



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for October 2006

4 Wednesday. **Baseline Adjustment by Inducing Partial Ordering When Measurements Are Ordered Categories.**

Speaker: YanYan Zhou, Florida International University. Discussant: Vance Berger, National Cancer Institute. Chair: Grant Izmirlian, National Cancer Institute. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. NIH Executive Plaza North, Conference Room G, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. For information see www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/zhou.html. Sponsor: NCI Division of Cancer Prevention and WSS Public Health and Biostatistics Section.

6 Friday. **Detection of Anatomical Landmark.**

Speaker: Bruno Jedynek, Johns Hopkins University. 10:00-11:00 am. Georgetown University, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, New Research Building, Room E501, 3900 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC. For information contact Marina Vacaru at 202-687-4114 or emv6@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

6 Friday. **Correction for Interarrival Time Distribution in the Estimation of Poisson Intensity.** *Speaker: Grace L. Yang, University of Maryland.* 11:00-12:15, George Washington University, Rome Hall, 801 22nd St, NW Room 206. For information see www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminar.htm. Sponsor: George Washington University Department of Statistics.

16 Monday. **Nonprofit Employment: Improving Estimates with a Match of IRS Information Forms and BLS QCEW.** *Speaker: Martin David, The Urban Institute.* Discussants:

John Czajka, Mathematica Policy Research and Paul Arnsberger, IRS. Chair: Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30- 200 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

18 Wednesday. **How Visual Layout Affects Answers to Self-Administered Surveys and The Implications for Mixed-Mode Surveys.**

Instructor: Don A. Dillman, Washington State University. JPSM Short Course. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$370; others \$470. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-1018.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-1018.html).

18 Wednesday. **The MLAB Mathematical and Statistical Modeling System.** *Speakers: Gary Knott and Daniel Kerner.* 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/.

18 Wednesday. **Moving versus Fixed Sampling Designs for Detecting Airborne Biological Pathogens.** *Speaker: Steven K. Thompson, Simon Fraser University.* Chair:

Myron Katzoff, NCHS. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Defense and National Security Section.

18 Wednesday. **How to Steal an Election: Meet-the-Author Session with David Moore.**

Speaker: David Moore. Discussant: Murray Edelman. 4:00-5:00pm. University of California,

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Washington Center 1608 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. For information see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/events2.php>. Sponsor: The Washington-Baltimore Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

20 Friday. **Selection Bias and Covariate Imbalance in Randomized Clinical Trials.** *Instructor: Vance Berger, NCI.* ASA LearnSTAT Short Course. Residence Inn, Bethesda, Maryland. Fees: \$290 students, \$440 ASA members, \$560 others. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=sbcirct.

20 Friday. **On Missing Data and Interactions in SNP Association Studies.** *Speaker: Ingo Ruczinski, Johns Hopkins University.* 10:00-11:00 a.m. Georgetown University, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, New Research Building, Room E501, 3900 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC. For information contact Marina Vacaru at 202-687-4114 or emv6@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

20 Friday. **Absolute Risk: Clinical Applications and Controversies.** *Speaker: Mitchell H. Gail, National Cancer Institute.* 11:00-12:00 Noon, George Washington University, Rome Hall, 801 22nd St, NW Room 206. For information see www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminar.htm. Sponsor: George Washington University Department of Statistics.

24 Tuesday. **Protecting the Confidentiality of Commodity Flow Survey Tabular Data by Adding Noise to the Underlying Microdata.** *Speaker: Paul B. Massell, Bureau of the Census.* Discussant: Jacob Bournazian, Department of Energy. Chair: Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30-

2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 8. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

26 Thursday. **101st Meeting of the Committee on National Statistics. Open Session – Public Seminar and Reception.**

3:00 pm: **Welcome and Introduction.** *Speaker: Kenneth, Prewitt, Columbia University.*

3:05 pm: **Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office.** *Speaker: Katherine K. Wallman, Office of Management and Budget.*

3:20 pm: **Confidentiality Protection and Informed Consent: What Have We Learned? How Should We Proceed?** *Speakers: Eleanor Singer and Roderick J. A. Little, University of Michigan.* Discussant: Hermann Habermann, Bureau of the Census.

Reception follows. Auditorium of the Main Building of the National Academy of Sciences. 2100 C St. NW, Washington, DC. RSVP by October 24 to Bridget Edmonds at 202 334 - 3096 or cnstat@nas.edu.

27 Friday. **Applied Longitudinal Analysis.** *Instructors: Garrett Fitzmaurice and Nan Laird, Harvard University.* ASA LearnSTAT Short Course. ASA Office, Alexandria, VA. Fees: \$290 students, \$440 ASA members, \$560 others. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=ala.

27 Friday. **Symposium: Frontiers of Statistical, Mathematical and Computational Sciences.**

Statistical Issues in Metabolomics. *Speaker: David Banks, Duke University.*

Swarming, by Nature and by Design. *Speaker: Andrea Bertozzi, UCLA.*

Industrial Mathematics at Bell Labs: Past and Present. *Speaker: Debasis Mitra, Lucent Laboratories.*

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Dynamics of Cooperative and Competitive Systems with Application to Virus Dynamics.

Speaker: Hal Smith, Arizona State University.

Mining Data and Building Models for Homeland Security.

Speaker: James Thompson, Rice University.

Agent-based Approaches for Dynamic Complex Interacting Social and Economic Networks.

Speaker: Peyton Young, Johns Hopkins University.
8:30 am – 5 pm. Room 113 Elliott School, George Washington University, 1957 E. Street NW, Washington, DC. For information contact Jagdish Chandra, Department of Statistics, GWU, (202) 994-0179 or jchandra@gwu.edu. Sponsors: Institute for Reliability and Risk Analysis (IRRA), George Washington University and the Army Research Office.

November Courses and Special Events

1 Wednesday. **Genetic Regulatory Networks: State of the Art and New Ideas.**

Speaker: Simon Rosenfeld, National Cancer Institute.
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. NIH Executive Plaza North, Conference Room G, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. For information see www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/rosenfeld.html. Sponsor: NCI Division of Cancer Prevention.

2 Thursday. **Partially Synthetic Data for Disclosure Avoidance: An Application to the American Community Survey Group Quarters Data.**

Speakers: Sam Hawala and Rolando Rodriguez, Bureau of the Census. Discussant: Jerry Reiter, Duke University. Chair: Yves Thibaudeau, Bureau of the Census. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center in G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

6 Monday. **Statistical Perspectives on Spatial Social Science.**

Speaker: Michael F. Goodchild, University of California, Santa Barbara.
Discussants: Sarah Nusser, Iowa State University and Linda Pickle, National Cancer Institute. 16th Annual Morris Hansen Lecture. Reception follows. 3:30 p.m. Jefferson Auditorium of the Department of Agriculture's South Building (Independence Avenue SW, between 12th and 14th Street). Pre-registration requested at www.nass.usda.gov/morrishansen/. Sponsors: WSS, Westat, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

8 Wednesday. **Sampling Short Course.**

Instructor: Karol Krotki, Research Triangle Institute. 2:00pm-5:00pm. RTI International, 701 13th Street NW. Fee \$50. For information see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/events2.php>. Sponsor: The American Association for Public Opinion Research Washington-Baltimore Chapter.

14 Tuesday. **Introduction To Item Response Theory (IRT): Modeling And Applications.**

Instructor: Bryce Reeve, National Cancer Institute. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency Bethesda, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$300; others \$400. For information see projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-1114.html.

30, 1 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Survey Management.**

Instructor: Michael F. Weeks, Research Triangle Institute. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-4:30 pm. Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi Maryland. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-1130.html.

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