



## Happening in SRO

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***If you have items for the newsletter or if you would like to highlight an event, please let Brenda Spaulding or your unit director know.***



### Reminder – SRO Closure Day on Friday, September 2

This is a reminder that Friday, September 2, 2022 will be an SRO Closure day, prior to the Monday, September 5 Labor Day holiday (observed).

Staff members have the option of taking Friday as vacation time or making arrangements with their supervisor to work, if that is preferable.

### ISR-Perry Parking Lot Repaving 8/31 - 9/2

ISR-Perry's parking lot next to the main entrance is scheduled to be repaved from Wednesday, August 31 - Friday, September 2. The lot will be closed throughout this work so alternate parking plans will have to be made.

### Panel Study of Income Dynamics Puerto Rico (PSID-PR) (Shonda Kruger – Ndiaye and Camila Kendall)

The current PSID-PR project represents the establishment of a new Panel study in Puerto Rico. Current NICHD-funded scope (led by PIs Elizabeth Fussell at Brown and Narayan Sastry at U-M) includes household listing and two waves of data collection.

Well-conducted area-probability samples of Puerto Rico are rare. Listing work for PSID-PR is being carried out by student workers from the University of Puerto Rico as part of a collaboration with CPS' Puerto Rican Population Study (PR-Pop).

As described at the last All-SRO meeting, DMSS grouped Census blocks to construct segments. 100 segments were selected to represent the main as well as the two smaller islands. Listing training will be held in Puerto Rico in early October, with a target completion just before Thanksgiving. Listing will be carried out via the SurveyTrak Electronic Listing Program (ST ELP).

The lack of standardized addresses in PR presents unique challenges for the listers. The addresses are often unmailable (incomplete, non-unique, not associated with the specific housing unit, etc) so listers will capture GIS coordinates of each housing unit as well as photos of those they suspect to be unmailable or difficult to uniquely identify again during later data collection. Listers will use the phone application Field Maps (an ARC-GIS product) to capture the coordinates. The ELP will generate QR codes that the listers will scan within Field Maps to link the GIS coordinates with the addresses in the ELP.

After listing, DMSS will select sample for both studies. SRO PSID-PR's subsequent work scope is much like that of an international project. We will provide technical systems and support, interviewer training (in Spanish), and project management consultation to the research team and to the Puerto Rican data collection agency ([Estudios Tecnicos](#)) for both the 2023 and 2025 waves of data collection.

PSID-PR's wave 1 questionnaire will consist of the PSID Core 23 Blaise 5 instrument with content additions related to skin color, language skills, and migration to and from the mainland U.S.

As the instrument will be administered primarily in Spanish, the PSID Spanish translation will also be adjusted for Puerto Rico. Modes for wave 1 include telephone and face-to-face. SurveyTrak International will be used as the sample management system. A pretest of a preliminary version of the questionnaire will be held (likely in early 2023). Wave 1 data collection will launch following the launch of PSID Core23, with the goal that it conclude by the end of the year and Wave 2 is planned for 2025.

Beyond currently-funded scope, the research team hopes to receive National Institute on Aging (NIA) funding to expand PSID-PR to include additional 2023 instrument content, including recruitment of additional sample members through selected family units (via a multiplicity sampling technique) and to add a 2024 wave of data collection modeled after HRS' Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP). The NIA funding would enhance the study's focus on aging and cognition. If granted, this work would be led by Dr. Esther Friedman (U-M/PSID) and Dr. Sastry.

### SCA in the News

Last month, the *Wall Street Journal* published a video, "Why Consumer Confidence is Key to Bringing Down Inflation" which featured the history of the Survey of Consumer Attitudes (SCA) at U-M and the consumer-sentiment index and its impact. The video also highlights the new SCA Director, Joanne Hsu. Here is the link to the video (~5 minutes in length): [SCA Video in the WSJ](#)

### CCP Corner: Managing Return-to-Work Anxiety (Elany Clark)

While most of us will not have significantly different schedules this fall, some of us are returning regularly to Perry for the first time since the pandemic started. Regardless of your individual schedule, SRO will definitely have a more active on-site presence. With this return, it's natural to have some apprehension or even some anxiety. The following articles discuss some healthy tips for managing anxiety and returning back to in-person work post pandemic:

<https://www.priorygroup.com/blog/managing-anxiety-about-returning-to-work-after-coronavirus-lockdown>

<https://adaa.org/learn-from-us/from-the-experts/blog-posts/consumer/ease-your-return-work-anxiety>

<https://www.edenhealth.com/blog/return-to-work-anxiety/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/25/well/mind/return-to-office-anxiety.html>



## **SRO Wellness News (SRO Wellness Committee)**

**CONTACT US?** *Please reach out to us if you are interested or have ideas:*  
[srowellcomm@umich.edu](mailto:srowellcomm@umich.edu)

**TIME FOR A POLL** - Help us with our wellness programming by answering a few questions. Your help is greatly appreciated.

[Click Here To Take Poll](#)

**ICE CREAM WALKS!** Join us for a scoop of your favorite ice cream sensation.

Below are links to sign up sheets for the upcoming Ice Cream Walks. Yum!!!

We'll take a walk and enjoy a treat sponsored by the SRO Wellness Committee as a mental health/ social break. Fresh air, ice cream choice from the location, nice walk, and bonding with fellow colleagues. Treats are on us!

We will meet in the Perry lobby at designated time and leave at 5 minutes after designated meet time.

NOTE: If inclement weather, your SRO Wellness Committee walk lead will contact the group to reschedule.

All locations less than 0.9 miles from the Perry Building.

**Insomnia Cookies - Wednesday, August 31 at 12p - [Website](#)**

[Click Here to Sign Up for Insomnia Cookies Ice Cream Walk](#)

**Kilwin's - Wednesday, September 7 at 12p - [Website](#)**

[Click Here to Sign Up for Kilwin Ice Cream Walk](#)

**Michigan Creamery - Friday, September 16 at 4p - [Website](#)**

[Click Here to Sign Up for Michigan Creamery Ice Cream Walk](#)

## RETURN OF THE FARMERS MARKET WALK



On the third Wednesday of each month, we'll be gathering in the Perry lobby at 12:00 p.m. and we'll leave for a walk to the Farmer's Market at 12:05 p.m..

- ★ FREE tote bag for joining us!
- ★ About a mile walk both there and back
- ★ We'll walk together and then return at our leisure.

### **DATES:**

September 21, and October 19

[Click Here to Add to Your Google Calendar](#)

For more information on the Farmer's Market -

[Ann Arbor Farmers Market Website](#)

[Ann Arbor Farmers Market Facebook](#)



## BE WELL IN THE BIG HOUSE

Registration is open for the Be Well in the Big House. In addition to the activities at the Stadium (both ON and OFF the field), there will be some virtual sessions on the days leading up to the September 15 event. You must register to ensure your space.

[For More Information and to Register](#)

## SRO LUNCH AT THE UNION

This is an informal opportunity to get to know each other. Either buy your lunch at the Union or Bring Your Own Lunch and let's connect. We'll put a table-tent with SRO on it so it's easy to find us.

[SRO Lunch at Union Dates and Flyer](#)

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## To the Archive! (Kelly Chatain)

This month I am not so much writing about what comes *from* the archive, but what goes *into* it, and a little bit about how it gets there. Although I've worked in SRO for ten years (what?! yes), consider this a re-introduction of sorts.

The SRO Archive contains project records that date to the founding of the Survey Research Center in 1946. It is a business archive in that it only preserves the records of our organization and primarily serves the operational needs of SRO, and it contains both physical and digital records. Since 2012, and with every subsequent storage update/building renovation, we've been adding to it. Over 1,000 boxes of paper have been consolidated and terabytes of files from our shared networks and removable media have been accessioned in the last ten years. These records provide important reference points for all aspects of SRO's work, from design to implementation to analysis.

So what DOES go in there? Generally speaking, anything that tells the story of a project. Specifically, the materials in this checklist (see below) typically contain the best documentation for each study, and this is what project staff should be keeping track of and what we want to preserve after a study is complete.

Link to the Archives Checklist : [https://srobp.isr.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Archive\\_Checklist.xlsx](https://srobp.isr.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Archive_Checklist.xlsx)

While I am consistently taking in records, a project like the Perry renovation will bring a surge of materials my way and, I admit, I'm always a bit surprised at how much comes out of the woodwork. I appraise files for documentation value and whether we have a legal right (is there a data agreement that mandates we destroy or return data?) to archive them. Working drafts, duplicates, and items not on the checklist are destroyed. In most cases, if a digital version of a paper file exists, I'll keep the digital and throw away the paper. If the physical version has some characteristics that aren't well represented in digital format, like study swag, respondent brochures, or a study manual, I'll keep a copy.

The physical archive isn't as accessible as the digital files, naturally. Everyone in SRO has read-only access to the archive file server and can map a network drive here: [\\src-kish\sro](#). Plans for scanning the physical archive are in the works. In the meantime, if you aren't able to find something in a digital format, I can search the physical records for you. Contact me with any reference questions: [kchatain@umich.edu](mailto:kchatain@umich.edu).





Dean Stevens and Becky Loomis assisting in the archive



Offsite storage circa 2012 – all of these boxes have been appraised and processed or destroyed

## SRO Staff Celebrating Summer

Here are some photos of SRO staff taking some time to have fun this summer outside of work!



Kelly Chatain and her dog, Millie, walking a trail to Morgan Falls in Northern Wisconsin



David Dybicki and his wife visiting Dollywood



Stephanie Chardoul representing ISR on the mountain with the teenage boys



Helen Johnson's beautiful view while kayaking on the Huron River





Janet McBride and her grandson, Oliver – at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport, Connecticut



Shonda Kruger-Ndiaye's neighborhood adventure with her dog



Solitude Links Golf Course submitted by Gina Cheung



Sunrise Kayak on Cranberry Lake submitted by Gregg Peterson



## Seed Pop Up Event

Look at what SRO staff grew with their seeds they picked up at the Seed Pop Up Event back in May!



Gina Cheung – Flowers



Shonda Kruger-Ndiaye – Strawberries



Nicole Kirgis – Lettuce



Grant Benson - Zucchini