



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for December 2007

4 Tuesday. **Causal Inference by Semiparametric Imputation.** *Speaker: Joseph Kang, The Pennsylvania State University.* 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Seminar Room 5K410. U.S. Bureau of the Census, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland. Call 301-763-4974 to be placed on the visitors list. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Research Division Seminar.

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 Uhlenborff, 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.

6 Thursday. **Some New Aspects of Dose-Response Models with Applications to Multistage Models Having Parameters on the Boundary.** *Speaker: Leonid Kopylev, EPA.* 3:30 pm. Room 1313 Math Building, University of Maryland, College Park. For information, see <http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml>. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

7 Friday. **Disparate Modes of Survey Data Collection.** *Speaker: Mark Pierzchala, 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 Section.

10 Monday. **Empirical Likelihood Based Calibration Method in Missing Data Problems.** *Speaker: Jing Qin, National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases.* 11 - 12 p.m. Office of Biostatistics Research Conference Room 9201, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD. For information contact: Gang Zheng, 301-435-1287. Sponsor: Office of Biostatistics Research, NHLBI.

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.

12 Wednesday. **Approaches to Reducing and Evaluating Nonresponse Bias, with Applications to Adult Literacy Surveys.** *Speaker: Wendy Van de Kerckhove, Westat.* Discussant: Brian Harris-Kojetin, Office of Management and Budget. Chair: Tom Krenzke, Westat. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

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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 JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-1213.html>.

14 Friday. **Focus Groups for Surveys: Short Course.** *Instructors: Jennifer Edgar and Christine Rho, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* 2:00-4:30 pm. Katherine Graham Conference Center, Urban Institute 2100 M St NW. Fee \$50 AAPOR members, \$60 others. For information see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/events2.php>. Sponsors: Urban Institute Statistical Methods Group and DC-AAPOR.

19 Wednesday. **Survival Models in SAS: PROC LIFEREG–Part 1.** The talk will cover chapter 4 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 floor to check in at the guard's desk. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For details see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/.

19 Wednesday. **WSS Holiday Party.** 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Gordon Biersch Brewery, 900 F St NW. \$24 per person. For information contact Yves Thibaudeau 301-763-1706 or yves.thibaudeau@census.gov.

17, 18 Thursday, Friday. **Bayesian Data Analysis Using Bugs and R.** *Instructor: Andrew Gelman, Columbia University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 – 4:45 Thursday, 9:00 – 12:15 Friday. 0225 Lefrak Hall OACS Lab, University of Maryland, College Park. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$500, others \$600. For information contact: Rupa Jethwa Eapen, 301-314-7911, or jpsm@survey.umd.edu.

24 Thursday. **Practical Tools for Nonresponse Bias Studies.** *Instructors: Robert M. Groves, University of Michigan and J. Michael Brick, Westat.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 7:30 – 5:00. Sheraton Crystal Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$350, others \$480. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0124.html>

24-26 Thursday-Saturday. **Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructors: Gregory Hancock, University of Maryland and Ralph Mueller, George Washington University.* University of Maryland, Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation Short Course. Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland. Fee \$595. For information see www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/Spr2008.html.

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