This eventful year was marked by important challenges and opportunities, many of which were defined by the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is how our teams sprung into action to respond.

- SRC’s Survey Research Operations pivoted to conduct Ann Arbor telephone operations from home and to implement alternative modes for in-person interviewing.
- ICPSR’s Summer Program was entirely virtual for the first time in its 58 year history. Dedicated instructors and staff worked tirelessly to provide a meaningful experience to over 1,000 participants worldwide.
- CPS’s American National Election Study (ANES) implemented a new mixed-mode study design for socially distanced data collection, ensuring its vital insights were not lost during this particularly turbid political climate.
- ICPSR launched a new repository for COVID-19 data and supported research and instructional communities by providing online teaching resources and best practices for measuring the social, economic, and behavioral impact of epidemics.

Beyond the operational changes necessitated by the virus, our researchers quickly recognized the pandemic’s historic significance and led the charge to investigate its impacts.

- SRC’s influential Survey of Consumers has been providing key indicators of how the pandemic is affecting households, serving as a key player in understanding and forecasting changes in the national economy, while also illuminating daily struggles of American families during this crisis.
- PSC emerging scholar Lisbeth Iglesias-Rios examined COVID-19’s impact on migrant laborers, who face severe instability, lack control over living and working conditions, and fear deportation.
- RCGD’s Biosocial Methods Collaborative is undertaking a new research effort to support family caregiving of patients who have been hospitalized due to COVID-19.
- In the fourth quarter of 2020, SRC’s Health and Retirement Study is sending non-invasive self-administered COVID-19 antibody tests to all its community-dwelling participants.
- Soon after the CDC declared the pandemic a national emergency, and with Detroit emerging as an early “hot spot,” PSC’s Detroit Metro Area Communities Study launched a series of rapid response surveys about Detroiter’s experiences with COVID-19, pioneering early research questions on the impacts of the virus.
In addition to this vital work around COVID-19, ISR’s mission to conduct rigorous research, disseminate research findings, and train future generations of social scientists continues.

- PSC’s Criminal Justice Administrative Records System project, led by Michael Mueller-Smith, is creating a nationally integrated repository of data following individuals through the criminal justice system.

- James S. Jackson, a pioneer in the study of Black Americans and scholar of racial and socioeconomic disparities in health, passed away this year. James’s work is continuing to provide vital insights into the state of our nation, and his legacy will live on in perpetuity.

- RCGD’s Aggression Research Program is exploring a new multi-layered community intervention to reduce gun violence among urban youth.

- CPS’s Vince Hutchings was honored as a University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor for his generous, talented, and field-transforming mentorship.

- The Regents of the University of Michigan approved the establishment of ISR’s first ever endowed research professorship, honoring beloved faculty member Bob Schoeni. The Robert F. Schoeni Research Professorship will be inaugurated next fall.

- CPS’s Social Science and Social Media Collaborative conducted surveys in collaboration with CNN to discover what Americans heard about presidential candidates each week leading up to the election.

- CPS researchers Vince Hutchings, Shea Streeter, Mara Ostfeld, Angela Ocampo, and Christian Davenport studied the intersection of race, policing, and public opinion, contributing to critical national conversations around racial justice and the election.

- ICPSR launched the new Child and Family Data Archive in collaboration with the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation of the HHS Administration for Children and Families.

- ISR’s Next Generation Initiative, made possible by donors, funded important research activities for over 25 emerging scholars in the social sciences.

- RCGD’s Lisa Wexler is undertaking new research to examine factors contributing to suicide and resilience in indigenous populations in Alaska.

- Sarah Burgard became the new Director of PSC, taking over from Jeff Morenoff, who served for seven years.

- The Center for Ethics, Society, and Computing (ESC) officially launched in January, with support from CPS. ESC is dedicated to intervening when digital media and computing technologies reproduce inequality, exclusion, corruption, deception, racism, or sexism.

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