



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for June 2006

6 Tuesday. **Bayesian and Frequentist Methods for Provider Profiling Using Risk-Adjusted Assessments of Medical Outcomes.** *Speaker:* Joseph Sedransk, Case Western Reserve University. Discussant: Robert Baskin, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality. Chair: Trena M. Ezzati-Rice, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room 319, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. Sponsor: WSS Section on Public Health and Biostatistics, WSS Methodology Section.

7 Wednesday. **Independence.** *Speaker:* Cynthia Clark, Office of National Statistics, UK. Chair: Connie Citro, Committee on National Statistics. Discussant: Fritz Scheuren, NORC. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Social and Demographic Statistics Section.

7 Wednesday. **How Many Students Really Graduate from High School? The Process of High School Attrition.** *Speaker:* Charles Hirschman, Bureau of the Census and University of Washington. 10:30 – noon. Morris Hansen Auditorium, Building 3. U.S. Census Bureau, 4401 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD. Call (301) 763-4974 to be placed on the visitors list. U.S. Census Bureau Statistical Research Division Seminar.

7 Wednesday. **Model Evaluation and Model Selection Based on Prediction Error for Various Outcomes.** *Speaker:* Tianxi Cai, Harvard 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>.

8 Thursday. **Characterization of Cost Structures, Perceived Value and Optimization Issues in Small Domain Estimation.** *Speaker:* John L. Eltinge, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Discussant: David G. Waddington, U.S. Bureau of the Census. Chair: Michael P. Cohen, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (retired). 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

13 Tuesday. **Individual Differences in Opinion Formation and Change.** *Speaker:* Richard E. Petty, Ohio State University. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3225, Bldg. 4, 4401 Suitland Road, Suitland, Maryland. Call (301) 763-4974 to be placed on the visitors list. U.S. Census Bureau Statistical Research Division Seminar.

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>.

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15 Thursday. **Pesticide Epidemiology and Poisoning Surveillance in the Twenty First Century.** *Speaker: Ruth H. Allen, EPA.* Chair: Mel Kollander. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Room 7. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agriculture and Natural Resources Section.

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>.

20 Tuesday. **An Update on the NIST Statistical Reference Datasets for MCMC: Ranking the Sources of Numerical Error in MCMC Computations.** *Speakers: Hung-kung Liu and William F. Guthrie, NIST.* Discussant: James Gentle, George Mason University. Chair: Charles Hallahan, USDA/ERS. 12:30 to 2 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Statistical Computing Section.

22 Thursday. **Implications for RDD Design from an Incentive Experiment.** *Speaker: Chris Chapman, National Center for Education Statistics.* Chair: Jonaki Bose, Bureau of Transportation Statistics. 12:30 to 2 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

22 Thursday. **WSS Annual Dinner.** *Speaker: Vance Berger, National Cancer Institute.* 6 pm. Maggiano's Restaurant 5333 Wisconsin Ave, NW. Cost \$48. For information contact Yves Thibaudeau, yves.thibaudeau@census.gov or (301)-763-1706.

26 Monday. **A Commemorative in Honor of Joe Waksberg.** *Speakers: Dan Levine, Graham Kalton, Mike Brick and Warren Mitofsky.* 3:30 pm. Reception follows. Keck Center Room 100, National Academies, 500 Fifth Street, N.W. Sponsors: WSS and Westat.

July Courses and Special Events

25 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 to 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Methodology Section, WSS.

27 Thursday. **Bayesian Methods for Incomplete Two-way Categorical Table with Application to the Buckeye State Polls.** *Speakers: You Sung Park, Korea University, and Jai Won Choi, NCHS.* Chair: Joe Fred Gonzalez, NCHS. 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Auditorium 1405B, National Center for Health Statistics, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Call Jai Won Choi (301-458-4144) or Joe Fred Gonzalez (301-458-4239) to be placed on the visitors list. Sponsor: WSS Public Health and Biostatistics Section.

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