IRP RIDGE News: Spring-Summer 2013

CALL FOR IRP RIDGE CENTER VISITING SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS
Applications are invited from U.S.-based food assistance scholars for visits of 1 to 2 weeks during the 2013–2014 academic year. Transportation, lodging, and meal expenses of winners are covered by IRP and the RIDGE Center for National Research. Applications are due June 28, 2013. Call for applications.

FAST FOCUS RESEARCH BRIEF
“Local Food Prices: Effects on Child Eating Patterns, Food Insecurity, and Overweight,”
Taryn Morrissey, Alison Jacknowitz, and Katie Vinopal

2013–2014 RESEARCH THEME
Proposals were due April 30, 2013, for next year’s RIDGE grants on “The Impacts of Food Assistance Programs on Food Security, Consumption Patterns, Food Choices, Nutritional Outcomes, and Other Diet-Related Health Outcomes.” Awards will be announced in early June.

2012–2013 PROPOSAL ABSTRACTS
The 2012–2013 research theme is The Role of Food Assistance Programs During and After the Great Recession. Click on the titles to see project abstracts. Final reports will be available on the IRP RIDGE website in February 2014. Click on the links below to see proposal abstracts.

“Food Assistance During and After the Great Recession in Metropolitan Detroit”
Scott Allard, University of Chicago, and Sandra Danziger, University of Michigan

“The Effects of SNAP after the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (2009)”
Timothy Beatty and Elton Mykerezi, University of Minnesota

“Impact of the 2009 ARRA Increase in SNAP Benefits on Dietary Intake and Consumption Patterns”
Partha Deb, Hunter College, and Geetha Waehrer, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation

“Are WIC and School Meal Programs Effectively Reaching Those in Need? Trends in Children's Early and Continuous Use of Federal Nutritional Policy”
Margot Jackson. Brown University

“The Dynamics of Joint Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Unemployment Insurance by Low-Educated Workers during the Great Recession”

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Recent additions to the IRP RIDGE Center Research Resources web pages include links to food assistance research-related IRP publications in the Focus newsletter, Fast Focus research briefs, and discussion papers.

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### About the IRP RIDGE News Listserv
IRP RIDGE News periodically informs subscribers of food assistance research grant opportunities, announces calls for visiting scholar applications, and provides links to IRP RIDGE Center research projects, activities, and new research findings.

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### About the IRP RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research
The USDA’s Economic Research Service established the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison as the Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research. ERS has also established a second center, the RIDGE Center for Targeted Studies, at the Southern Rural Development Center at Mississippi State University. The RIDGE Centers provide renewed focus on economic aspects of food and nutrition assistance research; stimulate new and innovative research on food and nutrition assistance issues; and broaden the support of both established and emerging food and nutrition assistance scholars.

### About the Institute for Research on Poverty
The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), the nation’s original poverty research center, was established in 1966 at the University of Wisconsin–Madison as a university-based, multidisciplinary research center into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States. IRP is nonpartisan and nonprofit.

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