



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for November 2007

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5 Monday. **20 Questions a Statistician Should Ask About Climate Change.** *Speaker: Edward J. Wegman, George Mason University.* 10:30 a.m. Refreshments, 10:45 a.m. Colloquium. Research 1, Room 301, Fairfax Campus, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA. Sponsor: Department of Computational and Data Sciences and Department of Statistics, George Mason University.

7 Wednesday. **Cell Lines, Microarrays, Drugs and Disease: Trying to Predict Response to Chemotherapy.** *Speaker: Keith Baggerly, University of Texas.* 11 a.m.-12 noon. Executive Plaza North, Conference Room G, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD. For additional information contact Lisa Poe at the Office of Preventive Oncology, [cpfpcoordinator@mail.nih.gov](mailto:cpfpcoordinator@mail.nih.gov) (301) 496-8640. Sponsor: National Cancer Institute, Office of Preventive Oncology.

8 Thursday. **Introduction to Number Theory and Modeling the Average Running Time of Computer Programs.** *Speaker: George Andrews, The Pennsylvania State University.* 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Seminar Room 5K410, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland. U. S. Census Bureau Statistical Research Division Seminar.

8 Thursday. **Specialization in Juvenile Offending - An Application of Latent Transition Analysis.** *Speaker: Hanno Petras, University of Maryland.* 3:30pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland. For information see [www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml](http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml). Sponsor: Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland.

9 Friday. **Evaluation of Trace Evidence in the Form of Multivariate Data and Sample Size Estimation in a Consignment.** *Speaker: Colin Aitken, The University of Edinburgh.* 11:00 am-12:00 pm. DUQUES 255, 2201 G Street, N.W., Washington D.C. For information, contact Efsthathia Bura, [ebura@gwu.edu](mailto:ebura@gwu.edu), or 202-994-6358. Sponsor: The George Washington University Department of Statistics,

15 Thursday. **An MM Algorithm for Multicategory Vertex Discriminant Analysis.** *Speaker: Tongtong Wu, University of Maryland.* 3:30 pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland. For information see [www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml](http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml). Sponsor: Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland.

16 Friday. **Ranges of Association Measures for Dependent Binary Variables.** *Speaker: N. Rao Chaganty, Old Dominion University.* 10:00-11:00 am. Conference room E501, Research Building, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Care Center, Georgetown University Medical Center, 3900 Reservoir Road, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

21 Wednesday. **Survival Models in SAS: PROC LIFETEST-Part 2.** The talk will cover chapter 3 of Paul Allison (1995), *Survival Analysis Using the SAS System: A Practical Guide*, SAS Press (see <http://www.sas.com/apps/pubscat/bookdetails.jsp?pc=55233>). SIGSTAT meeting. 12:00-1:00 pm. Room S3031, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M St, NW. Enter the South Tower and take the elevator to the 3rd

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28 Wednesday. **The Effects of Active Duty on the Income of Reservists and the Labor Market Participation of Spouses.** *Speaker: Joshua Pinkston, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* Discussant: Paul F. Hogan. Chair: Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30- 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

29 Thursday. **Tests of Unit Roots in Time Series Data.** *Speaker: Sastry Pantula, North Carolina State University.* Chair: Anne Polivka, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 12:30- 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

29 Thursday. **Statistical Issues in Whole-genome Scans.** *Speaker: Ruth Pfeiffer, National Cancer Institute.* 3:30 pm. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland. For information see [www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml](http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml). Sponsor: Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland.

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*December Events*

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5 Wednesday. **Evaluating Alternative One-Sided Coverage Intervals for an Extreme Binomial Proportion.** *Speakers: Phillip Kott, USDA and Yan Liu, Internal Revenue Service.* Discussant: Randy Curtin, NCHS. Chair: Keith Rust, Westat. 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

6 Thursday. **Evaluating Continuous Training Programs Using the Generalized Propensity Score.** *Speaker: Arne Uhlendorff, IZA Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, Germany.* Discussant: Julia Lane, National Opinion Research Center. Chair: Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30- 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

7 Friday. **Disparate Modes of Survey Data Collection.** *Speaker: Mark Pierchala, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.* Discussant: Brad Edwards, Westat. Chair: Carl Pierchala, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Data Collection Methods

11 Tuesday. **Book Signing at Reiter's Books.** *Jana Asher, David Banks, and Fritz Scheuren* authors of *Statistical Methods in Human Rights*. 12:30-2:00 pm. Reiter's Books, 1990 K Street NW, Washington DC. Sponsor: WSS Human Rights Section.

13-14 Thursday, Friday. **An Introduction To Survey Sampling.** *Instructors: Colm O'Muircheartaigh, University of Chicago and James M. Lepkowski, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 – 5:00. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, Maryland. Fees: students and employees of JPSPM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-1213.html>.

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