



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for September 2008

4 Thursday. **Collaborative Efforts to Foster Innovations in Federal Statistics.** *Speakers:* Thomas Petska, IRS, Nancy Gordon, Bureau of the Census, John Eltinge, Bureau of Labor Statistics and Janice Lent, Energy Information Administration. *Chair/Discussant/Organizer:* Nancy Kirkendall, Energy Information Administration (ret.). Roger Herriot Memorial Lecture. 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Rooms 1-3. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS.

4 Thursday. **DC-AAPOR Workshop on Cell Phone Numbers and Telephone Surveying in the U.S.** *Various speakers.* 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Kaiser Family Foundation, 1330 G Street, NW, Washington, DC. Registration fee: \$65 for DC-AAPOR members, \$75 for the general public and a limited number of student registrations. For information contact Paul Schroeder at p.schroeder@srb.com or see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/cpworkshop.php>. Sponsors: Abt SRBI, Marketing Systems Group, Survey Sampling International, and Westat.

10 Wednesday. **Metadata from the Data Collection Point of View.** *Speaker:* Daniel Gillman, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Discussant:* Julia I. Lane, National Science Foundation. *Chair:* Katie E. Joseph, Energy Information Administration. 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 2. See BLS notice below. Sponsors: WSS Data Collection Methods and DC-AAPOR.

12 Friday. **Cell Lines, Microarrays, Drugs and Disease: Trying to Predict Response to Chemotherapy.** *Speaker:* Keith Baggerly, University of Texas, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. 10:00-11:00 am. Georgetown University Medical Center, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, Research Building, Conference Room E501. For information, contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Georgetown University Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics.

15 Monday – 17 Wednesday. **FDA/Industry Statistics Workshop.** *Various speakers, sessions and short courses.* 7:00 am – 5:30 pm. Marriott Crystal Gateway, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Fees: \$155 government and students; \$255 academic or ASA biopharmaceutical section member, \$295 others. For information see www.amstat.org/meetings/fdaworkshop/index.cfm?fuseaction=program.

23 Tuesday. **Weighted-Covariance Factor Decomposition of VARMA Models Applied to Forecasting Quarterly U.S. GDP at Monthly Intervals.** *Speakers:* Baoline Chen, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Peter Zadrozny, Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Discussant:* Tara Sinclair, George Washington University. *Chair:* Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30-2:00 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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24, 25 Wednesday, Thursday. **Association of Public Data Users (APDU) Annual Conference – Theme: Federal Data in a Time of Change.** *Various speakers.* 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW. Fees: APDU members \$410, others \$530. For information see <http://www.apdu.org/conference/2008/index.htm>.

25 Thursday. **Introduction to the Federal Statistical System.** *Instructors: Katharine G. Abraham and Robert M. Groves, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, MD. Fees: \$350 staff of sponsoring agencies or affiliates and full time students, \$480 others. For information see http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=092508.

26 Friday. **Prediction Limits for Poisson Distribution.** *Speaker: Valbona Bejleri, University of D.C.* 10:00-11:00 am. Georgetown University Medical Center, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, Research Building, Conference Room E501. For information, contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Georgetown University Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics.

October Courses and Special Events

3 Friday. **Using Negative Binomial Models for the Analysis of Counts.** *Instructor: Joseph Hilbe, University of Hawaii.* LearnSTAT short course. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. ASA Office, 732 North Washington Street Alexandria, VA. Fees: \$245 students, \$295 ASA members, \$345 others. For information see [//www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=unbmac](http://www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?fuseaction=unbmac).

9,10 Thursday, Friday. **The Concept of Validity: Revisions, New Directions and Applications.** Ninth Annual Maryland Assessment Conference. *Various Speakers.* 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park. Registration: \$125. For information see <http://marces.org/conference/validity/08main.htm>. Sponsors: Maryland State Department of Education and Maryland Assessment Research Center for Education Success.

23,24 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Survey Management.** *Instructor: Michael F. Weeks, RTI International.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: \$600 staff at sponsoring agencies or affiliates and full time students, \$810 others. For information see http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=102308.

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