



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for May 2006

1 Monday. **Assessing the Effects of Variability in Interest Rate Derivative Pricing.** *Speaker: Michael Crotty North Carolina State University.* 11:00 – noon. Room 3225/FOB 4 U.S. Census Bureau, 4401 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD. Call (301) 763-4974 to be placed on the visitors' list. Bring a photo ID. U.S. Census Bureau Statistical Research Division Seminar.

3 Wednesday. **Exploiting Sparsity and Within-array Replications in Analysis of Microarray Data.** *Speaker: Jianqing Fan, Princeton University.* 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>.

3 Wednesday. **Analyzing Left Censored Environmental Monitoring Data.** *Speaker: Paul Wambach, Department of Energy.* Chair: Mel Kollander. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agriculture and Natural Resources Section.

4 Thursday. **Self-employment and Entrepreneurship: Reconciling Household and Administrative Measures.** *Speakers: Melissa Bjelland, Bureau of Labor Statistics, John Haltiwanger, University of Maryland, Kristin Sandusky, LEHD and James Spletzer, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* Discussant: Katharine Abraham, University of Maryland. Chair: Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference

Center, Room 8. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

4 Thursday. **A Method for Sufficient Dimension Reduction in Large-p-Small-n Regressions.** *Speaker: Bing Li, Penn State University.* 3:30pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For details see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. Statistics Seminar: University of Maryland Department of Mathematics.

5 Friday. **Why Bayes? Innovations in Clinical Trial Design and Analysis.** *Speaker: Donald A. Berry, University of Texas.* 10:00-11:00 am. Research Building, Conference Room E501, Georgetown University Medical Center, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics. GU. For information, contact Marina Vacaru at 202-687-4114 or emv6@georgetown.edu.

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>.

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9 Tuesday. **Encouraging Innovation in Government Statistical Agencies: Roger Herriot's Legacy.** *Speaker: Robert E. Fay, Bureau of the Census.* Chair: Lawrence H. Cox, National Center for Health Statistics. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

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>.

11 Thursday. **The Official Statistics Olympic Challenge: Wider, Deeper, Quicker, Better, Cheaper.** *Speaker: Tim Holt, Royal Statistics Society.* Discussant: Janet Norwood, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Introduction: Katherine Wallman, U. S. Office of Management and Budget. Special Seminar in honor of the Committee's 100th Meeting. Committee on National Statistics of the National Academies. Snacks at 2:45 pm, seminar at 3:15 pm, reception follows. Auditorium of the Main Building of the National Academy of Sciences. 2100 C Street, NW. RSVP by May 8 to Bridget Edmonds 202-334-3096 or cnstat@nas.edu. For information see http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/May_Seminar_Flyer_PDF.pdf.

11 Thursday. **Semiparametric ROC Curve Analysis under Density Ratio Models.** *Speaker: Biao Zhang, University of Toledo.* 3:30pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For details see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. Statistics Seminar: University of Maryland Department of Mathematics.

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 \$290, 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.

16 Tuesday. **A Multiscale Method for Disease Mapping in Spatial Epidemiology** *Speaker: Mary M. Louie, National Center for Health Statistics.* Discussant: Myron J. Katzoff, National Center for Health Statistics. Chair: Linda Williams Pickle, National Cancer Institute. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

16-17 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Sequential Analysis.** *Instructor: Saibal Chattopadhyay, Indian Institute of Management.* Short Course sponsored by the University of Maryland Statistics Consortium and the National Center for Health Statistics. Course meets at NCHS, May 16, room 1407C. May 17, room 1405B, 3311 Toledo Road Hyattsville. Tuition \$730. Registration by May 8. Contact: Rupa Jethwa Eapen, 301-314-7911, rjeapen@survey.umd.edu.

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17 Wednesday. **Univariate Detrending Using SAS: Some Examples and Applications.** *Speaker: Ban Cheah, Westat.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 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/).

17 Wednesday. **Optimizing the Use of Microdata: A New Perspective on Confidentiality and Access.** *Speaker: Julia Lane, University of Chicago.* Chair: Mary Grace Kovar, University of Chicago. Discussant: Stephanie Shipp, NIST. 12:30-2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Social and Demographic Statistics Section.

18, 19 Thursday, Friday. **Mixture Models in Latent Variable Research.** *Keynote Speaker: Bengt Muthen, UCLA; other speakers and tutorials.* Two day conference presented by the Center for Integrated Latent Variable Research, University of Maryland. Pre-conference and post-conference workshops and tutorials. For details and registration information see www.cilvr.umd.edu/Conference/Conference2006.html.

19 Friday. **Mediation Analysis Using Random Assignment Interacted with Baseline Covariates as Instrumental Variables.** *Speaker: Dylan Small, University of Pennsylvania.* 10:00-11:00 am. Research Building, Conference Room E501, Georgetown University Medical Center, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics. GU. For information, contact Marina Vacaru at 202-687-4114 or emv6@georgetown.edu.

30 – 3 Tuesday – Saturday. **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.

June Courses and Special Events

1 Thursday. **Estimating Drug Use Prevalence Using Latent Class Models with Item Count Response as One of the Indicators** *Speaker: Paul Biemer, RTI International.* Chair: John Bushery, U.S. Bureau of the Census. Discussant: Douglas Wright, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 12:30-2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

13, 14. Tuesday, Wednesday. **A Practical Introduction to Categorical Data Analysis: Discrete and Limited Dependent Variables.** *Instructor: William N. Evans, University of Maryland.* JPSM Short Course. Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Maryland. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0613.html>.

19, 20 Monday, Tuesday. **Focus Groups From Start To Finish.** *Instructor: David L. Morgan* Portland State University. JPSM Short Course. Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Maryland. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0619.html>.

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