



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for September 2006

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1 Friday. **Integration of Gene Expression and Copy Number.** *Speaker: Debashis Ghosh, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.* 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Research Building, Conference Room E501, Georgetown University Medical Center, 3950 Reservoir Road, NW. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University. For information contact Marina E. Vacaru at 202-687-4114 or [emv6@georgetown.edu](mailto:emv6@georgetown.edu) or see [dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2006.html](http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2006.html).

7 Thursday. **What They See Is What You Get: Nuts and Bolts of Web Surveys.** *Instructor: Reg Baker, Market Strategies Inc.* DC-AAPOR Short Course. 8:30am-Noon. Pew Research Center, 1615 L Street, NW Suite 700. Fee \$65. For details see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/events2.php>.

12 Tuesday. **Symposium: Economic Turbulence: Is a Volatile Economy Good for America?** *Speakers: Clair Brown, University of California, Berkeley, John Haltiwanger, University of Maryland, and Julia Lane, NORC/University of Chicago.* 12:00-1:00 p.m for lunch; 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. (symposium). The Keck Room in the National Academies of Sciences, 500 5th Street, NW. Please register before September 7 with Maggie Newman ([newman-maggie@norc.uchicago.edu](mailto:newman-maggie@norc.uchicago.edu)). Sponsors: The symposium is supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the U.S. Census Bureau, NORC/University of Chicago and the University of Chicago Press. Additional sponsors include the Washington Statistical Society.

15 Friday. **Multivariate Optimizing Up-and-Down Designs.** *Speaker: Nawar M. Shara,*

*MedStar Research Institute, Hyattsville, MD.* 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Research Building, Conference Room E501, Georgetown University Medical Center, 3950 Reservoir Road, NW. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University. For information contact Marina E. Vacaru at 202-687-4114 or [emv6@georgetown.edu](mailto:emv6@georgetown.edu) or see [dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2006.html](http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2006.html).

19 Tuesday. **Prediction of Finite Population Totals Based on the Sample Distribution.** *Speaker: Michail Sverchkov, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* Discussant: Phillip S. Kott, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Chair: Daniell Toth BLS. 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center, G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

20 Wednesday. **Estimation in Network Populations Using Subsamples: A Model-Based Approach.** *Speaker: Mike Kwanisai, NORC.* Chair: Meena Khare, NCHS. 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center, Room 8. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

25 Monday. **U.S. Federal Statistics As A System.** *Instructors: Katharine G. Abraham, and Robert M. Groves, Joint Program in Survey Methodology.* JPSM Short Course. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$300; others \$400. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-0925.html>.

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27-29 Wednesday – Friday. 2006

**FDA/Industry Statistics Workshop, Theme: Statistics in the FDA and Industry: Past, Present, and Future.** Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC. Advance registration fees \$125 Student or Government, \$225 Biopharm Section Member or Academic, \$265 others. Registration by September 18. For conference details see [www.amstat.org/meetings/fdaworkshop/index.cfm?fuseaction=main](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/fdaworkshop/index.cfm?fuseaction=main).

28 Thursday. **The 15th Federal Forecasters Conference.** Theme: Aging: Implications for Forecasting. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Conference and Training Center, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Washington, DC. Registration by September 7. For information see [www.federalforecasters.org](http://www.federalforecasters.org). Sponsors: Various government agencies including BLS, Bureau of the Census, BTS, IRS, Department of Veterans Affairs and others.

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*October Courses and Special Events*

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18 Wednesday. **How Visual Layout Affects Answers to Self-Administered Surveys and The Implications for Mixed-Mode Surveys.** Instructor: Don A. Dillman, Washington State University. JPSM Short Course. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$370; others \$470. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-1018.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-1018.html).

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