



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for April 2006

4 Tuesday. **An Analysis of a Two-Way Categorical Table Incorporating Intra-Class Correlation.** *Speaker: Jai Choi, National Center for Health.* Chair: Joe Fred Gonzalez, NCHS. 10:00 – 11:30 am. National Center for Health Statistics, Room 1403, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, MD. For entry to NCHS, email your name and title of the seminar to JGonzalez@cdc.gov by noon of the Monday May 3. Bring a photo ID to the seminar. Sponsor: WSS Public Health and Biostatistics Section and National Center for Health Statistics.

5 Wednesday. **Selecting the Appropriate Distribution for a Primary Analysis.** *Speaker: Peter A. Lachenbruch, FDA.* 11:00 am. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room G, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. Cancer Prevention and Control Colloquium, National Cancer Institute, Office of Preventive Oncology. For information call 301-496-8640 or see <http://www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/colloquia.html>.

7 Friday. **Conversational Practices with a Purpose: Interaction within the Standardized Interview.** *Speaker: Nora Cate Schaeffer, University of Wisconsin.* JPSM Distinguished Lecture. 3:30 pm. Reception follows. Room 2205 Lefrak Hall, University of Maryland. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

13 Thursday. **The Systematic Analysis for Temporal Gene Expression Analysis.** *Speaker: Jiuzhou Song, University of Maryland.* 3:30 pm. Room 1313 Math Bldg, University of Maryland.

For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

14 Friday. **Some Aspects of Bayesian and Decision Theoretic Approaches to Statistical Prediction.** *Speaker: Tapan K. Nayak, George Washington University.* 4:00 – 5:00 pm. George Washington University 1957 E. Street, Room B16. George Washington University, Department of Statistics Seminar.

20 Thursday. **Using Comparative Genomics to Assess the Function of Noncoding Sequences.** *Speaker: Peter Bickel, University of California, Berkeley.* Discussant: Steven Salzberg, University of Maryland. 4:15-6:00 pm. Lecture Hall 1410, Physics Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Reception follows. Stat Day at the University of Maryland, College Park. For information contact Rupa Jethwa Eapen, 301-314-7911, rjepen@survey.umd.edu or see www.statconsortium.umd.edu/.

26 Wednesday. **A Generation of Data: The General Social Surveys, 1972-2006 and Beyond.** *Speaker: Tom Smith, National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago.* Chair: Norman Bradburn, NORC, University of Chicago. Discussant: Clyde Tucker, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Social and Demographic Statistics Section

26 Wednesday. **Introduction to Enterprise Guide 4.1 for Statistical Analysis.** *Speaker: Charlie Hallahan, USDA.* SIGSTAT Meeting.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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12:00-1:00 p.m. Room S3031, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, or hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For information see [www.cpcug.org /user/sigstat/](http://www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/).

27-28 Thursday, Friday. **Hierarchical Modeling and Analysis for Spatial Data.** *Instructor: Bradley P. Carlin, University of Minnesota.* American Statistical Association LearnSTAT Short Course. George Mason University Professional Center, Arlington, VA. Fees \$720 students, \$990 ASA Members, \$1190 others. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=hmasd.

28 Friday. **Stochastic Variants of EM: Monte Carlo, Quasi-Monte Carlo and More.** *Speaker: Wolfgang Jank, University of Maryland* Discussant: James Gentle, George Mason University. Chair: Charles Hallahan, USDA/ERS. 12:30 to 2 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center in G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Statistical Computing Section, WSS.

May Courses and Special Events

8-9 Monday, Tuesday. **Quality Change and Hedonic Price Indexes.** *Instructor: Jack Triplett, Brookings Institution.* 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 <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0508.html>.

11-12 Thursday, Friday. **Small Area Estimation.** *Instructor: Partha Lahiri, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Inn and Conference

Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0511.html>

12 Friday. **Statistics at the Gates: Statistical Methods for Detecting Computer Intruders.** *Instructor: David Marchette, U. S. Navy.* LearnSTAT short course. Residence Inn Old Town, Alexandria VA. Fees: students \$440, ASA members \$440, others \$560. For information see <http://www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=smdci>.

15-19 Monday – Friday. **Bayesian Econometrics and Decisionmaking.** *Instructor: John Geweke, University of Iowa.* Short Course. American University, Washington, DC. For course details see www.american.edu/cas/econ/summerprogram/2006_Bayesian.htm.

30 – 3 Monday – Friday. **Discrete Choice Modelling – Theory and Practice.** *Instructor: William Greene, New York University.* Short Course. American University, Washington, DC. For course details see http://www.american.edu/cas/econ/summerprogram/2006_Discrete.htm.

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