating integrated natural science, engineering, and public policy tools for land use decision-making in the San Francisco watershed (California).

**Association of Neuroscience Departments and Programs (ANDP) Member Survey**

*PIs: Michael Bridges, SRP, UCSUR  
Edward Stricker, Neuroscience  
Funder: ANDP  
Period: 07/00-12/00*

Web-based/email survey of members of the ANDP concerning graduate and undergraduate educational programs and issues.

**Council of Academic Programs in Communication Science and Disorders (CAPCSD) Survey of Programs**

*PIs: Michael Bridges, SRP, UCSUR  
Roy Shinn, Edinboro University  
Funder: CAPCSD  
Period: 04/01-08/01*

Statistical analysis, data preparation, and report generation for CAPCSD annual Survey of Programs.

**Development and Validation of a Functional Assessment Measure for Patients with Upper Extremity Spasticity**

*PIs: Michael Bridges, SRP, UCSUR  
Michael Munin, Medicine  
Funder: Allegran, Inc.  
Period: Ongoing*

Develop a valid and reliable measurement instrument to detect changes in functional ability among patients with upper extremity spasticity.

**Physician Responsiveness to Patient Needs Questionnaire: A Construct Validation Study**

*PIs: Michael Bridges, SRP, UCSUR  
Margaret Clark, Carnegie Mellon University  
Funder: Fetzer Foundation  
Period: 01/01-03/01*

Random Digit Dialing survey of residents of Allegheny County to evaluate perceptions of physician's responsiveness to patient's needs.

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**IISIS: A Community Model**  
*PI: Louise Comfort, EDS, Graduate School of  
Public and International Affairs*  
*Funder: Public Entity Risk Institute*  
*Period: 02/01-01/02*

Develop interactive Geographic Information Systems emergency management system for Pittsburgh.

**Quick Response Study: The Gujarat, India Earthquake**  
*PI: Louise Comfort, EDS, Graduate School of  
Public and International Affairs*  
*Funder: National Science Foundation*  
*Period: 06/01-11/01*

Quick response trip to Gujarat, India to do field research on the uses of information technology in mobilizing responses to the earthquake.

**Carrick High School Mentoring Program**  
*PI: Cornelia Davis, GT, UCSUR*  
*Funder: Pennsylvania Department of Education*  
*Period: 07/00-06/01*

Recruits, trains, and matches older adults to serve as mentors to 9th and 10th graders at Carrick High School. In addition to mentoring activities, the older adults tutor students in subjects such as math and science.

**Allegheny Works**  
*PI: Anne Farber, OCD, UCSUR*  
*Funder: Alcoa Foundation*  
*Period: 10/00-09/01*

Initiative to improve employment, literacy, and job readiness skills of residents of the Northside. This evaluation assesses individual grants funded through the initiative, the community funding model, and impacts on the broader community.

**Comprehensive Service Alliance**  
*PI: Anne Farber, OCD, UCSUR*  
*Funder: Comprehensive Service Alliance*  
*Period: 09/99-03/02*

Develop an evaluation plan that will include identification of audiences for evaluation reports, piloting of data collection tools, a system to track data collection, and a strategy to collect for program implementation and outcomes indicators.

**Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Evaluation**  
*PI: Anne Farber, OCD, UCSUR*  
*Funder: Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank*  
*Period: 01/00-09/01*

Analyze and report on data collected by the Food Bank to assess the information learned in the nutrition education programs. Interview participants following completion of training to determine how their behavior relating to nutrition has changed.

**Pittsburgh Action Against Rape Enhanced Safety for South Pittsburgh Communities Evaluation**  
*PI: Anne Farber, OCD, UCSUR*  
*Funder: Birmingham Foundation*  
*Period: 01/01-12/01*

Evaluation to assess the impact of education and training efforts on the Southside through assessment of the education program's impact on individual participants, changes in community awareness obtained through interviews with community leaders, and increased usage of PAAR's services.

**Victim Offender Evaluation**  
*PI: Anne Farber, OCD, UCSUR*  
*Funder: Pittsburgh Mediation Center*  
*Period: 07/00-12/01*

Review the logic model, analyze data, develop report, collect feedback, and conduct a survey for the Victim Offender Program.

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### **Children's Mental Health and Education Services Evaluation**

*PI: Anne Farber, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Mental Health Association of Allegheny County  
Period: 03/01-12/01*

Evaluation will assess outcomes achieved through the Mental Health Association of Allegheny County's Children's Mental Health and Education Services. Services provided to families through phone and other consultation will be tracked, and changes in school attendance and performance will be analyzed.

### **Pittsburgh RISES**

*PI: Stephen Farber, GSPIA, UCSUR  
Funder: City of Pittsburgh  
Period: 06/00-06/01*

Development of software to search and display information on Brownfields sites in Pittsburgh Enterprise Communities.

### **GrandKIN Raising GrandKIDS**

*PI: David Fetterman, GT, UCSUR  
Funders: Brookdale Foundation  
Period: 07/00-06/02  
Pittsburgh Foundation  
Period: 06/99-06/02  
Allegheny County Department of Human Services  
Period: 06/99-07/04  
Valley Care Association  
Period: 01/01-12/01*

Collaborative project that provides support and services for parenting grandparents and their grandchildren in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Current services include support groups, respite care, and a telephone information/referral/support service.

### **Early Identification and Intervention in Children's Behavioral Health**

*PI: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Jewish Healthcare Foundation  
Period: 03/01-12/01*

Connect parents, childcare workers, and pediatricians in determining whether a problem exists, its severity, and appropriate interventions.

### **Senator John Heinz Memorial**

*PI: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Heinz Endowments  
Period: Ongoing*

Advance the welfare of children, youth, and families through interdisciplinary study, training, and programs.

### **Effects of Improving Care Giving – Russia**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Robert McCall, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
Period: 01/00-12/04*

Intervention project in Baby Homes of St. Petersburg, Russia. Study to look at stability and consistency of caregivers and socially responsive and developmentally appropriate caregiving behaviors.

### **Interdisciplinary Fellow in Evaluation**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Robert McCall, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Heinz Endowments  
Period: 01/99-12/01*

Interdisciplinary fellowship training program in policy and evaluation. The fellowship program will provide an advanced interdisciplinary apprenticeship program in human service program evaluation and policy, with a focus on services for children and families.

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**Matching Funds for Improving  
Caregiving–Russia**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Robert McCall, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Heinz Endowments  
Period: 05/99-04/04*

**Office of Child Development-Core**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Robert McCall, OCD, UCSUR  
Funders: RK Mellon Foundation  
Period: 01/98-12/03  
Heinz Endowments  
Period: 01/99-12/01*

**Early Childhood Initiative  
Demonstration Project (ECIDP)**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Laurie Mulvey, OCD, UCSUR  
Funders: Heinz Endowments  
United Way  
RK Mellon Foundation  
Period: 04/01-03/04*

**Early Head Start**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Laurie Mulvey, OCD, UCSUR  
Funders: Department of Health and Human  
Services ACYF/Head Start Bureau  
Period: 09/00-09/01  
Heinz Endowments  
Period: 10/98-09/02*

**Partnerships for Family Support**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Laurie Mulvey, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Allegheny County Department  
of Human Services  
Period: 06/01-07/02*

**Early Literacy**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Robert Nelkin, OCD, UCSUR  
Funders: Heinz Endowments  
Period: 05/99-10/01  
Grable Foundation  
Period: 08/99-08/02*

Matching funds for Baby Homes Intervention in St. Petersburg, Russia.

General support for the Office of Child Development.

ECIDP's goals are to ensure neighborhood-designed, high quality early childhood services that are integrated across all domains, including health, education, and welfare. Formulate and conduct strategies that will improve the early childhood field in the region at the provider level and at the systems level.

Early Head Start program of services for families and children birth to three. The objectives of this project are to optimize early child development; support and enhance family development, stability, and self-sufficiency; and to ensure ongoing program improvement and staff development.

Enhance strong intervention system in Allegheny County by implementing family support principles, which highlight governed, designed, and improved services and activities.

Public awareness and engagement campaign to improve the language skills and learning readiness of young children by creating an environment where reading and learning are valued and supported.

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### **Early Literacy Summit 2000**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Robert Nelkin, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Heinz Endowments  
Period: 12/99-09/01*

Summit to define and address challenges faced in the area of literacy in early education. The Summit will serve as a call to action to motivate the target audience to achieve a region-wide continuum of effort and level of coordination that will support every child's journey to reading.

### **Family Support Principles**

*PIs: Christina Groark, OCD, UCSUR  
Robert Nelkin, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Copeland  
Period: 01/00-12/01*

Study to assess the feasibility of dramatically increasing the number of children and families positively affected by family support principles. As a result, a broader movement will advocate for children, families, and communities through a preventative, strengths-based, culturally competent approach.

### **Arthritis Education Project**

*PI: Lynn Martire, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Funder: National Heart, Lung, and  
Blood Institute  
Period: 09/99-09/04*

Study to assess the efficacy of an educational intervention for older osteoarthritis patients and their spousal caregivers.

### **Caplan Early Childhood Education and Parenting Fund**

*PI: Robert McCall, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Frank and Theresa Caplan  
Period: Ongoing*

Provide scholarly or applied experience in training parent educators or guide parents in the development of infants and children.

### **Effects of Caregiving on Early Mental Health**

*PI: Robert McCall, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: National Institute of Child Health and  
Human Development  
Period: 06/00-05/02*

Research supplement for under-represented minorities for the development and implementation of the follow-up of children adopted into the United States, particularly children from the three baby homes in St. Petersburg, Russia.

### **Welfare Indicators**

*PI: Robert McCall, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Heinz Endowments  
Period: 05/98-04/02*

Chart the progress of parents toward financial and psychological self-sufficiency and the corresponding development of their children.

### **Kids Count**

*PIs: Robert McCall, OCD, UCSUR  
Maria Townsend, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children  
Period: 05/98-12/01*

Provide data for the PA State of the Child book. Raising awareness of the general public and state-wide policy and decisionmakers about issues affecting children in Pennsylvania. Also to develop and disseminate annual Kids Count products, such as the State of the Child Factbook and special reports.



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**Intergenerational Service-Learning  
in Gerontology**

*PI: James McCrea, GT, UCSUR  
Funder: Association for Gerontology in  
Higher Education  
Period: 09/98-08/03*

Seeks to create an intergenerational service-learning infrastructure in gerontology education through the provision of grants to colleges and universities to develop service-learning courses, partner with community agencies, and engage students in service to older adults.

**Family Support Expansion**

*PI: Laurie Mulvey, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Heinz Endowments  
Period: 07/01-12/02*

Provide technical assistance and startup funds to communities that articulate a desire for and can bring resources to the development and oversight of a family support center.

**Technical Assistance CCDP Study**

*PI: Laurie Mulvey, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Mon-Valley Education Consortium  
Period: 01/00-07/01*

Provide technical assistance to MacArthur Network CCDP Study of Pittsburgh sites.

**Public Perception of and Reaction  
Toward PA's Voluntary Benefits**

*PIs: Donald Musa, SRP, UCSUR  
Cindy Bryce, Medicine  
Funder: Greenwall Foundation  
Period: 01/01-12/01*

Assess opinions about organ transplantation/ donation and knowledge of the PA Voluntary Benefits Program for families of organ donors.

**Self Care: Comparison of African  
Americans and Whites**

*PIs: Donald Musa, SRP, UCSUR  
Myrna Silverman, Health Services  
Administration  
Funder: National Institute on Aging  
Period: 09/00-08/04*

Study of self-care behaviors and their stability or change over time among older black and white adults with chronic disease.

**Public Attitudes Towards Death  
and Organ Donation**

*PIs: Donald Musa, SRP, UCSUR  
Laura Siminoff, Case Western  
Reserve University  
Funder: National Institutes of Health  
Period: 04/99-09/01*

Study to examine the American public's understanding, conceptualization, and reaction to the determination of death and its effects on the willingness to donate organs and to support organ procurement policies.

**Collaborative on Child and Family Policy**

*PI: Robert Nelkin, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Alcoa Foundation  
Period: 01/01-12/01*

Develop network of local leaders who will articulate and advocate for policy change to improve outcomes for children based on programmatic experiences of Allegheny County initiatives.

**Early Identification and Intervention  
in Children's Behavioral Health**

*PI: Robert Nelkin, OCD, UCSUR  
Funder: Jewish Healthcare Foundation  
Period: 01/01-12/02*

Connect parents, childcare workers, and pediatricians in determining whether a problem exists, its severity, and appropriate interventions.

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<p><b>Early Literacy Leaders</b> <i>PI: Robert Nelkin, OCD, UCSUR</i> <i>Funder: Alcoa Foundation</i> <i>Period: 01/01-12/01</i></p>	<p>Enhance role of parents as a force to bring about key elements necessary for any community in the nation (or elsewhere) to prepare children to be ready for school success.</p>
<p><b>YouthPlaces</b> <i>PI: Robert Nelkin, OCD, UCSUR</i> <i>Funder: Vira Heinz</i> <i>Period: 11/98-11/01</i></p>	<p>YouthPlaces is a major initiative of Youth Crime Prevention of Allegheny County. Design and implement evaluation and technical assistance plan for YouthPlaces, the local model of community-wide youth development.</p>
<p><b>Proposal to Omidyar Foundation Requesting Financial Support for Two Meetings</b> <i>PI: Sally Newman, GT, UCSUR</i> <i>Funder: Omidyar Foundation</i> <i>Period: 01/01-12/01</i></p>	<p>Development of an intergenerational professional journal.</p>
<p><b>Collaborative for Non-Custodial Fathers</b> <i>PI: Kathryn Rudy, OCD, UCSUR</i> <i>Funder: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i> <i>Period: 01/01-06/02</i></p>	<p>Provide a seamless network of services tailored to the needs of non-custodial fathers in lieu of the fragmented system of services now available from various providers with varying program capacities.</p>
<p><b>Intergenerational Arts and Education Program</b> <i>PI: Sue Schneider, GT, UCSUR</i> <i>Funder: Heinz Endowments</i> <i>Period: 10/00-09/03</i></p>	<p>Foster the development of literacy skills in elementary school age children through interdisciplinary instruction using older artists. A variety of intergenerational activities are integrated with existing curricula to deepen student understanding and promote new relationships.</p>
<p><b>Puppets to Pittsburgh</b> <i>PI: Sue Schneider, GT, UCSUR</i> <i>Funder: Metropolitan Life Foundation</i> <i>Period: 01/01-12/01</i></p>	<p>Enhance the art and cultural experiences of children who attend the Pittsburgh Elementary Gifted Center by using puppet theater traditions of the major immigrant groups that have come to Pittsburgh over the years. Students will work with older adults who represent the multiple cultural and ethnic traditions in Pittsburgh.</p>
<p><b>Pittsburgh NIA Career Leadership Award</b> <i>PI: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR</i> <i>Funder: National Institute on Aging</i> <i>Period: 07/99-06/04</i></p>	<p>Project integrates and enhances existing programs of aging research/training.</p>
<p><b>Understanding Shared Psychobiological Pathways-Core B</b> <i>PIs: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR</i> <i>Karen Matthews, Psychiatry</i> <i>Funder: National Heart, Lung, &amp; Blood Institute</i> <i>Period: 09/00-08/02</i></p>	<p>Provide a data management infrastructure and serve as a resource for the selection and development of appropriate psychosocial measures for multidisciplinary center.</p>

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**Family Relationships in Late-Life Study**

*PIs: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Gail Williamson, University of Georgia  
Funder: National Institute on Aging  
Period: 09/98-08/02*

Longitudinal study to assess the level of depression, anger, and anxiety in a sample of caregivers of elderly family members.

**Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health Coordinating Center**

*PI: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Funders: National Institute on Aging  
National Institute of Nursing Research  
Period: 09/98-08/01*

Works with selected intervention sites/program administrators of the NIA to carry out social/behavioral research on interventions designed to enhance family caregiving for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders (ADRD).

**Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health Conceptual Framework Project**

*PI: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Funders: National Institute on Aging  
National Institute of Nursing Research  
Period: 09/00-08/01*

Apply statistical optimization techniques in the Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health Study.

**Mental Health Intervention Research Center for the Study of Late-Life Mood Disorders**

*PIs: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Charles Reynolds, Psychiatry  
Funder: National Institute of Mental Health  
Period: 03/00-02/05*

Major research mission is to describe pathways and to characterize variation in outcomes for geriatric depression such as wellness, recurrence of depression, suicide, and placement in long-term care.

**Geriatric Education Center of Pennsylvania**

*PI: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Funder: Health Resources and Services Administration  
Period: 09/96-08/02*

Maintain/improve the health and well-being of Pennsylvania's elderly population by increasing levels of geriatric expertise among existing as well as future health care professionals.

**Act 13/Elder Abuse**

*PIs: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Kathy Segrist, Temple University  
Funder: Temple University  
Period: 04/98-03/02*

Management/training assistance in the provision of Act 13 elder Abuse Awareness training modules.

**Caregiver Health Effects Study**

*PI: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Funder: National Institute of Mental Health  
Period: 06/97-05/02*

Multi-year study investigating the health effects of caregiving in a population-based sample of spousal caregivers using a wide array of objective and self-report physical and mental health outcome measures.

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### **Dynamics of Health, Aging, and Body Composition (Health ABC)**

*PIs: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Anne Newman, Medicine  
Funder: National Institute on Aging  
Period: 03/96-04/04*

Investigate body composition and its relation to disability, mobility, and mortality in a cohort of individuals aged 70 years and over.

### **Adjustment to Breast Cancer**

*PIs: Richard Schulz, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Vicki Helgeson, Carnegie Mellon University  
Funder: National Cancer Institute  
Period: 07/98-04/02*

Primary aim is to examine the long-term effects of education and peer discussion intervention on psychological and physical adjustment to breast cancer and conference with follow-up care.

### **Intergenerational Early Childhood Program**

*PI: Gina Thorpe-Bradley, GT, UCSUR  
Funder: Allegheny County  
Area Agency on Aging  
Period: 12/00-06/01*

Prepares older adults over 55 years of age to work in child care. Using a curriculum developed by Generations Together, older students are trained in early childhood development and then placed in employment. The model also includes supports to help the graduates remain employed.

### **Lucent Technologies Intergenerational Child Care Project**

*PI: Gina Thorpe-Bradley, GT, UCSUR  
Funder: Lucent Technologies  
Period: 02/00-02/01*

Integrates older caregivers into Lucent's child care centers by creating intergenerational caregiving teams. Activities include training of older adults and child care staff, community awareness workshops, dissemination, and model replication.

### **Training Older Adults as Tutors in Schools**

*PI: Gina Thorpe-Bradley, GT, UCSUR  
Fundors: Urban League of Pittsburgh  
Period: 01/01-03/01  
YMCA of Pittsburgh  
Period: 03/01-06/01*

Based on a pilot program developed by Generations Together in Flint, Michigan, this program trains older adults to tutor children (K-3) in literacy. This model is part of the Pittsburgh Public School District's One-on-One Tutoring Program. Successful graduates of the program are then hired by the district to tutor the children.

### **Comprehension Impairment**

*PI: Connie Tompkins, Gerontology, UCSUR  
Funder: National Institutes of Health  
Period: 09/97-08/01*

Discourse comprehension problems often follow right brain damage but they are poorly understood. This project will test recent hypothesis of "suppression deficit" as a factor in poor comprehension performance.

### **Seeds to Success**

*PI: Merrille Weissman, GT, UCSUR  
Fundors: Valley Care Association  
Period: 06/00-02/01  
The Raymond John Wean Foundation  
Period: 08/00-01/01*

Provides seed grants to generate new intergenerational projects in the region that address the problems (e.g. school dropouts, social isolation) of inadequate support groups for young and old and encourage working partnerships between agencies that serve children, youth, and older adults.

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