



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for January 2008

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9 Wednesday. **Alternative Survey Sample Designs, Seminar #2: Sampling with Multiple Overlapping Frames.** *Speaker: Sharon Lohr, Arizona State University.* Discussant: Jean D. Opsomer, Colorado State University. 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. U. S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland. Send e-mail to Carol.A.Druin@census.gov or call (301) 763-4216 to be placed on the visitors' list by 4 January. U.S. Census Bureau Statistical Methods Division Seminar.

9 Wednesday. **Reliability Growth Projection of One-Shot Systems.** *Speaker: Brian Hall, Army Evaluation Center.* Chair: Myron Katzoff, CDC/National Center for Health Statistics. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Defense and National Security Section

16 Wednesday. **Survival Models in SAS: PROC LIFEREG—Part 2.** Continuing coverage of chapter 4 of Paul Allison (1995), *Survival Analysis Using the SAS System: A Practical Guide*, SAS Press. SIGSTAT meeting. 12:00-1:00 pm. Room S3031, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, [hallahan@ers.usda.gov](mailto:hallahan@ers.usda.gov). For details see [www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/](http://www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/).

16 Wednesday. **Medicaid Underreporting in the CPS: Results from a Record Check Study.** *Speaker: Joanne Pascale, U.S. Census Bureau.* Discussant: John Czajka, Mathematica Policy Research. Chair: Robert Stewart, Congressional Budget Office. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS

notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

17, 18 Thursday, Friday. **Bayesian Data Analysis Using Bugs and R.** *Instructor: Andrew Gelman, Columbia University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 – 4:45 Thursday, 9:00 – 12:15 Friday. 0225 Lefrak Hall OACS Lab, University of Maryland, College Park. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$500, others \$600. For information contact: Rupa Jethwa Eapen, 301-314-7911, or [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu).

17 Thursday. **Questionnaire Design Guidelines for Establishment Surveys.** *Speaker: Rebecca L. Morrison, U.S. Census Bureau.* Discussant: Brenda G. Cox, Battelle. Chair: Jennifer K. Lawhorn, Georgetown University. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Data Collection Methods Section.

23 Wednesday. **Coverage Measurement for the 2010 Census.** *Speaker: Thomas Mule, U.S. Census Bureau.* Discussant: Michael Cohen, Committee on National Statistics. Chair: Gregg Diffendal, U.S. Census Bureau. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

#### Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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24 Thursday. **Practical Tools for Nonresponse Bias Studies.** *Instructors: Robert M. Groves, University of Michigan and J. Michael Brick, Westat.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 7:30 – 5:00. Sheraton Crystal Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$350, others \$480. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0124.html>

24-26 Thursday-Saturday. **Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructors: Gregory Hancock, University of Maryland and Ralph Mueller, George Washington University.* University of Maryland, Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation Short Course. Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland. Fee \$595. For information see [www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/Spr2008.html](http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/Spr2008.html).

5,6 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Balancing Data Confidentiality and Data Quality.** *Instructor: Lawrence Cox, National Center for Health Statistics.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 – 4:30. The Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0205.html>.

26,27 Tuesday, Wednesday. **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. The Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0226.html>.

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*February Events*

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6 Wednesday. **Statistical Analysis of Bullet Lead Compositions as Forensic Evidence.** *Speaker: Karen Kafadar, University of Colorado-Denver.* Chair: Myron Katzoff, CDC/National Center for Health Statistics. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Defense and National Security Section.

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