



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for March 2008

5 Wednesday. **Generalized Confidence Intervals: Methodology and Applications.** *Speaker: Thomas Mathew, University of Maryland Baltimore County.* 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 and Public Health and Biostatistics Sections.

6 Thursday. **Bringing Statistical Principles to US Elections.** *Speakers: Arlene Ash, Boston University; Mary Batcher, Ernst & Young, LLP.* Discussant: David Marker, Westat. Chair: Wendy Rotz, Ernst & Young, LLP. 12:30 - 2 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Human Rights Section.

6 Thursday. **One-Sided Coverage Intervals for a Proportion Estimated from a Stratified Simple Random Sample.** *Speaker: Phil Kott, National Agricultural Statistics Service.* 3 pm. Room 1313 Math Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar. For information see <http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml>.

6 Thursday. **Statistics Can Lie But Can Also Correct for Lies: Reducing Response Bias in NLAAS via Bayesian Imputation.** *Speaker: Xiao-Li Meng, Harvard University.* Chair: David Cantor, Westat. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

7 Friday. **Bayesian Variable Selection Methods for Class Discovery and Gene Selection.** *Speaker: Mahlet Tadesse, Georgetown University.* 11:00am-12:00pm. DUQUES 250, 2201 G Street, N.W., Washington D.C. For information contact Efstathia Bura, ebura@gwu.edu or 202-994-6358. The George Washington University Department of Statistics Seminar.

10 Monday. **Seminar on Survey Respondent Incentives: Research and Practice.** Hosted by the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS). L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC. Registration fee: \$125.00. For a copy of the program and registration information contact COPAFS at copafs@aol.com or call 703-836-0404 and ask for Edward Spar or Lee Ann Sklar. See also www.copafs.org.

12 Wednesday. **Rasch Measurement Using SAS Procedures.** *Speaker: Mark Nord, USDA.* 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. For details see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/.

13 Thursday. **A Semiparametric Generalization of One-Way ANOVA.** *Speaker: Benjamin Kedem, University of Maryland.* 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. Sponsors: WSS Public Health and Biostatistics and Defense and National Security Sections.

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13 Thursday. **What Happens to the Location Estimator if We Minimize with a Power other than 2?** *Speaker: Robert Blodgett, Food and Drug Administration.* 3:30 pm, Room 1313 Math Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar. For information see <http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml>.

13, 14 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Multilevel Analysis Methods: Hierarchical Linear Models.** *Instructor: Robert G. Croninger, University of Maryland.* Short Course offered by the Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland. 8:30 – 5:00 pm. Stamp Student Union, Room TBA, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee: \$450, discounts available for full time students. For information see <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/HLM2008.doc>.

15 Saturday. **ENAR Workshop for Junior Researchers 2008.** 8:30 – 5:00 pm. Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA. For details see <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/~bcoull/ENARJrWorkshop/>. Sponsor: National Cancer Institute.

16-19 Sunday – Wednesday. **International Biometric Society Eastern North American Region (ENAR) Meeting.** Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA. For details see <http://www.enar.org/meetings.cfm>.

27, 28 Thursday, Friday. **Guidelines for Writing Questions for Standardized Measurement: A Workshop.** *Instructor: Nora Cate Schaeffer, University of Wisconsin.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600,

others \$810. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0327.html>.

April Events

17,18 Thursday, Friday. **Cognitive Interviewing: A Hands-On Approach.** *Instructor: Gordon Willis, National Cancer Institute.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$660, others \$870. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0417.html>.

18 Friday. **Analysis of Censored Data.** *Instructor: Danyu Lin, University of North Carolina.* ASA LearnSTAT short course. ASA Office 732 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA. Fees: \$375 students, \$475 ASA members, \$615 others. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fusection=aocd.

24 Thursday. **16th Federal Forecasters Conference. Health Care Forecasting: Informing Future Choices.** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference and Training Center. For registration and conference information see www1.va.gov/vhareorg/ffc.htm.

30, 1 Wednesday, Thursday. **A Two-Day Workshop on Bayesian Methods that Frequentists Should Know.** Invited speakers: distinguished lectures, and poster session. Sponsored by the University of Maryland Consortium, NCHS, Survey Research Methods Section of the American Statistical Association and the WSS. For information and registration forms see <http://www.statconsortium.umd.edu/>

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