



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for September 2005

7 Wednesday. **User and Network Profiling.** *Speaker: Patricia Carter, Naval Surface Warfare Center.* Chair: Wendy L. Martinez, Office of Naval Research. 12:30 - 2:00 PM. BLS Conference Center, Room TBD. See BLS note below. Sponsor: WSS Defense and National Security Section.

14-16 Wednesday – Friday. **2005 FDA Industry Statistics Workshop: Safety and the Critical Path.** Short Courses, General Sessions and Parallel Sessions. 8:00 am – 5 pm. Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road, NW. Registration: \$150 government employees and students; \$250 academic (non student) and Biopharm section members; \$290 others. Short Courses: \$80. For additional information see www.amstat.org/meetings/fdaworkshop/2005/index.cfm?fuseaction=main. Sponsors: ASA Biopharmaceutical Section and the FDA Statistical Association.

20 Tuesday. **DC-AAPOR: Meet the Author Session.** *Authors: Gordon Willis, Cognitive Interviewing: A Tool for Improving Questionnaire Design and Jennifer Rothgeb and Betsy Martin, co-editors of Methods for Testing and Evaluating Survey Questionnaires.* 6:00-7:30 p.m. Capitol City Brewing Company (White Room), Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC. To RSVP: www.dc-aapor.org/rsvpform.php and follow the instructions under the RSVP section. Alternatively, contact Grace O'Neill at secretary@dc-aapor.org. Please RSVP at least 24 hours in advance. Sponsor: DC-AAPOR.

22 Thursday. **The Dynamics of Nonmetro Wage Income Distribution: A Model-Based Approach.** *Speaker: Jack Angle, USDA.* Discussant: John Hisnanick, U.S. Census Bureau. Chair: Karen Pence, Federal Reserve Board. 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 10. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

23–25 Friday–Sunday. **A Conference in Honor of George Judge: The 2nd Conference on Information and Entropy Econometrics. Theory, Method, and Applications.** Paper presentations and invited lectures. Friday 12:00 noon- Sunday 1:00 pm. American University, Washington, DC. Registration: Students \$75, others \$150. For information see www.american.edu/cas/econ/faculty/golan/conference2.htm. Sponsors: Edwin T. Jaynes Center, Giannini Foundation, University of California, The Business and Economic Section- ASA, American University: College of Arts and Sciences - Office of the Dean, Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs, and Department of Economics.

28 Wednesday. **Panel on Privacy and Public Perception of Risks.** *Panelists: Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology; David Banks, Duke University; Brian Dautch, Council on Marketing and Opinion Research; Gerald Gates, US Census Bureau; Herb Lin, National Research Council of the National Academies.* Chair Alvan O. Zarate, National Center for Health Statistics. 12:30 to 2:00. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Room 1, See BLS notice below. Sponsors: DC-AAPOR and WSS Public Policy Section.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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29 Thursday. **U. S. Federal Statistics as a System.** *Instructors: Katharine G. Abraham, University of Maryland and Robert M. Groves, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 – 5:00 pm. Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD. Fees: Full-time students and employees of JPSM sponsor/affiliate organizations: \$300; others \$400. Registration deadline: September 15. For information on JPSM short courses contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail jpsm@survey.umd.edu or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

29 Thursday. **Adaptation of an Alcohol Ecological Agent-Based Model to Homeland Security.** *Speaker: Yasmin Said, George Mason University.* Discussant: Edward J. Wegman, George Mason University. Chair: Wendy L. Martinez, Office of Naval Research. 12:30 - 2:00 PM BLS Conference Center, room TBD. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Defense and National Security Section.

30 Friday. **Frontiers of Statistical, Mathematical and Computational Sciences: Second Symposium.** *Speakers include Stuart Geman, Brown University; C.R.Rao, Penn State University; Jayaram Sethuraman, Florida State University and Indian Institute of Technology; Steven Shreve, Carnegie Mellon University and Lofti Zadeh, University of California, Berkeley.*

8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Room#113, Elliott School, George Washington University. Registration is free. Contact Jagdish Chandra, Department of Statistics, George Washington University, (202) 994-0179 ; jchandra@gwu.edu. For details see www.gwu.edu/~stat/symposium2.htm. Sponsors: Army Research Office, and the Institute for Reliability and Risk Analysis (IRRA) in the Department of Statistics, the George Washington University.

October Courses and Special Events

11-12 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Introduction to Survey Methods for Businesses and Organizations.** *Instructors: Paul P. Biemer, RTI International and University of North Carolina; David Cantor, WESTAT; Robert Gaddie, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA. Fees: Full-time students and employees of JPSM sponsor /affiliate organizations: \$550; others \$730. Registration deadline September 26. For information on JPSM short courses contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail jpsm@survey.umd.edu or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

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