

CFDR Update: August 27, 2021



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### **Grant Writing Kickoff – Monday, August 30**

Facilitator: Dr. Wendy Manning  
Monday, August 30, 12:30-1:30 pm  
Online via Zoom  
[CFDR Fall Workshop Schedule](#)

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### **Welcome Back Party – Wednesday, September 8**

Wednesday, September 8, 4:00-5:00 pm  
Room 207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union  
The CFDR invites you to a welcome reception. Please join us for cake and light appetizers.

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### **A Syntax-free Introduction to Web Scraping for Social Scientists – Friday, September 17**

Instructor: Dr. Trent Buskirk, Applied Statistics and Operations Research  
Friday, September 17, 2:00-5:00 pm, Online  
With the proliferation of data across virtually every sector of our lives, the opportunity for social scientists to leverage the potential of new data sources has never been greater. In this workshop, we will introduce participants to web scraping methods for accessing open data on the world wide web. So-called open or web data can be accessed in many cases using application programming interfaces (APIs) or through web scraping methods. Web scraping offers flexibility in the types and forms of data that can be accessed and is becoming an important tool for quantitative social scientists. We will illustrate a variety of web scraping tasks using the Octoparse 8 software that has a free trial version available. No prior programming is assumed.

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### **CFDR Speaker Series Begins September 15**

***A New Research Agenda: Advancing Young Latino Children's Early Care Education Access and Overall Well-Being***

[Stephanie Potochnick, PhD](#)

Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
Wednesday, September 15, 12:30-1:30 pm  
Online  
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