



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for December 2005

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1 Thursday. **Empirical Bayes Analysis of Bivariate Binary Data: An Application to Small Area Estimation.** *Speaker: Malay Ghosh, University of Florida.* Chair: Van Parsons, National Center for Health Statistics. 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. National Center for Health Statistics, Room 1407C, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville. Sponsors: WSS Methodology Section and NCHS/Office of Research and Methodology.

2 Friday. **Reliability and Survival in Financial Risk.** *Speaker: Nozer Singpurwalla, George Washington University.* 10:45 am. Innovation Hall, Room 203. George Mason University. For information see [www.galaxy.gmu.edu/stats/colloquia/ColloquiaFall2005.html](http://www.galaxy.gmu.edu/stats/colloquia/ColloquiaFall2005.html). George Mason University Statistics Colloquium Series.

2 Friday. **Bayesian Social Network Models with Acute Outcomes.** *Speaker: Yasmin H. Said, George Mason University.* 4:00-5:00 pm. George Washington University, Rome Hall (801 22nd Street, NW) Room 351. For information contact Kaushik Ghosh, [ghosh@gwu.edu](mailto:ghosh@gwu.edu), phone: 202-994-6889 or see [www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/fall2005.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/fall2005.htm). Sponsor: George Washington University Department of Statistics.

5 Monday. **A Comparative Study of Complex Households in Six Race/Ethnic Groups, with Implications for Censuses and Surveys.** *Speakers: Laurie Schwede, Rae Lesser Blumberg, Amy Craver, Tai Kang, Patricia Goerman, Bernadette Holmes, and Jennifer Hunter Childs, Bureau of the Census.* 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. U.S. Bureau of the Census, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland - the Morris Hansen Auditorium, FOB 3. Please call (301)

763-4974 to be placed on the visitors' list. U.S. Bureau of the Census Statistical Research Division Seminar Series.

7 Wednesday. **Estimating Causal Effects with Observational Data: A Comparison of Propensity Score and Instrumental Variable Analyses.** *Speaker: Mary Beth Landrum, Harvard University.* 11:00 am. Conference Room G, Executive Plaza North, 6130 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD. For additional information see [www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/landrum.html](http://www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/landrum.html) or call 301-496-8640. National Cancer Institute Office of Preventive Oncology 2005-2006 Colloquia Series.

8-9 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Survey Sampling.** *Instructors: Colm A. O'Muircheartaigh, National Opinion Research Center and James M. Lepkowski, University of Michigan.* 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Fees: Full-time students and employees of JPSM sponsor/affiliate organizations: \$550; others \$730. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

8 Thursday. **The Effects of Cell Collapsing in Poststratification.** *Speakers: Jay J. Kim, National Center for Health Statistics and Richard Valliant, University of Michigan.* Chair: Shail Butani, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 12:30 - 2 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center in G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor WSS Methodology Section.

#### Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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12 Monday. **Comparing Homeowner and Lender Estimates of Housing Wealth and Mortgage Terms.** *Speaker: Brian Bucks, Federal Reserve Board of Governors.* Discussant: Scott Susin, U.S. Census Bureau. Chair: Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 10. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

14 Wednesday. **SAS PROC MDC (Multiple Discrete Choice).** *Speaker: Charlie Hallahan, USDA.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:00-1:00 pm. Room S3031, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, or [hallahan@ers.usda.gov](mailto:hallahan@ers.usda.gov). For information see [www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/](http://www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/).

14 Wednesday. **WSS Holiday Party.** Gordon Biersch Brewery.

15 Thursday. **Data Collection and Statistical Issues in Surveying Cell and Landline Telephone Samples.** *Speaker: Michael Brick, Westat.* Chair: Brian J. Meekins, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

15 Thursday. **Statistical Methods for Decontamination Sampling.** *Speaker: Myron Katzoff, National Center for Health Statistics.* 3:30pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see [www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml](http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml). Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland, Statistics Seminar.

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