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I. Introduction

- The seminar and visitor program for 2008-2009 (handout)
- ‘HI’ from me (Tim) and from you
- My research goals and expectations
- Let’s get to know one another
II. 2008-2009

- **The seminars:**
  - thematic: “healthy families” posters coming shortly
  - visitors: many visitors and seminars
  - new affiliates: mostly in the fall
  - open slots: (esp. spring) let me know
- **The visitors:** back page
- **The ‘new perspectives’ speaker—suggestions?**
III. ‘Hi’ from Tim—another new faculty

- Who am I?
- What are my strengths and weaknesses?
- Why did I take the IRP job?
- My Learning Curve—IRP and UW System!
- Quick: tell me (and us) who all is here?—name, position, interest in poverty research
IV. Research Goals and Expectations

- What do you need?
- What do I need?
- Changes I foresee—my goals and expectations
What do you need?

- Tell me what you need to do your poverty-related research better
- Bring your own ideas—no one will be telling you what to do

Some possibilities for IRP help:
-- access to grant funding and proposal writing?
-- management of grants?
-- computing assistance?
-- survey assistance?
-- ra to get project off ground?
-- editorial assistance?
What do I need?

- Be a good citizen
  -- Show up
  -- Participate
  -- Bring me your ideas
- Tell others when we produce results, and tell me when we don’t
Changes I foresee—my hopes, goals and expectations

- Presidential election brings change
- IRP ‘outside view’ vs. reality
- Stronger, broader base of enterprise (funded by donors as well as grants)
- Place you want to come to work every day
Let’s get to know one another

- Stick around today for a few minutes
- Come see me via appointment smeeding@lafollette.wisc.edu