



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for October 2007

4 Thursday. **Two for the Price of One: Statistics in Natural Language Processing and Information Retrieval.** *Speakers: Douglas Oard and Philip Resnik, University of Maryland.* 3:30pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. Sponsor: Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland.

5 Friday. **The Statistical Challenge of Studies with Errors-in-Covariates When Only the Means are Modelled.** *Speaker: John Hanfelt, Emory University.* 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). Martin Marietta Conference Room, The Lombardi Building, Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2007.html>. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

9 Tuesday. **Surveying under Adverse Conditions.** *Speakers: Mollyann Brodie, Kaiser Family Foundation; Matthew Warshaw, D3 Systems; and Caterina Roman, Urban Institute.* Discussant: Joe Eyerman, RTI International. 3:30 – 5:00 pm. RTI International, 701 13th St, NW, Washington, DC. For information see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/events2.php>. Sponsor: Washington-Baltimore Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

11-12 Thursday, Friday. **An Introduction To Survey Management.** *Instructor: Michael F. Weeks, Research Triangle Institute.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course.

8:00 – 5:00. Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, Maryland. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-1011.html>.

16 Tuesday. **Protecting the Confidentiality of Tables by Adding Noise to the Underlying Microdata.** *Speaker: Paul B. Massell, Bureau of the Census.* Discussants: Richard Clayton, Bureau of Labor Statistics and John Ruser, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Chair: Anne Polivka, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

18-19 Thursday, Friday. **An Introduction to the Fundamentals and Functionality of the R Language.** *Instructor: Theresa A. Scott, Vanderbilt University.* American Statistical Association LearnSTAT short course. ASA Office, Alexandria, VA. Fees: Students \$440, members of the Statistical Computing or Statistical Graphics sections \$540, ASA members \$640, others \$740. Registration by October 12. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=iffr.

19 Friday. **Probability of Detecting Disease-Associated SNPs in Case-Control Genome-Wide Association Studies.** *Speaker: Mitchell Gail, National Cancer Institute.* 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). E501 Conference Room, The Research Building, Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2007.html> Sponsor: Department of

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Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

24 Wednesday. **Estimating the Measurement Error in the Current Population Survey Labor Force - A Mixture Markov Latent Class Analysis Approach.** *Speakers: Jeroen Vermunt, Tilburg University, and Jay Magidson, Statistical Innovations.* 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Auditorium, U. S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland. To be placed on the visitors list send e-mail or phone by October 12 to Shirrell.Adams@ census.gov at (301) 763 -5955, or Alexis.D.Reese @census.gov at (301) 763 -4080.

24 Wednesday. **Survival Models in SAS: PROC LIFETEST–Part 1.** The talk will cover chapters 1-3 of Paul Allison (1995), *Survival Analysis Using the SAS System: A Practical Guide*, SAS Press (see <http://www.sas.com/apps/pubscat/bookdetails.jsp?pc=55233>). SIGSTAT meeting. 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Room S3031, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M St, NW. Enter the South Tower and take the elevator to the 3rd floor to check in at the guard's desk. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For details see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/.

25 Thursday. **Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office.** *Speaker: Katherine K. Wallman, Office of Management and Budget.* **National Time Accounting: The Currency of Life.** *Speaker: Alan Krueger, Princeton University.* Discussant: Katharine Abraham, University of Maryland. 104th Meeting of the Committee on National Statistics, Open Session, Public Seminar and Reception. Refreshments at 2:30 pm, speeches begin at 3:00 pm. The National Academies, NAS Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC. RSVP by

October 23 to Bridget Edmonds at 202-334-3096 or cnstat@nas.edu.

25 Thursday. **Statistical Issues and Challenges Arising from Analysis of Genome-Wide Association Studies.** *Speaker: Gang Zheng, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.* Chair: Rene Gonin, Westat. 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

30 Tuesday. **Assessing the Value of Bayesian Methods for Inference about Finite Population Quantities.** *Speaker: Joe Sedransk, Case Western Reserve University.* Discussants: Nathaniel Schenker, National Center for Health Statistics and David Binder, Statistics Canada. Chair: Donald Malec, Bureau of Census. 17th Annual Morris Hansen Lecture. 3:30 p.m. Reception follows. Jefferson Auditorium of the Department of Agriculture's South Building Independence Avenue SW, between 12th and 14th Street. Pre-register for this event at www.nass.usda.gov/morrishansen/. Sponsors: Washington Statistical Society, Westat, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

31 Wednesday. **How Visual Layout Affects Answers to Web and Mail Surveys and the Implications For Mixed-Mode Data Collection.** *Instructor: Don A. Dillman, Washington State University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 7:45 – 4:30. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$420, others \$520. For information see projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-1031.html.

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