



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for March 2007

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1 Thursday. **Sequential Monitoring of Randomization Tests.** *Speaker: William F. Rosenberger, George Mason University.* 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. New Research Building, E501 Conference Room Washington, DC. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarspring2007.html>. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

1 Thursday. **A Multivariate Statistical Approach to Performance Analysis of Wireless Communication Systems.** *Speaker: Siamak Sorooshyari, Lucent Technologies.* 3:30 pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland. Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

7 Wednesday. **New Methods and Satellites: A Program Update on the NASS Cropland Data Layer Acreage Program.** *Speaker: Rick Mueller, National Agricultural Statistics Service.* Chair: Mike Fleming, USDA. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agriculture and Natural Resources Section.

8 Thursday. **Measurement and Statistical Analysis of Human Rights: A Model.** *Speaker: Brian J. Grim, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.* Discussant: Arthur J. Kendall, Social Consultants Research. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsors: WSS Human Rights Section, AAAS, DC-AAPOR, and CASPA.

15, 16, Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Survey Sampling.** *Instructors: Colm O'Muircheartaigh, University of Chicago and Roger Tourangeau, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-5:00 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550 others \$730. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-0315.html>.

15, 16, Thursday, Friday. **R and Analysis of Complex Surveys.** *Instructor: Thomas Lumley, University of Washington.* WSS Short Course. 8:30 - 4:30. BLS Conference Center, Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Ave, NE. Fees: Full-time students \$50, WSS members \$200, others \$210. For information contact Sylvia Dohrmann, [SylviaDohrmann@westat.com](mailto:SylviaDohrmann@westat.com) or Trena M. Ezzati-Rice, [trena.ezzati-rice@ahrq.gov](mailto:trena.ezzati-rice@ahrq.gov).

16 Friday. **Use of a Visual Programming Environment for Creating and Optimizing Mass Spectrometry Diagnostic Workflows.** *Speaker: Maciek Sasinowski, Incogen, Inc.* 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. New Research Building, E501 Conference Room Washington, DC. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarspring2007.html>. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

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23 Friday. **Bayesian Diagnostics for Detecting Hierarchical Structure.** *Speaker: Guofen Yan, University of Virginia.* Chair: Donald Malec, U.S. Bureau of the Census. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center in G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

27 Tuesday. **President's Invited Panel Discussion on Finite Population Correction Factors.** *Panel Members: Keith Rust, Westat and Joint Program on Survey Methodology; Barry Graubard, National Cancer Institute; Phillip S. Kott, National Agricultural Statistics Service and John Eltinge, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* Chair: Gary Shapiro, Westat. 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Location: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

27 Tuesday. **An Introduction to National Accounts.** *Instructor: Barbara Fraumeni, University of Southern Maine.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$300; others \$400. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911; fax 301-314-7912; or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

28 Wednesday. **Applications of the Johnson SB Distribution to Environmental Data.** *Speaker: David T. Mage, Temple University.* Chair: Mel Kollander. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agriculture and Natural Resources Section.

30 Friday. **Workshop on Nonresponse Bias in Household Surveys.** *Speakers: Peter Miller, Robert Groves, Kristen Olson, Scott Keeter, Frauke Kreuter, Young Ik Cho, Katharine Abraham, Michael Brick, Michael Link, Eleanor Singer.* 9:00am-5:00pm. Kaiser Family Foundation. 1330 G Street, NW, Washington, DC. Fee \$65. For information see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/nrworkshop.php> or contact Ryan Hubbard at [RyanHubbard@westat.com](mailto:RyanHubbard@westat.com). Sponsor: DC-AAPOR, The Washington-Baltimore Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, The Washington Statistical Society, Westat and SRBI.

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*April Courses and Special Events*

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12, 13 Thursday, Friday. **Questions for Standardized Measurement in Surveys.** *Instructor: Nora Cate Schaeffer, University of Wisconsin-Madison.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 7:30-4:30 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information contact JPSM at 301-314-7911; fax 301-314-7912; or e-mail [jpsm@survey.umd.edu](mailto:jpsm@survey.umd.edu) or visit the JPSM website at <http://www.jpsm.org>.

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