Personal Statement on the 2014-2015 Year

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Please provide brief comments reflecting on the past year’s goals and accomplishments:

Since stepping down from co-directing the PSID and switching to half-time, my primary focus has been on generation of research manuscripts. It has been a fairly productive year in this regard.

1. SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

1.1 Major Research Projects

TRENDS Research Network, Director. With funding from NIA, I have established a 20-member disability trends research network – TRENDS. The network is developing collaborative projects and will hold its 11th workshop May 22, 2015 with the goal of accelerating advances in our understanding of the causes and consequences of changes in old-age health and disability.

Assessing the need for a new household panel study in the US, Director. Supported by a grant from NSF, I am leading a group of eight scientists who are determining whether the US needs to create a new, large, household longitudinal study. We commissioned 20 studies on various topical areas that were presented at a conference in June 2014. All 20 manuscripts will be published as a special issue of the Journal of Economic and Social Measurement later this year. Furthermore, a final report to NSF, including specific recommendations, will be submitted this summer.

I have 4-6 ongoing research projects supported by modest sized grants.

I play a supportive role on the PSID, assisting Charlie, Vicki, Narayan, and Kate with various activities.

Note that starting in roughly October 2012 I switched to 50% disability coverage, thereby working half-time.

1.2 Publications and Papers: publications during the period of review using four headings. If level of responsibility is not implied by author order, note your role.

1.2.1 Peer-reviewed publications and book chapters actually printed or published online since May 2014 and not reported in previous personal statement.


1.2.2 Books and monographs printed since May 2011

1.2.3 Other publications, reports, or speeches completed since May 2014

1.2.4 Forthcoming peer reviewed publications (not yet printed)

1.3 Production of Scientific Data: databases developed or under development and special ways they are being made available for the wider research community’s use.
I helped design a new 10 min. module on family transfers that was included in the 2013 PSID main interview, and those data were released to the public this year.

2. RESEARCH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

2.1 Proposals Submitted or Funded: proposals submitted and proposals funded during the past 12 months.
I have received a couple small grants in the last 12 months. Several large grants appear on my activity statement, but on most of those I played a relatively minor role in writing those proposals.

2.2 Human Resource Management: oversight of human resources in research program activities, noting any special achievements or problems encountered and steps taken to meet them, including fostering staff development and diversity.
None
2.3 **Financial Management:** special financial challenges of the past year; overruns on a research project, explaining the circumstances surrounding the overrun and the remedies implemented; uses of Center overhead (other than Current Accounts, Special Duty Assignment (SDA), Writing Time, and Sequestering); any special financial problems encountered and steps taken to meet them.

No special challenges.

2.4 **Other Project Management Responsibilities:** major training activities, responses to requests from sponsors/researchers, human subjects management, and analytic activities.

3. **SERVICE TO SRC AND ISR**

3.1 **Task Forces or High-Burden Committees:** service on special task forces or committees of the Center requiring unusual burdens (e.g., Faculty Research Fellows Search Committee, Statistical Design Group, Technical Infrastructure Group, ISR Policy Committee, SRC Board of Principal Investigators, ISR Diversity Committee). Please specify how many hours per month of your time were spent on service in these groups and any special role, such as chairperson.

None

3.2 **Other ISR or Center Committees/Activities:** service on other committees, or other ways within the Center and Institute.

None

3.3 **Sponsorship of Faculty Associates:** recruitment and collaboration with faculty associates and ongoing funded scientific activities.

None

4. **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

4.1 **National and Campus Professional Activities:** service elsewhere in the University, in national organizations, or in other organizations helpful to the visibility and influence of SRC (including editorial boards or other regular review of proposals for the federal government, foundations, and others).


4.2 **Teaching:** courses taught anywhere in the University, professional short courses (including instruction to ISR staff), dissertation guidance, or other
individual teaching activities. Indicators of success along teaching lines should be provided where available.

None.

4.3 Other Important Contributions: any contributions, the importance of which might potentially escape the SSAC reviewers.

List contribution and describe its importance

4.4 Other: any awards or honors received (other than grant awards), special problems faced this year, plans for the future (proposals, writing, etc.) which the Research Faculty and PRS member believes to be highly relevant to the purposes of his/her annual statement, and any other information or reflections that the Research Faculty or PRS member believes would be useful in the annual statement.