



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for January 2007

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9 Tuesday. **ROC Analysis of the Multiple-Biomarker Classifier Training and Testing Problem: The Influence Function and Specification of Uncertainties in ROC Summary Measures.** *Speaker: Waleed A. Yousef, George Washington University and FDA.* Discussant: Grant Izmirlian, National Cancer Institute. Chair: Robert F. Wagner, National Cancer Institute. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room 319, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. Sponsor: WSS Public Health and Biostatistics Section.

10, 11 Wednesday, Thursday. **The Psychology of Survey Response: Implications for Questionnaire Design.** *Instructor: Roger Tourangeau, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-5:00 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$582; others \$762. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-0110.html>.

12 Friday. **Parameter Estimation for the Exponential-Normal Convolution Model for Background Correction of Affymetrix Gene Chip Data.** *Speaker: Monnie McGee, Southern Methodist University.* 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. New Research Building, E501 Conference Room Washington, DC. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarspring2007.html>. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

17 Wednesday. **SAS/LE (SAS Learning Edition).** *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](mailto:hallahan@ers.usda.gov). For information see [www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/](http://www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/).

18, 19 Thursday, Friday. **Methods for Testing Survey Questions.** *Instructor: Pamela Campanelli, Survey Methods Consultant.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-5:00 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/2007-0118.html>.

18-20 Thursday – Saturday. **Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling.** *Instructors: Ralph Mueller, George Washington University and Greg Hancock, University of Maryland.* Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland, Short Course. Stamp Student Union Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee \$595. For information phone 301-405-3629 or see <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/Spr2007.html>.

19 Friday. **Considerations in Adapting Clinical Trial Design for Drug Development.** *Speaker: H.M. James Hung, FDA.* 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. New Research Building, E501 Conference Room Washington, DC. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarspring2007.html>. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

29 Monday. **Economic Turbulence in the U.S. Economy.** *Speaker: Julia Lane, NORC and University of Chicago.* Discussants: Jared Bernstein, Economic Policy Institute and Ralph Rector, The Heritage Foundation. Chair: Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center in G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

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February Courses and Special Events

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6 Tuesday. **Mortality in Iraq.** *Speakers: Gilbert Burnham, Shannon Doocy, Scott Zeger, Johns Hopkins University.* Discussants: Jana Asher, AAAS; David Marker, Westat. Chair: Graham Kalton, Westat. 2:00 – 4:30 pm. BLS Conference Center, Rooms 1 and 2. See BLS notice below. For information see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/events2.php>. Sponsors: Methodology and Human Rights Sections of the WSS, Science and Human Rights Program of AAAS, DC-AAPOR, and CASPA.

7, 8 Wednesday, Thursday. **Quantitative Methods in Defense and National Security 2007.** *Program Chair: Edward J. Wegman, GMU; Technical Program Chair: Jeffrey Solka, Naval Surface Weapon Center. Keynote Address: Delores Etter, U. S. Navy.* Sessions on DNA Forensics, Intelligent Applications, Spatial and Time Series Analysis. Registration fee: Students: \$50, others: before January 12, \$75 per day, after \$100 per day. Conference meets at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. For registration information contact Liz Quigley, 703-993-1212 or [equigley@gmu.edu](mailto:equigley@gmu.edu); conference information e-mail [Jeffrey.Solka@navy.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.Solka@navy.mil) or see [www.galaxy.gmu.edu/QMDNS2007/](http://www.galaxy.gmu.edu/QMDNS2007/).

13, 14 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Balancing Data Confidentiality and Data Quality.** *Instructor: Lawrence H. Cox, National Center for Health Statistics.* 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 contact JPSM at 301-314-7911; fax 301-314-7912; or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

15-17 Thursday – Saturday. **Introduction to Multilevel Analysis Methods: Hierarchical Linear Models.** *Instructor: Robert G. Croninger, University of Maryland.* Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland, Short Course. Stamp Student Union Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee \$595. For information

phone 301-405-3629 or see <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/HLM2007.doc>.

22, 23 Thursday, Friday. **Logistic Regression Analysis.** *Instructor: C. Mitchell Dayton, University of Maryland.* Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland, Short Course. Stamp Student Union Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee \$495. For information phone 301-405-3629 or see <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/LRA2007.html>.

26, 27 Monday, Tuesday. **Introduction To Survey Estimation.** *Instructors: David Morganstein, Westat and Richard L. Valliant, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-4:30 pm. Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911; fax 301-314-7912; or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

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