



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for December 2008

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3 Wednesday. **Administrative Data in Support of Policy Relevant Statistics: The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Eligibility, Participation, and Its Impact on Employment.**

*Speaker:* V. Joseph Hotz, Duke University.  
*Discussant:* Nada Eissa, Georgetown University.  
*Chair:* Clinton W. Brownley. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 10. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Section.

5 Friday. **Generalized Confidence Intervals: Methodology and Application.**

*Speaker:* Thomas Mathew, University of Maryland, Baltimore County. 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.  
Room 220 Fungler Hall, 2201 G St NW, Washington, DC. For information see [www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/fall2008.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/fall2008.htm).  
George Washington University Department of Statistics Seminar

5 Friday. **A Statistical Method for Analyzing Forensic Handwriting Data.** *Speaker:* Chris Saunders, George Mason University. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Sub II Room 7, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA. For information see [www.gmu.edu/departments/aes/pages/seminar\\_fall\\_2008.html](http://www.gmu.edu/departments/aes/pages/seminar_fall_2008.html). George Mason University 2008-2009 Department of Statistics Seminar Series.

5 Friday. **Absolute Risk: Clinical Applications and Controversies.** *Speaker:* Mitchell H. Gail, National Cancer Institute. *Discussant:* Bilal Ayyub, University of Maryland, 3:15 p.m. Reception follows. Engineering Building Lecture Hall EGR 1202. For information see [www.statconsortium.umd.edu/NewSeminar.html](http://www.statconsortium.umd.edu/NewSeminar.html).

Sponsor: University of Maryland, Statistics Consortium.

9 Tuesday. **Getting Started with ODS Statistical Graphics in SAS 9.2, An Introduction to SAS Stat Studio and An Overview of Bayesian Computing in SAS/STAT 9.2.**

*Speaker:* Robert N. Rodriguez, SAS Institute. DC SAS Users Group Meeting. Registration: 8:30 a.m, talks 9:15 a.m. – noon. BLS Conference Center, Room G-440. For details including access to BLS see [www.dc-sug.org/sugmeet.html](http://www.dc-sug.org/sugmeet.html).

11 Thursday. **Visualizing Patterns in Data with Micromaps.**

*Speakers:* Daniel Carr, George Mason University and Linda Pickle, StatNet Consulting LLC. *Chair:* Brian Meekins, BLS. 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

11 Thursday. **Some Properties of Price Index Formulas.** *Speaker:* Janice Lent, Department of Energy. 3:30 p.m. Room 1313 Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see [www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml](http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml). University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

12 Friday. **On Robust Tests for Case-control Genetic Association Studies.**

*Speaker:* Gang Zheng, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Conference Room 9091, Two Rockledge Center, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD. Sponsor: Office of Biostatistics Research, Division of Prevention and Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute.

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12 Friday. **Model Building: Data with Random Location and Random Scale Effects.** *Speaker: William S. Cleveland, Purdue University.* 10:00-11:00 a.m. Warwick Evans Conference Room, Building D, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Georgetown University Medical Center, 4000 Reservoir Rd, NW, Washington, DC. For information contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu or see //dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/fall2008/. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

16 Tuesday. **Disclosure Protection: A New Approach to Cell Suppression.** *Speaker: Bei Wang, U.S. Bureau of the Census.* Discussant: Lawrence Cox, National Center for Health Statistics. Chair: Linda Atkinson, Economic Research Service, USDA. 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

17 Wednesday. **GeoDA: a Tool for Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis.** SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:00 - 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](mailto:hallahan@ers.usda.gov). For details see [www.pcug.org/user/sig](http://www.pcug.org/user/sig).

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 [www.123signup.com/register?id=zqyqt](http://www.123signup.com/register?id=zqyqt) or send check 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](mailto:yves.thibaudeau@census.gov).

18 Thursday. **Income Data for Policy Analysis: A Comparative Assessment of Eight Surveys.** *Speaker: John Czajka, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.* Discussants: David Johnson, U.S. Bureau of the Census Bureau and Roberton Williams, Urban Institute. Chair: Joan Turek, Department of Health and Human Services. 12:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Section.

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*January Courses and Special Events*

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6 Tuesday. **Phil Kott Retirement Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. Maggiano's Little Italy, Tyson's Galleria. Cost: \$30. For information and registration information contact Diane Stonecypher 703-877-8000 x 100 or [Diane.Stonecyphere@nass.usda.gov](mailto:Diane.Stonecyphere@nass.usda.gov).

29, 30. **Web Survey Design.** *Instructor: Mick P. Couper, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Marriott, Metro Center, Washington, DC. Fees: \$660 staff at sponsoring agencies or affiliates and full time students, \$875 others. For information see [projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html.content.cfm?CourseID=012909](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html.content.cfm?CourseID=012909).

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