



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for October 2005

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5 Wednesday. **Adjusting for Covariate Effect in Nonparametric ANCOVA.** *Speaker: Michael Akritas, Pennsylvania State University.* Office of Preventive Oncology Colloquia Series. 11:00 am. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room H, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD. For additional information call 301-496-8640 or see [www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/collouquia.html#october](http://www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/collouquia.html#october).

6 Thursday. **IRS Audit Sampling.** *Speaker: Richard Valliant, University of Michigan.* 3:30pm in Room 1313, Math Building, University of Maryland, College Park. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics and Statistics Seminar. For information see [www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml](http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml).

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. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Fees: Full-time students and employees of JPSM sponsor /affiliate organizations: \$550; others \$730. For information on contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

14 Friday. **Testing Degenerate Tensors in Diffusion Tensor Images.** *Speaker: Hongtu Zhu, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons and New York State Psychiatric Institute.* 11:00 am-12:00 pm. George Washington University, Rome Hall (801 22nd Street, NW) Room 351. For

information see [www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/fall2005.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/fall2005.htm). Sponsor: George Washington University Department of Statistics.

17 Monday. **Applying a General Diagnostic Model to Large Scale Testing Data.** *Speaker: Matthias von Davier, Educational Testing Service.* 11:00 – noon. Benjamin Hall, Room TBD, University of Maryland. Measurement and Statistics Monday Symposium. University of Maryland Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation. For information see [www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/MSMS/SympFall2005.htm](http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/MSMS/SympFall2005.htm).

19 Wednesday. **MATLAB for Econometric Analysis.** *Speaker: Shawn Bucholtz, USDA.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:00-1:00 pm. Room S3031, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees should 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/).

19 Wednesday. **The Use of Contact History Data for Exploring Survey Nonresponse in Federal Demographic Surveys.** *Speakers: Nancy Bates, U.S. Census Bureau and James M. Dahlhamer, National Center for Health Statistic.* Chair: Richard L Bitzer, U.S. Census Bureau. 12:30 - 2 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Methodology Section, WSS.

20 Thursday. **Best Practices In Estimating And Reporting Nonresponse Bias.** *Speaker: John Dixon, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* Chair: Brian Harris-Kojetin, Office of Management and Budget. Discussant: Jill Montaquila, Westat

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

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12:30 - 2 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 7. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Methodology Section, WSS.

20 Thursday. **Methodological Problems with the Consumer Price Index.** Julius Shiskin Award Presentation. *Speaker: W. Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia.* Chair: Rich Allen, USDA. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Rooms 7 and 8. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Economics Section and Shiskin Award Committee.

20 Thursday. **Stochastic Variants of EM: Monte Carlo, Quasi-Monte Carlo, and More.** *Speaker: Wolfgang Jank, University of Maryland.* 3:30pm in Room 1313, Math Building, University of Maryland, College Park. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar. For information see [www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml](http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml).

20-21 Thursday, Friday. **Meeting of the ASA Committee on Energy Statistics.** Meeting will be held in Washington, DC and is open to the public. For information and location contact William Weinig phone: (202) 287-1709 Fax: (202) 287-1705 Email: [william.weinig@eia.doe.gov](mailto:william.weinig@eia.doe.gov)

21 Friday. **The Benefits of Interagency Business Data Sharing.** Committee on National Statistics Workshop. 9:00 – 5:00 pm. The Keck Center of the National Academies, Room 100, 500 5<sup>th</sup> St, NW. For further information contact Michael Siri, [msiri@nas.edu](mailto:msiri@nas.edu) or 202-334-3113.

26 Wednesday. **A Lifetime in Official Statistics -- A Question & Answer Period with Dr. Ivan Fellegi, Chief Statistician - Statistics Canada.** 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Morris Hansen Auditorium, U. S. Bureau of the Census, Suitland, MD. For more information, and to gain access to

the Census Bureau for this event, contact Yves Thibaudeau at (301)763-1906 or at [yves.thibaudeau@census.gov](mailto:yves.thibaudeau@census.gov) by Tuesday, October 25.

26 Wednesday. **Prediction of Survival Outcomes with Many Varying Explanatory Variables.** *Speaker: Annette Molinaro, Yale University.* 11:00 am. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room H, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD. For additional information call 301-496-8640 or see [www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/colloquia.html#october](http://www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/colloquia.html#october)

31 Monday. **Presenting Data and Information.** *Instructor: Edward Tuft, Yale University.* Marriott Crystal Forum, Arlington, VA. Registration: \$320. For information contact 800 822-2454 or 203-250-7007, or [www.edwardtuft.com](http://www.edwardtuft.com). Course repeated Tuesday, November 1 and Wednesday November 2.

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*November Courses and Special Events*

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2 Wednesday. **Causal Inference Through Potential Outcomes: Application to Quality of Life Studies with 'Censoring' Due to Death and to Studies of the Effect of Job-Training Programs on Wages.** The 2005 Morris Hansen Lecture. *Speaker: Donald B. Rubin, Harvard University.* Discussants: Graham Kalton, Westat and Edward L. Korn, National Cancer Institute. Opening remarks: Carol House, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Chair: Trena Ezzati-Rice, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Reception follows. Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture, South Building, Independence Avenue, SW, between 12th and 14th Streets. Sponsors: Washington Statistical Society, Westat, Inc., and the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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7-8 Monday, Tuesday. **Introduction to Survey Management.** *Instructor: Michael F. Weeks, Research Triangle Institute.* 8:30 – 5:00 pm. Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland, Adelphi, Maryland. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Fees: Full-time students and employees of JPSM sponsor /affiliate organizations: \$550, others \$730. Registration deadline October 24. For information on JPSM short courses contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

7-8 Monday, Tuesday. **Longitudinal Modeling of Student Achievement.** Conference Sponsored by the Maryland Assessment Research Center for Educational Success, Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland. Various Speakers. Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland. Registration fee: \$100. For details see [www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/events/2005/Confv4.doc](http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/events/2005/Confv4.doc) or e-mail Dr. Robert W. Lissitz, [Rlissitz@umd.edu](mailto:Rlissitz@umd.edu). For information on registration contact Mr. Ricardo Morales (301-405-3629 or [RMorales@umd.edu](mailto:RMorales@umd.edu)).

10 Thursday. **Practical Tools for Nonresponse Bias Studies.** *Instructors: Robert M. Groves, University of Michigan and J. Michael Brick, Westat.* 7:30 am – 5:00 pm. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Fees: Full-time students and employees of JPSM sponsor /affiliate organizations: \$300; others \$400. Registration deadline October 27. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at [www.jpsm.org](http://www.jpsm.org).

16-17 Wednesday, Thursday. **Analysis and Presentation of Economic Data.** *Instructors:*

*Katharine G. Abraham, University of Maryland and Deborah Klein, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Fees: Full-time students and employees of JPSM sponsor /affiliate organizations: \$550; others \$730. Registration deadline November 1. For contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at [www.jpsm.org](http://www.jpsm.org).

17-18 Thursday, Friday. **Analysing Data from Sample Surveys.** *Instructor: Alastair Scott, University of Auckland.* 9:00 – 5:00 pm Thursday, 8:30 – 11:30 am Friday. Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland, Adelphi, Maryland. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Fees: Full-time students and employees of JPSM sponsor /affiliate organizations: \$550, others \$730. Registration deadline November 3. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at [www.jpsm.org](http://www.jpsm.org). Details of this course on [www.statconsortium.umd.edu/](http://www.statconsortium.umd.edu/).

18 Friday. **The Design and Analysis of Retrospective Health Surveys.** *Speaker: Alastair Scott, University of Auckland.* Discussants: Barry Graubard, National Cancer Institute and Graham Kalton, Westat. 1:00 – 2:40 pm. **The Interplan Between Sample Survey Theory and Practice: An Appraisal.** *Speaker: J. N. K. Rao, Carleton University.* Discussants: J. Michael Brick, Westat and Phil Kott, NASS. 2205 LeFrak Hall, University of Maryland College Park. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Distinguished Lecture Series. For details see [www.statconsortium.umd.edu/](http://www.statconsortium.umd.edu/).

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