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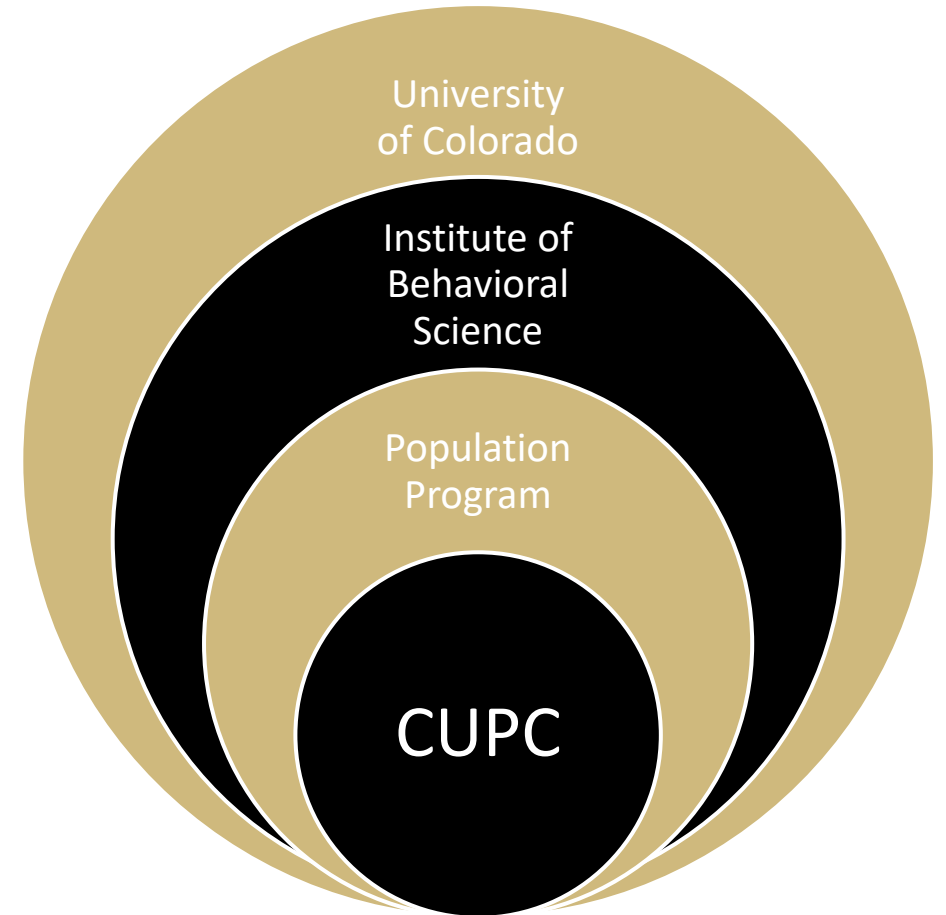
CU Population Center

Graduate Student Onboarding

What is CUPC?

The CU Population Center (CUPC)

- A center funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD - NIH) and many organizations and departments at the University of Colorado Boulder (UCB) such as IBS, the Graduate School, the College of A&S, and the Research and Innovation Office (RIO)
- Sits within the Institute of Behavioral Science (IBS) and the Population Program (POP)



What is CUPC?

- One of 22 NICHD-funded Population Centers located on University campuses throughout the United States.
- Includes partnerships with affiliate researchers at CU Denver and CU Anschutz.
- [CUPC website](#)



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Denver



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Anschutz Medical Campus

What is CUPC?

CUPC's overarching mission is to accelerate innovative and impactful population science to address societal challenges

What is CUPC? and Who is CUPC?

Five Primary Research Areas (PRAs), led by members of the **CUPC Executive Committee**

- **Health Disparities & Behaviors** (led by **Ryan Masters**)
- **Reproductive Health** (led by **Amanda Stevenson**)
- **Demography and Genetics** (led by **Jason Boardman**)
- **Migration and Population Distribution** (TBD)
- **Environmental Demography** (led by **Stefan Leyk**)

UC Denver Exec. Committee members: **Patrick Krueger** and **Karen Spencer** (at-large member)

Who is CUPC?

Leadership:

- CUPC Director: [Stefan Leyk](#)
- Development Core Director(s): [Jason Boardman](#) and [Patrick Krueger](#)
The Development Core runs the Grant “Boot Camp” Workshop, the SEED Grant program, and other activities that support affiliates in research development and funding.
- CUPC Executive Committee Members (listed on previous page)

Non-voting Committee Members:

- Institute of Behavioral Science Director: [Lori Hunter](#)
- Program Manager: [Angela Branson](#)
- Grant/Proposal Coordinator: [Anni Magyary](#)

CUPC works with:

- Tenure-track faculty
- Research faculty, including Post-Docs
- Graduate Students, Undergraduate Students, and anyone interested!

Who is CUPC?

Affiliate faculty, researchers, and graduate students all come from many disciplinary backgrounds:

- Sociology
- Geography
- Political Science
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- History
- Health Sciences
- Anthropology
- Information Science
- Integrated Physiology
- Rocky Mountain Research Data Center
- Behavioral Genetics,and more!!

Who is CUPC?

Affiliates also bring a variety of expertise:

- Demographers
- Sociologists
- Political Scientists
- International Migration Researchers
- Economists
- Environmental Health Experts
- Historians
- Geneticists
- Reproductive Health Researchers
- Behavioral Health Experts
- Anthropologists
- Geographers
- Statisticians
- Epidemiologists

How Can You Get Involved?

Work with Researchers

- Interested in helping faculty with their research? Many IBS/CUPC researchers have research projects that could use your help, including some paid work when funding is available.
- See the [list of our CUPC affiliates](#)
- To be connected with a researcher, you can contact them directly or contact one of our PRA leads to discuss possible collaboration opportunities.

note: graduate students may be eligible for cubicle space within the IBS building, space permitting. Have your CUPC-affiliated advisor contact IBS Administrative Coordinator for this request.

How Can You Get Involved?

CUPC Seminar Speaker Series

- CUPC hosts many talks within the [IBS Speaker Series](#). Come listen and discuss inspiring research, and network with fellow affiliates.

CUPC Day

- Hear short presentations (flash talks) from CUPC researchers about their inspiring projects, followed by discussion and socializing. Typically held once or twice per year (announced via listserve).

Integrating Genetics and the Social Science (IGSS) Conference

- Co-hosted through CUPC, held here in Boulder, FREE to attend!



How Can You Get Involved?

Working Groups:

Gives students and postdocs an opportunity to learn about population topics. It provides a space to share ideas, working papers, proposals, and research in progress with faculty:

- **Population and Health Workshop:** interdisciplinary, meets every other Friday. Please visit [their webpage](#) at Dept of Sociology. Contact GRA student organizer [Luke Novak](#) or Prof. [Ryan Masters](#) to get connected. (mailing list: pophealthworkshop@lists.colorado.edu)
- **Criminology Workshop:** criminology topics (contact Prof. [David.Pyrooz](#))
- **Archaeological Demography Workshop:** consists of archaeologists, economists, and urban scientists – they welcome inquiries from students, postdocs, and faculty who are interested in collaborating. Publications from working group are available at www.colorado.edu/socialreactors (contact Prof. [Scott Ortman](#))
- **Reproductive Health Workshop:** group of scholars who approach reproductive health from a population perspective, including studies of the impacts of contraception and abortion policy, adolescent reproductive health, fertility, and other topics. (contact Prof. [Amanda Stevenson](#))

Writing Groups: for support and focused writing time – consider organizing one; we're happy to help and can provide funds for snacks or other small expenses.

Social Events: Meet other IBS/CUPC Grad Students and PostDocs, announced via listserv.

How Can You Get Involved?

cupc highlights

- Bi-weekly news bulletin celebrating CUPC affiliate accomplishments shared via email and posted on the CUPC website, under the “news” tab: <https://cupc.colorado.edu/news/>

Have you: published a new manuscript? attended a conference? invited to give a presentation/talk? received an honor? received sponsored research funding? We want to know! Send any successful news to [Anni Magyary](#).

Training and Resources



- **IBS Statistical Consultation**: IBS's Computing Research Services (CRS) group offers free stats consulting and methodological help.

Software offered via CRS includes GIS capabilities, in addition to qualitative/quantitative analytical software. For a full list and how you can gain access, contact ibshelp@colorado.edu.

- **ITSS** (Interdisciplinary Training in the Social Sciences/IBS) offers all kinds of exciting workshops and mini-courses, including the following:
 - **Dissertation Proposal Writing Seminar**
 - **Professionalization Seminar**
 - **Graduate Research Fellowship Program Workshop**

For more information, email [Dr. Sarah Sokhey](mailto:Dr.Sarah.Sokhey@colorado.edu) (IBS Training Director)

- **Graduate Certificate in Population Studies**: the certificate is highly interdisciplinary and engages award-winning faculty from a number of social science departments with expertise on a broad range of population-focused topics. Offering an interdisciplinary home for many of these scholars, the Population Program in the Institute of Behavioral Science (IBS) offers research specialties in population health, health inequalities, reproductive health, biodemography, population and the environment, and migration and population distribution.

Being a Center Affiliate

As a CUPC student affiliate, we expect participation in center-based activities:

- Plan to attend at least 1-2 **speaker presentations** per semester
- and 1-2 sessions of the **Population Health workshop** per semester

If desired, you can list your affiliation in email signatures and your CV. Please use: ***CU Population Center, Graduate Student Affiliate***

We also expect acknowledgement of NIH support in publications; see language here: <https://cupc.colorado.edu/acknowledging-cupc-in-pubs/>

Funding



- **Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) research grants:** up to \$1,000 to support research, runs each semester. Info on [CARTSS website](#).
- **CUPC Seed Awards:** intended to jumpstart research to facilitate larger grant proposals, and support preliminary data collection. Applications submitted each semester; must be submitted by CUPC faculty member. **Rapid-response** proposals are welcomed off-cycle if data collection is time sensitive.
- **Population Association of America (PAA) conference support:** registration support and poster production support; announced via listserve.
- **Travel Support:** international (\$500 per traveler, every 2 yrs.) and domestic (\$250 per traveler annually) to attend professional conference for presenting POP research.
- **POP Graduate Research Assistants:** 1-2 GRA positions available each semester. Must be working with CUPC-affiliated faculty member. Applications announced via listserve.
- **IBS Summer Student Research Positions:** \$750 (\$2,500 with workstudy, or \$2,500 for intl students). Must be working with IBS faculty. Announced by IBS Student Training Director.
- **Workshop scholarships:** When funding is available, select number of scholarships granted to attend [ICPSR](#) trainings and other training workshops (announced via listserv).

Need Help with a Proposal?

- [Anni Magyary](#), **CUPC Proposal Analyst**, is happy to help you and your research team/collaborators with preparing your proposal materials and guide you through the entire proposal process, step-by-step. Please contact Anni a month or two prior to your submission deadline. The more lead time, the better chance your proposal will be successful!
- [Summer “Boot Camp” Grant Writing Workshop](#)
Provides participants with support developing compelling proposals; offers feedback, guidance, and insight into the workings of such sponsors as NIH (mainly)/NSF/Foundations and their funding mechanisms. Explains the review and scoring process too. Contact CUPC Development Directors Patrick.Krueger@ucdenver.edu and Jason Boardman Boardman@colorado.edu) for more information.



Need Help with a Proposal?

- CUPC Student Affiliates have had great success with the [NSF Dissertation Fellowship Program](#) and the [NSF Dissertation grants](#). Consider applying! Reach out to Anni for details.

More Questions About CUPC?

Questions can be sent to:

- CUPC Program Manager [Angela Branson](#)
- CUPC Director [Stefan Leyk](#)
- CUPC Proposal Analyst [Anni Magyary](#)



Welcome to CUPC!