



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for May 2007

2 Wednesday. **An Overview of the Semi-Competing Risk Problem.** *Speaker: Hongyu Jiang, Harvard University.* 11:00 a.m. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room G, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. For information see <http://www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/colloquia.html>. Sponsor: Division of Cancer Prevention, National Cancer Institute.

4 Friday. **Systems Pharmacology of Type 2 Diabetes: A Case Study for Pharmaceutical Development.** *Speaker: Terry Ryan, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.* 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). Room 131, Lombardi Cancer Center, Georgetown University, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. For information call 202-687-4114 or see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarspring2007.html>. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

8 Tuesday. **The STATCOM Network: A Role for Students in Pro Bono Statistical Consulting to the Community.** *Speakers: Cherie Ochsenfeld and Gayla Olbricht, Purdue University.* Discussant: Shail Butani, BLS. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center Room 10. See BLS notice below. Sponsors: WSS Human Rights, Quantitative Literacy, and General Methodology Programs.

10 Thursday. **Using the t-distribution to Deal with Outliers in Small Area Estimation.** *Speakers: William R. Bell and Elizabeth T. Huang, U.S. Bureau of the Census.* Discussant: Alan M. Zaslavsky, Harvard Medical School. Chair: Donald Malec, U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

10 Thursday. **Measuring the Economic Effects of Global Warming: Models, Data, and Policies.** *Speaker: William D. Nordhaus, Yale University.* Discussants: Howard Gruenspecht, Energy Information Administration and J. Steven Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Introductory remarks by Katherine Wallman, Office of Management and Budget. 3:00 p.m. Coffee, tea, and cookies available in Great Hall at 2:30 p.m. Reception follows the seminar. Auditorium of the Main Building of the National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street NW. Please RSVP by May 7 to Bridget Edmonds at (202) 334-3096 or cnstat@nas.edu. Sponsor: Committee on National Statistics of The National Academies.

15 Tuesday. **Confidence Interval Coverage in Model-Based Estimation.** *Speakers: Jinhee Yang and Archana Joshee, Ernst & Young.* Discussant: Kimberly Henry, IRS. Chair: Yan Liu, IRS. 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Methodology Program, WSS.

15-16 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Analysis and Presentation of Economic Data.** *Instructors: Katharine G. Abraham, University of Maryland and Deborah P. Klein, Bureau of Labor Statistics (ret.).* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. The Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. 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 or visit the JPSM website at <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/index.html>.

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17 Thursday. **The Role of Statistics and Statisticians in Human Rights.** *Speakers: David Banks, Duke University; Gary Shapiro and Paul Zador, Westat.* Discussant: Erik Voeten, The George Washington University. Chair: Ariela Blätter, Amnesty International. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. AAAS Headquarters Auditorium, 1200 New York Ave NW. To RSVP, please submit your name, professional affiliation, and the title of the seminar to shrp@aaas.org. Sponsors: Human Rights Section, Washington Statistical Society (WSS), Science and Human Rights Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (SHR-AAAS), Washington-Baltimore Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (DC-AAPOR) and other organizations.

22 Tuesday. **Characterization, Modeling and Management of Inferential Risk, Data Quality Risk and Operational Risk in Survey Procedures.** *Speaker: John Eltinge, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* Discussant: Fritz Scheuren, NORC, University of Chicago. Chair: Meena Khare, National Center of Health Statistics. 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Methodology Program, WSS.

22-23 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Applied Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructor: Patrick Sturgis, University of Surrey.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-5:00 p.m. 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 or visit the JPSM website at <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/index.html>.

25 Monday. **50 Years of Measuring the Public's Health: Conference to Commemorate the National Health Interview Survey's 50th Anniversary.** Various speakers. 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. National Center for Health Statistics Auditorium, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland. Registration required, but no registration fee. For more information see www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis_fifty.htm.

27 Wednesday. **Washington Statistical Society Annual Dinner.** Keynote Presentation by Francesca Dominici, Johns Hopkins University, 2007 Gertrude M. Cox Award Recipient. Cocktails, 5:30 p.m. dinner at 6:30 p.m. China Garden, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209. Price: \$35.00 per person. Please mail check by June 12 to: Yves Thibaudeau, 1037 17th St S, Arlington, VA 22202. For information email yves.thibaudeau@census.gov or call (301) 763-1706.

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