

2026 CenSoc Users Conference

Hosted by the [CenSoc Project](#)

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We invite submissions for our second annual CenSoc Users Conference. The conference will be held remotely on **December 4th, 2026**, with an option to join in person in Berkeley, California. The conference will bring together an interdisciplinary set of researchers using CenSoc data for empirical research.

The CenSoc datasets link the complete-count IPUMS 1940 U.S. Census to Social Security mortality records. These datasets—CenSoc-DMF (N = 4.7 million) and CenSoc-Numident (N = 7.0 million)—primarily cover deaths among individuals aged 65 and older. The size and richness of CenSoc allows investigators to make new discoveries into geographic, racial, and class-based disparities and determinants of old-age mortality in the United States. CenSoc datasets are freely available for download from <https://censoc.berkeley.edu/>. The CenSoc project is led by PIs Joshua R. Goldstein and Jason Fletcher and supported by the National Institute of Aging.

Call for Submissions

We welcome submissions from researchers using CenSoc data or related census and mortality records for original empirical research. We encourage submissions at all stages:

1. “Getting started” presentations
2. Work in progress
3. Published work

To apply, please use this [Google Form](#). We look forward to reading your submissions.

- Requirements for submission: title, short abstract, and optional extended abstract / full paper
- Submission deadline: **October 31st, 2026**

Note: The workshop has no fees for participation. The conference will be held remotely over Zoom to maximize attendance. Participants are alternatively welcome to join the in-person contingent in Berkeley, though they must cover their own travel expenses.

For questions, please reach out to conference organizer Casey Breen by email: (casey.breen@austin.utexas.edu).