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Sonoma Resident Featured Speaker at Annual Institute on Research and Statistics on April 1 at Sacramento State University

Sonoma resident Andrew Karp will be a featured speaker at the annual Institute on Research and Statistics jointly sponsored by UC Davis, Sacramento State University and the Sacramento Statistical Association. This all-day event on April 1 at Sacramento State brings together academics, researchers and practitioners from throughout California to learn about new methods in data analysis, statistical methodologies and other topics.

His presentation is "Counting Towards a More Perfect Union: Politics, Science and Technology in the Decennial Census," which takes note of the coincidence that this year's Institute is scheduled on the same day as the constitutionally mandated every-ten-year count of our country's population. Mr. Karp will discuss why the Constitution requires a decennial census, and important technological developments arising from the need to "enumerate" an ever-increasing population. He will also discuss some of the historical and current issues regarding how the census is carried out and the applications to which the results are applied, such as "adjusting" the results for "undercounted" populations, "correcting" for non-response to the Census questionnaire, and the methodological challenges of "fairly" apportioning seats in the House of Representatives to the States.

Mr. Karp is Principal Consultant at Sierra Information Services (www.sierrainformation.com), a Sonoma-based consultancy providing consulting and training in the use of SAS System Software, a major data management, analysis and reporting product in wide use among public- and private-sector entities. His clients include major federal research agencies including the Census Bureau, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Federal Communications Commission, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the US Import Administration. Here in California, his clients include the Departments of Social Services, Employment Development, Corrections and Rehabilitation, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles, as well as the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. He is chair of the Sacramento Valley SAS Users Group (www.svsug.org).

Before moving to California in 1986 Mr. Karp lived in Washington, DC where he worked as an aide to two Members of Congress and in legislative/policy advocacy roles for state and local government agency managers. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in public policy analysis and quantitative social science research methods from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. Mr. Karp was an instructor in statistical computing for UC Berkeley's Extension Division for many years and has been a guest lecturer in the Department of Experimental Statistics at Louisiana State University and in the statistics departments at Cal State East Bay and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, as well as for the Decision Sciences department at GWU.