



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for November 2008

3 Monday. **Can Calibration Be Used to Adjust for Nonignorable Nonresponse?** *Speaker: Phillip S. Kott, National Agricultural Statistics Service (work with Ted Chang, University of Virginia).* Discussant: John Eltinge, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 12:30- 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

4 Tuesday. **Self-Service Business Intelligence for Statistical Agencies/Departments.** *Speakers: Karen Cholak and Brian Garrett, Space-Time Research.* Chair: Jeri M. Mulrow, National Science Foundation. 12:30-2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: ICSP Innovation Working Group.

6 Thursday. **Nearest Neighbor Imputation Strategies : Does Nearest Imply Most Likely and Other Difficult Questions.** *Speaker: Timothy Keller, National Agricultural Statistics Service.* Chair: Mike Fleming, National Agricultural Statistics Service. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agriculture and Natural Resources Section.

6 Thursday. **On Estimation of Response Probabilities when Missing Data are Not Missing at Random.** *Speaker: Michail Sverchkov, BAE Systems and Bureau of Labor Statistics.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313 Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

7 Friday. **Conditioning: Don't be Pavlov's Dog.** *Speaker: Michael Proschan, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.* 1:00-2:00 p.m. JC 3rd Floor Meeting Room E. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA. For information see www.gmu.edu/departments/aes/Files/flyer1

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10 Monday. **NOAA's National Weather Service Weather Services for the Nation -- A Transition Briefing.** *Speaker: Jack Hayes, NOAA.* Chair: Mel Kollander. 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agriculture and Natural Resources Section.

13 Thursday. **Administrative Data in Support of Policy Relevant Statistics: The Medicaid Undercount Project.** *Speaker: Michael Davern, University of Minnesota.* Discussant: Linda Bilheimer, National Center for Health Statistics. Chair: Shelly Wilkie Martinez, Office of Management and Budget. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Section.

14 Friday. **High-throughput Flow Cytometry Data Analysis: Tool and Methods in Bioconductor.** *Speaker: Florian Hahne, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.* 10:00-11:00 a.m. Georgetown University Medical Center, Warwick Evans Conference Room, Building D, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 4000 Reservoir Rd, NW. For information contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu, or see [//dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/fall2008/](http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/fall2008/). Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics.

14 Friday. **Statistics, Genetics, Partitions and Urn Models.** *Speaker: Warren Ewens, University of Pennsylvania.* 11:00 am –noon. Fungler Hall, Room 220, 2201 G Street, NW. George Washington University. For information see www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/fall2008.htm. George Washington University Department of Statistics Seminar Series.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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17, 18 Monday, Tuesday. **Creating and Updating Price Indexes: Theory and Practice.** *Instructors: Dennis Fixler, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Richard Valliant, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 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=111708.

18, 19. Tuesday, Wednesday. **Beyond 2010: Confronting the Challenges. Federal Committee On Statistical Methodology Statistical Policy Seminar.** Various sessions and speakers. L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW. Registration: \$195. For information contact COPAFS at 703-836-0404 or see www.copafs.org. Seminar hosted by COPAFS (Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics).

18 Tuesday. **Introduction to Bayesian Methods for Data Analysis.** *Instructor: Brad Carlin, University of Minnesota.* Washington Statistical Society Short Course. 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. Fees: \$30 full time students, \$165 others. Registration and information available at www.123signup.com/register?id=zgqyf or contact Sylvia Dohrmann, SylviaDohrmann@westat.com.

19 Wednesday. **Survival Models in SAS: PROC PHREG Part 5 Competing Risks.** *Speaker: Charlie Hallaha, U. S. Department of Agriculture.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Room S3031, Department of Agriculture, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For details see www.pcug.org/user/sig.

20 Thursday. **Bayesian Multiscale Multiple Imputation with Implications to Data Confidentiality.** *Speaker: Scott Holan, University of Missouri-Columbia.* Discussant: Stephen Cohen, National Science Foundation. Chair: Jeri M. Mulrow, National Science Foundation. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

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20 Thursday. **On Robust Tests for Case-Control Genetic Association Studies.** *Speaker: Gang Zheng, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313 Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. University of Maryland Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

25 Tuesday. **Manifold Learning: The Price of Normalization.** *Speaker: Yair Goldberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313 Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. University of Maryland Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

December Courses and Special Events

17 Wednesday. **Annual Holiday Dinner.** 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Gordon Biersch Brewery. 900 F St, NW, DC. Cost: \$25 per person. Register Online at <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=zqyqt> or send cheque payable to WSS to: Yves Thibaudeau, 1037 17th St S, Arlington, VA 22202. For information contact Yves Thibaudeau at (301)-763-1706 or yves.thibaudeau@census.gov.

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