First Spencer Fellows move on

Deborah Land, Karla Lewis, and Christopher Swanson, the first Spencer Postdoctoral Fellows, who came to CSOS and JHU’s sociology department in fall 2001, have now moved on to exciting new positions.

Land is an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh in the Psychology in Education department within the education school. She is teaching two sections of Psychology of Learning and Development to graduate students. Her research continues to focus on peer relationships, particularly peer victimization in adolescence.

Lewis is a research specialist with SERVE, an organization that promotes and supports the continuous improvement of educational opportunities for all learners in the southeastern United States. She is working on assessment, accountability, and standards, and is based at SERVE’s main office in Greensboro, NC.

Swanson became a research associate at the Urban Institute’s Education Policy Center in Washington in 2002. He is leading a four-year national evaluation of State-Flex and Local-Flex demonstration programs authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act. He is also co-principal investigator on a five-year evaluation of a high school reform initiative in the Baltimore City Public Schools System.

The second group of Spencer Fellows is completing its second year at Hopkins. No new fellows were added in 2003-04 because of reduced foundation support.

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