



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for March 2006

1 Wednesday. **The Proportional Odds Model for Assessing Rater Agreement with Multiple Modalities.** *Speaker: Elizabeth Garrett-Mayer, Johns Hopkins University.* 11:00 am - 12:00 noon. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room G. 6130 Executive Blvd, Rockville MD. For information contact National Cancer Institute, Office of Preventive Oncology, 301-496-8640 or see www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/colloquia.html#march. Sponsor: WSS Biostatistics and Public Health Section and the Office of Preventive Oncology, National Cancer Institute.

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).

8 Wednesday. **SAS PROC GLIMMIX.** *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@ers.usda.gov. For information see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/.

9 Thursday. **Small Area Estimation Using Multiple Surveys.** *Speaker: William W. Davis, National Cancer Institute.* Discussant: Robin Fisher, Bureau of the Census. Chair: Donald Malec, Bureau of the Census. 12:30 to 2 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center

G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

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).

15 Wednesday. **The State of Record Linkage.** *Speaker: William E. Winkler, Bureau of the Census.* Discussant: Charles Day, Internal Revenue Service. Chair: Marianne Winglee, Westat. 12:30 to 2 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

16 Thursday. **Upper Level Set Scan Statistic for Detection of Hotspots.** *Speaker: Reza Modarres, George Washington University.* 3:30 pm. Room 1313 Math Bldg. University of Maryland. Statistics Seminar, University of Maryland Department of Mathematics. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml.

21-22 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Introduction to Multilevel Analysis Methods: Hierarchical Linear Models.** *Instructor: Robert G. Croninger, University of Maryland.* Short Course, Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland. Jimenez-Room #2208, Stamp Student Union Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee: \$550. For information see www.education.umd.edu

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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22 Wednesday. **Applying the Capability Maturity Model in Statistical Organization.**

Speaker: John M. Bushery, Bureau of the Census.
Discussant: Sean Curran, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Chair: Eugene Burns, Bureau of Transportation Statistics. 12:30-2:00 PM. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Quality Assurance and Physical Sciences Section.

23-24 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to**

Structural Equation Modeling. *Instructors: Gregory R. Hancock, University of Maryland and Ralph O. Mueller, George Washington University.* Short Course, Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation University of Maryland. 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/Short%20Courses/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>.

27-28 Monday, Tuesday. **Quality Change and Hedonic Price Indexes.**

Instructor: Jack Triplett, Brookings Institution. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see

<https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0328.html>.

28 Tuesday. **Estimating Drug Use Prevalence Using Latent Class Models with Item Count Response as One of the Indicators.**

Speaker: Paul Biemer, RTI International. Discussant: Douglas Wright, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Chair: Dean H. Judson, Bureau of the Census. 12:30 - 2 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

31 Friday. **Statistical Issues in Large-Scale**

Genetic Association Studies. *Speaker: Eleanor Feingold, University of Pittsburgh.* 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 or 202-994-6359. George Washington University Department of Statistics Seminar.

April Courses and Special Events

27-28 Thursday, Friday. **Hierarchical Modeling and Analysis for Spatial Data.**

Instructor: Bradley P. Carlin, University of Minnesota. American Statistical Association Learnstat Short Course. George Mason University Professional Center, Arlington, VA. Fees \$720 students, \$990 ASA Members, \$1190 others. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=hmasd

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