



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for November 2006

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.

3 Friday. **Data-Driven Systems Biology: Direct Paths From Measurements to Biomedical Insight and Personalized Medicine** *Speaker:* *Roland Somogyi, Biosystemix Ltd.* 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 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.

14 Tuesday. **Working with the American Community Survey: Findings from the National Academies Panel.** *Speakers:* *Graham Kalton, Westat; Connie Citro, Committee on National Statistics.* Discussant: Andrew Reamer, The Brookings Institution. Chair: Susan Schechter, U.S. Census Bureau. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

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15 Wednesday. **SAS PROC MIXED to Fit Multilevel & Hierarchical Models.** *Speaker: Charlie Hallahan.* 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/.

15 Wednesday. **The Advanced Technology Program: Evaluating a Public-Private Partnership.** *Speaker: Stephanie Shipp, NIST.* Discussant: Lynda Carlson, NSF. Chair: Nancy Donovan, GAO. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Social and Demographic Statistics Section.

17 Friday. **Current Proteome Profiling Methods and Applications.** *Speaker: Yetrib Hathout, Children's National Medical Center.* 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.

28, 29 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Federal Committee On Statistical Methodology: Statistical Policy Seminar: Keeping Current: What We Know, What We Need To Learn.** Keynote Address: *Kenneth Prewitt, Columbia University.* L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington D.C. Seminar Registration: \$195.00. For information, contact the COPAFS Office 703-836-0404, copafs@aol.com or <http://www.fcsm.gov/events/>. Conference hosted by COPAFS (The Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics).

29 Wednesday. **Empirical Likelihood Methods for Complex Surveys.** *Speaker: Changbao Wu, University of Waterloo.* Discussant: James Gentle, George Mason University. Chair: Phillip S. Kott, National Agricultural Statistics Service. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

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.

December Courses and Special Events

4,5 Monday, Tuesday. **Creating and Updating Price Indexes: Theory and Practice.** *Instructors: Dennis J. Fixler, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Richard L. Valliant - University of Michigan.* 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 \$550; others \$730. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-1204.html>.

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