



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for May 2008

2 Friday. **Statistical Issues in Disease Surveillance: A Case Study from ESSENCE.** *Speaker: Cara Olsen, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.* 10:00 -11:00 a.m. Georgetown University Medical Center, Building D, 4000 Reservoir Rd., NW, Warwick Evans Conference Room. For information, contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

2 Friday. **Some Issues Raised by High Dimensions in Statistics.** *Speaker: D. M. Titterton, University of Glasgow.* 10:30 am, Refreshments, 10:45 am Colloquium. Research 1, Room 301, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA. George Mason University CDS/CCDS/Statistics Colloquium Series.

2 Friday. **Analysis of Case-control Studies in Genetic Epidemiology: Efficiency Beyond Semi-parametric Bounds?** *Speaker: Nilanjan Chatterjee, National Cancer Institute.* 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Johnson Center, Meeting Room B, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA. For information see <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/aes/Files/flyer050208.doc>. Sponsor: Department of Statistics, George Mason University.

5 Monday. **Presenting Data and Information.** *Instructor: Edward Tufte.* One day short course. Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington VA. 10:00 a.m.-4:30 pm. Fees: full time students \$200; others \$380. Course repeated Tuesday May 6 and

Wednesday May 7. For information see www.tufte.com or call 800 822-2454.

5 Monday. **Statistical Issues Arising in the Interpretation of a Measure of Relative Disparity Used in Educational Funding: The Zuni School District 89 Case.** *Speaker: Joseph L. Gastwirth, George Washington University.* Discussant: Marc Rosenblum, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Chair: Michael L. Cohen, Committee on National Statistics. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Section.

6, 7 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Sampling and Estimation for Establishment Surveys.** *Instructors: Philip Kott, USDA and Richard Valliant, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. The Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0506.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0506.html).

9 Friday. **Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office.** *Speaker: Katherine Wallman, OMB.* **25 Years (and Counting) of Cognitive Survey Research: Accomplishments, Current Work and Future Opportunities.** *Panel: Roger Tourangeau, University of Maryland; Gordon Willis, National Cancer Institute and Fred Conrad, University of Michigan.* Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) Meeting. 2:00– 5:00 pm. The National Academies, NAS building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC. RSVP by May 6 to

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13 Tuesday. **Multivariate Event Detection and Characterization.** *Speaker: Daniel B. Neill, Carnegie-Mellon University.* Chair: Myron Katzoff, CDC/National Center for Health Statistics. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Defense and National Security Section.

15 Thursday. **President's Invited Seminar: What's Up at the ASA?** *Speaker: Ron Wasserstein, ASA Executive Director.* Chair: Michael P. Cohen, WSS President. 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS.

16 Friday. **Bayesian Dose-finding Trial Designs for Drug Combinations.** *Speaker: Guosheng Yin, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.* 10:00 -11:00 a.m.: Georgetown University Medical Center, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, Research Building, Conference Room E501, Washington, DC 20007. For information contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

20, 21 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Applied Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructor: Patrick Sturgis, University of Surrey.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0520.html](https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0520.html).

21 Wednesday. **Survival Models in SAS with Tied Data: PROC PHREG, Part 2.** Follows Chapter 5 of Paul Allison “Survival Analysis Using the SAS System.” SIGSTAT meeting. 12:00-1:00 pm. Room S3031, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For details see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/.

27, 28. Tuesday, Wednesday. **Focus Groups from Start to Finish.** *Instructor: David Morgan, Portland State University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 7:45 am – 4:30 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0527.html](https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0527.html).

June Events

11 Wednesday. **Book Signing at Reiter's Books: Elections and Exit Polls.** *Signed by the authors: Wendy Alvey and Fritz Scheuren.* 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm. Reiter's Books, 1990 K Street NW, Washington DC. Sponsor: WSS Human Rights Section and WSS Public Policy Section

25 Wednesday. **WSS Annual Dinner.** *Speaker: Thomas Lumley, University of Washington.* 6:00 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner. MeiWah restaurant, 4457 Willard Ave, Chevy Chase, MD. Price: \$45.00 per person. Registration and information at <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=tmkbh> or contact Yves Thibaudeau, (301) 763-1706, Yves.Thibaudeau@census.gov.

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