



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for September 2007

4 Tuesday. **A Geostatistical Approach to Linking Geographically-Aggregated Data and a System for Detecting Arbitrarily Shaped Hotspots.** *Speakers:* Carol A. Gotway Crawford, Centers for Disease Control, and Reza Modarres, George Washington University. Chair: Meena Khare, NCHS. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

4 Tuesday. **A Class of Transformed Mean Residual Life Models with Censored Survival Data.** *Speaker:* Zhigang Zhang, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. 3:35 pm. Bentley Lounge, Gray Hall 130, American University. For information contact Jaqueline Sosa, 202-885-3124, jsosa@american.edu. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, American University Colloquium.

7 Friday. **Bayesian Methods for Proteomic Biomarker Discovery Using Functional Mixed Models.** *Speaker:* Jeffrey Morris, University of Texas. 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). Martin Marietta Conference Room, The Lombardi Building, Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2007.html> Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

7 Friday. **Modeling Multiple-response Categorical Data from Complex Surveys.** *Speakers:* Christopher R. Bilder, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Thomas M. Loughin, Simon Fraser University. Chair: Robert E. Fay, III, Bureau of the Census. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

12 Wednesday. **An Introduction to the Key National Indicators Initiative: the State of the USA.** *Speakers:* Christopher Hoenig, IBM, Robert Groves, University of Michigan and Jane Ross, National Research Council, The National Academies. Chair: Edward Sondik, National Center for Health Statistics. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Program and DC-AAPOR.

12 Wednesday. **New Experiments on the Design of Complex Survey Questions.** *Speakers:* Paul Beatty, National Center for Health Statistics and Floyd J. Fowler, University of Massachusetts. Discussant: Gordon Willis, National Cancer Institute. Chair: Adam Safir, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 1. RSVP for this program at <http://www.dc-aapor.org/rsvpform.php> by 9/10. Sponsor: DC-AAPOR and WSS Methodology Program.

13 Thursday. **U. S. Federal Statistics as a System.** *Instructors:* Katharine G. Abraham, University of Maryland and Robert M. Groves, University of Michigan. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 – 4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$350, others \$400. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-0913.html>.

17-19 Monday-Wednesday . **2007 FDA/Industry Statistics Workshop. Theme: Translating Innovation into Practice through Effective Partnerships.** Marriott Crystal Gateway, Arlington, VA. Advance registration student or government \$130, Biopharmaceutical Section member or academic \$230, others \$270. On site registration, add \$25. Registration by September 10. For conference details see www.amstat.org/meetings/fdaworkshop/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.

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19 Wednesday. **Survey Methodology for Assessing Geographically Isolated Wetlands Map Accuracy.** *Speaker: Breda Munoz, RTI International.* Chair: Mel Kollander. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agriculture and Natural Resources Program.

21 Friday. **A Geometric Approach to Comparing Treatments for Rapidly Fatal Diseases.** *Speaker: Peter Thall, University of Texas.* 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:45). E-501 Conference Room, The Research Building, Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2007.html> Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

26 Wednesday. **Alternative Survey Sample Designs, Seminar #1: Network, Spatial, and Adaptive Sampling.** *Speaker: Steven K. Thompson, Simon Fraser University.* Discussant: Jean D. Opsomer, Colorado State University. 9:15 a.m. – noon. Auditorium, U. S. Bureau of the Census, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Maryland. Send e-mail to Carol.A.Druin@census.gov, or call (301) 763 - 4216 to be placed on the visitors' list by 21 September 2007. Sponsor: Bureau of the Census Demographic Statistical Methods Division Seminar.

27-28 Thursday-Friday. **The Analysis of Cross-Classified Categorical Data.** *Instructor: Stephen E. Fienberg, Carnegie-Mellon University.* Washington Statistical Society Short Course. American Statistical Association Headquarters, 732 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA. Fees: Full-time students \$70, WSS members \$225, others \$275. Registration by September 17. For more information contact Sylvia Dohrmann – SylviaDohrmann@westat.com or Trena M. Ezzati-Rice - trena.ezzati-rice@ahrq.gov.

28 Friday. **Small Area Estimation: An Empirical Best Linear Unbiased Prediction Approach.** *Speaker: Huilin Li, University of Maryland.* Chair: William Bell, Bureau of the Census. 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

October Events

11-12 Thursday, Friday. **An Introduction to Survey Management.** *Instructor: Michael F. Weeks, Research Triangle Institute.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 – 5:00. Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, Maryland. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-1011.html>.

18-19 Thursday, Friday. **An Introduction to the Fundamentals and Functionality of the R Language.** *Instructor: Theresa A. Scott, Vanderbilt University.* American Statistical Association LearnSTAT short course. ASA Office, Alexandria, VA. Fees: Students \$440, members of the Statistical Computing or Statistical Graphics sections \$540, ASA members \$640, others \$740. Registration by October 12. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=iffr.

31 Wednesday. **How Visual Layout Affects Answers to Web and Mail Surveys and the Implications for Mixed-Mode Data Collection.** *Instructor: Don A. Dillman, Washington State University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 7:45 – 4:30. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$420, others \$520. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-1031.html>.

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