



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for May 2005

4 Wednesday. **Privacy, Confidentiality, and the Protection of Health Data: A Statistical Perspective on the HIPAA Privacy Rule.** *Speakers: Donna Eden, Health and Human Services, Alvan O. Zarate, National Center for Health Statistics, Philip Steel, Census Bureau, Jacob Bournazian, Energy Information Administration, Steve Cohen, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Neil Russell, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.* Washington Statistical Society Short Course. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. 8:30 – 4 pm. Fee: Full time students: \$25, WSS members \$95, others \$110. Registration by April 25. For information contact Sylvia Dohrmann – [Sylvia Dohrmann@westat.com](mailto:Sylvia.Dohrmann@westat.com) or Trena M. Ezzati-Rice – tezzatir@ahrq.gov.

5 Thursday. **Discrepant Estimates of Social and Economic Phenomena: Love 'Em or Leave 'Em?** *Panelists: Charles Nelson, U.S. Census Bureau, Jennifer Madans, National Center for Health Statistics, Philip Rones, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Robert Moffitt, Johns Hopkins University and Barry Bosworth, The Brookings Institution.* Chair: Joel Horowitz, Committee on National Statistics. 3:00 pm. Auditorium of the Main Building of the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. RSVP by May 2, 2005, to Bridget Edmonds at (202) 334-3096 or cnstat@nas.edu. Sponsor: The National Academies Committee On National Statistics.

5 Thursday. **Runs in Bernoulli trials: How Much Success Should We Expect?** *Speaker: Robert Smythe, Oregon State University.* George Washington University Monroe Hall (2115 G Street NW), Room 105. 4:00 – 5:00 pm. For information contact Kaushik Ghosh, Department of Statistics. Email: ghosh@gwu.edu, phone: 202-994-6889 or see www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminar.htm. Sponsor: The George Washington University Department of Statistics Spring 2005 Seminar Series.

6 Friday. **On the Borders of Statistics and Computer Science.** *Speaker: Peter Bickel, University of California, Berkeley.* Johnson Center, Meeting Room E. 10:45 am. George Mason University. For information see www.galaxy.gmu.edu/stats/colloquia/Colloquia_Spring2005.html. Sponsors: Department of Applied and Engineering Statistics, the Center for Computational Statistics, the School of Computational Sciences and the Data Sciences Program at George Mason University.

10, 11 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Bayesian Inference In Surveys.** *Instructors: Trivellore E. Raghunathan and Roderick Little, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/).

11 Wednesday. **PROC QLIM - Qualitative and Limited Dependent Variable Models.** *Speaker: Charlie Hallahan, USDA.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:30-1:30 pm. Room S3031, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees should contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, or hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For information see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/.

11 Wednesday. **Evolving Information Access/ Security Issues.** *Speaker: Odelia Funke, EPA.* Chair: Mel Kollander. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. BLS Conference Center, Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agricultural and Natural Resource Section.

16-20 Monday-Friday. **American University Summer Program in Applied Econometrics: Information and Entropy Econometrics - Theory and Practice.** Short courses in applied econometrics. For information contact the Department of Economics, American University 202-885-3770 or see www.american.edu/cas/econ/summerprogram/summer_program.htm.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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19, 20 Thursday, Friday. **Sampling and Estimation for Establishment Surveys.** *Instructors: Phillip Kott, USDA and Richard Valliant, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see //projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/.

19 Thursday. **Practical Tools for Nonresponse Bias Studies.** *Instructors: J. Michael Brick, Westat and Robert M. Groves, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$300; others \$400. For information see //projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/.

22, 23 Sunday, Monday. **Statistical Challenges in Ecommerce: First Interdisciplinary Symposium between Information Systems, Statistics and Related Fields.** 2 day workshop. University of Maryland, College Park. Registration Fee: \$100. Workshop Chairs: Galit Shmueli (301-405-9679 gshmueli@rhsmith.umd.edu) and Wolfgang Jank (301-405-1118 wjank@rhsmith.umd.edu). For details see www.smith.umd.edu/dit/statschallenges/index.html or contact the chairs. Sponsors: The Center for Electronic Markets and Enterprises, and The Statistics Consortium, University of Maryland.

24 Tuesday. **Jackknife and Bootstrap Resampling Methods in Two-Stage Designs.** *Speakers: Yan Liu, Ernst & Young LLP and Steven Kaufman, NCES.* Discussant: Alan Dorfman, BLS. Chair: Wendy Rotz. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. BLS Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

25 Wednesday. **Questionnaire Design Methodology for a Study of Human Rights Abuses during the Armed Internal Conflict of Sierra Leone.** *Speaker: Jana Asher, Carnegie Mellon University.* Chair/ Discussant: Fritz Scheuren, NORC, University of Chicago. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Methodology Section, WSS and DC-AAPOR.

26 Thursday. **An Introduction to the American Time Use Survey.** *Speaker: Jay Stewart, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* Chair: Katharine G. Abraham, Joint Program in Survey Methodology. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 9. See BLS Notice below. Sponsor: Public Policy Section, WSS and DC-AAPOR.

June Courses and Special Events

13 Monday. **The Fourth Funding Opportunity in Survey and Statistical Research Seminar.** Organizers: Research Subcommittee of the Federal Committee On Statistical Methodology. 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Postal Square Building (PSB), Conference Center. See BLS notice below. No fee required for attendance but registration is required by May 31. For additional information or to register: e-mail sdockery@cdc.gov.

27, 28 Monday, Tuesday. **Cognitive Interviewing: A Hands-On Approach.** *Instructor: Gordon Willis, National Cancer Institute.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 – 4:30 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$625; others \$830. For information see //projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/.

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