



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for November 2005

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, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

3 Thursday. **(1) XML for SAS Users, (2) Basic Efficiencies.** *Speakers: (1) Manolo Figallo-Monge and (2) Michael G. Sadof.* DC-SAS Users Group (DCSUG) meeting. 5:00 – 8:00 pm. SAS Office, Suite 800 1530 Wilson Blvd Rosslyn VA. For details see <http://dc-sug.org/>.

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. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail 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 and the 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 or e-mail Robert W. Lissitz, Rlissitz@umd.edu. For registration information contact Ricardo Morales 301-405-3629 or RMorales@umd.edu.

9 Wednesday. **SAS PROC POWER.** *Speaker: Linda Atkinson, USDA.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:00-1:00 pm. Room S3031, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, or hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For information see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/.

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. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail jpsm@survey.umd.edu or visit the JPSM website at www.jpsm.org.

10 Thursday. **Bayesian Analysis of Spatial Data: Some Theoretical Issues and Applications in the Earth Sciences.** *Speaker: Victor de Oliveira, University of Arkansas.* 4:00pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of

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Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland, Statistics Seminar.

11 Friday. **Composite Likelihood Inference in Spatial Generalized Linear Mixed Models.**

Speaker: Professor Tatiyana V. Apanasovich, Cornell University. 11:00 am-12:00 pm. George Washington University, Rome Hall (801 22nd Street, NW) Room 351. For information contact Kaushik Ghosh, ghosh@gwu.edu, phone: 202-994-6889 or see www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/fall2005.htm. Sponsor: George Washington University Department of Statistics.

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. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail jpsm@survey.umd.edu or visit the JPSM website at 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. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911 or e-mail jpsm@survey.umd.edu or visit the JPSM website at www.jpsm.org. Course details on 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/.

December Courses and Special Events

1 Thursday. **Empirical Bayes Analysis of Bivariate Binary Data: An Application to Small Area Estimation.** *Speaker: Malay Ghosh, University of Florida.* Chair: Van Parsons, National Center for Health Statistics. 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. National Center for Health Statistics, Room 1407C, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville. Please try to arrive 15-30 minutes early because of possible security screening delays. Sponsors: WSS Methodology Section and NCHS/Office of Research and Methodology.

8-9 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Survey Sampling.** *Instructors: Colm A. O'Muircheartaigh, National Opinion Research Center and James M. Lepkowski, University of Michigan.* 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 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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