

College of Nursing

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May 18, 2014

Dear Drs. Casterline and Frank:



On behalf of the College of Nursing Graduate Studies Committee, this letter is to indicate enthusiastic support for the proposed Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography (GISD). The health-related foci of the GISD in the areas of human health such as fertility, mortality, and especially population health are of key relevance and interest to the College of Nursing.

As outlined in proposal, the College of Nursing will provide the Nursing 7430 (Introduction to Global Health) elective course, as approved by the Graduate Studies Committee in April 2014 and the graduate faculty in May 2014. The College of Nursing does request that Nursing is listed with the other disciplines in the Rationale section of the proposal and elsewhere in the document as appropriate, to address the contributions of Nursing to this important interdisciplinary field of study.

We are very pleased to partner with the GISD on this outstanding interdisciplinary opportunity to advance demographic training at OSU.

Sincerely,



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College of Nursing

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February 24, 2014

Dear Drs. John Casterline and Reanne Frank:

On behalf of the Graduate Studies Committee for the Department of Sociology, I would like to express my complete support for the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography (GISD). Our department is very enthusiastic about the prospect of participating in the GISD—both by providing our current and prospective students the opportunity to enroll in the specialization and by offering a range of Sociology classes with significant demographic content to be included in the curriculum. We are particularly excited about the opportunity of partnering with other departments, schools and colleges to advance demographic training at the University. We will provide the Sociology courses as outlined in the proposal:

SOC 7754	G	Introduction to Demography
SOC 7755	G	The Social Context of Human Fertility
SOC 7756	G	Sociology of Immigration
SOC 7758	G	Population, Health and the Life Course
SOC 7884.08	G	Seminar: the Family
SOC 8632	G	Analysis of Longitudinal Data

We look forward to collaborating further to continue to develop advanced demography training to meet the increasing demands of the graduate students at the Ohio State University.

Sincerely,
Dr. Claudia Buchmann
Director of Graduate Studies
Department of Sociology



May 8, 2014

Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council
The Ohio State University Graduate School
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Dear Graduate Council Curriculum Committee:

Please accept this letter as an indicator of the Graduate Program in Human Development and Family Science's (HDFS) very strong support for the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography (GISD). The GISD will help graduate students across the university engage in a graduate-level training program in Demography, something which is very needed at Ohio State. First, demography is very well-situated for a GIS. Demography is an inherently interdisciplinary field; I am a family demographer, but I was trained by a clinical psychologist and a sociologist. This is typical among demographers – economists, geographers, political scientists, psychologists, sociologists, public health scholars, epidemiologists etcetera all count themselves among the ranks of demographers. Thus a GIS is ideal for the training of students across these disciplines in demography.

Further, students in our graduate program have long undertaken demographic training, but have not received formal recognition from the Graduate School for doing so. For example, each of my own graduate students are affiliates of the Institute for Population Research (IPR) and regularly attend the IPR seminar. The proposed Proseminar would add a much richer experience for these students with the additional one-hour class that will be a broad survey of the field of demography. Further, the Demographic Techniques course is a much needed course. Previously, students have pieced together their demographic techniques from classes across campus, but this course will allow them to hone in on their demographic skill set, one of the hallmarks of demographers, in a single course. Finally, the rich set of electives that count towards the GISD allow students to tailor a program of study that will greatly enrich the curriculum in their respective degree programs.

Courses in HDFS regularly include studies that are demographic in nature. Indeed, the premier journal of Family Science, the Journal of Marriage and Family, publishes several demographic-related articles each issue. The courses identified for the GISD: Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood, Adolescence: Risk in Context, Theoretical Perspectives on the Family, Family in Mid to Late Years, Family Demography, and Secondary-Data Analysis are regularly offered in our department. Indeed, we currently have two faculty members in our graduate program who are demographers, and we have just hired another demographer who will begin the tenure-track in 2014-2015.

I should also mention that our peer institutions, including Penn State, Texas, and Wisconsin have storied training programs in Demography. The GISD will improve graduate student recruitment as we can offer the GISD as an additional, formal training component at The Ohio State University. I will certainly be adding it to our graduate student recruitment website as soon as it is approved, and I will be encouraging each of my students to pursue the GISD.

In sum, the graduate program in Human Development and Family Science strongly supports the GISD.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions (phone: 614-247-2126; email: kamp-dush.1@osu.edu).

Sincerely,

Claire M. Kamp Dush, Ph.D.

Graduate Studies Chair, Graduate Program in Human Development and Family Science

Assistant Professor, Human Sciences

May 19, 2014



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Dear Professors Frank and Casterline:

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Economics 4553	U	Economics of Population	3
Economics 5850	U G	Labor Economics	3
Economics 8851	G	Labor Economics I	3
Economics 8852	G	Labor Economics II	3
Economics 8853	G	Labor Economics III	3

We wholeheartedly endorse the idea of partnering with other departments, schools and colleges to advance demographic training at the University. We look forward to continuing to develop the areas of research and curriculum content in economics with relevance to demography.

Sincerely,

Hajime Miyazaki,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hajime Miyazaki', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Director of Graduate Studies and Chair, Graduate Studies Committee (Economics)

cc: David Blau, Chair (Economics)

May 19, 2014



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Sincerely,

Hajime Miyazaki,

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Director of Graduate Studies and Chair, Graduate Studies Committee (Economics)

cc: David Blau, Chair (Economics)

Department of Geography

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March 7, 2014

Dear Drs. John Casterline and Reanne Frank:

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On behalf of the Department of Geography's Graduate Studies Committee for the, I would like to express my support for the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography (GISD). The department chair, Dan Sui, and I have reviewed the program proposal and agree to contribute to this interdisciplinary specialization. We will provide the Geography courses as outlined in the proposal:

GEOG 5220	U/G	Fundamentals of GIS
GEOG 6220	G	Advanced Applications of GIS
GEOG 7102	G	Fieldwork in Human Geography
GEOG 8102	G	Spatial Data Analysis
GEOG 8200	G	Frontiers in GIScience
GEOG 8401	G	Theory of Population and Social Geography
GEOG 8402	G	Problems of Population and Social Geography

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darla Munroe".

We look forward to participating in this interdisciplinary graduate initiative.

Sincerely,

Darla Munroe, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee
Department of Geography



Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics

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April 15, 2014

To: John Casterline and Reanne Frank

From: Ian Sheldon

Re: GIS in Demography

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On behalf of the Graduate Studies Committee for the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics (AEDE), I would like to express our support for the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography (GISD). Our department is enthusiastic about the prospect of participating in the GISD—both by providing our current and prospective students the opportunity to enroll in the specialization and by offering a range of applied economics classes with significant demographic content to be included in the curriculum. We are excited about the opportunity of partnering with other departments, schools and colleges to advance demographic training at the University. We will provide the AEDE courses as outlined in the proposal:

AEDECON 6400	G	Regional and International Development
AEDECON 7421	G	Advanced Development Economics I
AEDECON 7425	G	Advanced Development Economics II
AEDECON 7410	G	Advanced Regional Economics I
AEDECON 7415	G	Advanced Regional Economics II

We look forward to continuing to develop the advanced demography curriculum to meet the increasing demands of our students.

Sincerely yours

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May 7, 2014

To: Dr. John Casterline
Dr. Reanne Frank

On behalf of the School of Environment & Natural Resources, I would like to express my support for the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography (GISD). We are excited about the opportunity to partner with other departments, schools and colleges to advance demographic training at the University.

Our School is enthusiastic about the prospect of participating in the GISD, by providing current and prospective students the opportunity to enroll in the specialization and by offering the following ENR and Rural Sociology classes as part of the curriculum:

Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	ENR 7380	G	Climate and Society	3
Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	RURLSOC 5540	U/G	Population, Place and Environment	3
Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	RURLSOC 6500	G	Rural Poverty	3

We look forward to continuing to develop an advanced demography curriculum to meet the increasing demands of our students.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sharp, Professor and Interim Director

Brian Slater, Graduate Studies Committee Chair

C: Linda Lobao



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4 April 2014

Re: Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography
To: John Casterline and Reanne Frank

Dear John and Reanne:

I am writing to offer the Department of Anthropology's support for the proposed Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography. This specialization will offer the opportunity to provide an interdisciplinary perspective on demography, especially since it provides the perspective on how age and sex play such a large role in framing many social and medical science issues, including in Anthropology. Each of our disciplines has its own special "take" on what demography is and how it is applied to understanding the human condition. Herein is the opportunity to go beyond our disciplinary boundaries as we engage graduate students in their training, ultimately providing the foundation for their future careers.

In addition to the eight Anthropology courses that you list in the proposal, please add: Anthropology 5610, Bioarchaeology. This course pertains in part to human demographic evolution and history.

Sincerely,

Clark Spencer Larsen
Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Chair
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