



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for February 2006

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1 Wednesday. **Minimizing Selection Bias in Randomized Trials: A Nash Equilibrium Approach to Optimal Randomization.** *Speaker: William Grant, Duke University.* 11:00 am. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room G, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. Cancer Prevention and Control Colloquium, National Cancer Institute, Office of Preventive Oncology. For information call 301-496-8640 or see [www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/grant.html](http://www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/grant.html).

2 Thursday. **The Bernoulli-trials Distribution and Wavelet.** *Speaker: Lang Withers, MITRE Signal Processing Center.* 3:30pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, 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).

6-7 Monday, Tuesday. **The Psychology of Survey Response: Implications for Questionnaire Design.** *Instructor: Roger Tourangeau, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$582; others \$762. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0206.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0206.html).

8 Wednesday. **SAS PROC ENTROPY.** *Speaker: Charlie Hallahan, USDA.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Room S3031, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, or [hallahan@](mailto:hallahan@)

[ers.usda.gov](http://ers.usda.gov). For information see [www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/](http://www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/).

10 Friday. **New Monte Carlo Strategies with Applications to Spatial Models.** *Speaker: Murali Haran, Pennsylvania State University.* 11:00-12:00 noon. George Washington University, 1957 E Street, Room B16. For information, see [www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/spring2006.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/spring2006.htm) or contact Reza Modarres at [Reza@gwu.edu](mailto:Reza@gwu.edu) or 202-994-6359. The George Washington University Department of Statistics Seminar.

16 Thursday. **Regression Fractional Hot Deck Imputation.** *Speaker: Jae-Kwang Kim, Yonsei University.* 3:30pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, 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).

22 Wednesday. **Indirect Monetary Incentives with a Complex Agricultural Establishment Survey.** *Speakers: Dan Beckler and Kathy Ott, USDA.* Chair: Diane Willimack, Census Bureau. Discussant: Danna Moore, Washington State University. 12:30 - 2 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 4. See BLS notice below Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

22-23 Wednesday, Thursday. **Access to Micro-Data for Research Purposes: The User Perspective.** *Instructors: Julia Lane, NORC and William E. Winkler, U. S. Bureau of the Census.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time

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*March Courses and Special Events*

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1-2 Wednesday, Thursday. **Introduction to Survey Estimation.** *Instructors: David Morganstein, Westat and Richard L. Valliant, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0301.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0301.html).

15 Wednesday. **Latent Class Analysis of Survey Error.** *Instructor: Paul P. Biemer, RTI International.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$300; others \$400. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0315.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0315.html).

21-22 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Introduction to Multilevel Analysis Methods: Hierarchical Linear Models.** *Instructor: Robert G. Croninger, University of Maryland.* Short Course presented by the University of Maryland, Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation. Jimenez-Room #2208, Stamp Student Union Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee: \$550. For information see [www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/Spr2006.html](http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/Spr2006.html) or call 301-405-3629.

23 -24 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructors: Gregory R. Hancock, University of Maryland and Ralph O. Mueller, The George Washington*

*University.* Short Course presented by the University of Maryland, Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation. Margaret Brent Room (2nd floor) Stamp Student Union Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee: \$550. For information see [www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/Short Courses/Spr2006.html](http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/Spr2006.html) or call 301-405-3629.

27-28 Monday, Tuesday. **Questions For Standardized Measurement In Surveys.** *Instructor: Nora Cate Schaeffer, University of Wisconsin-Madison.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0327.html>

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