



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for January 2009

6-8 Tuesday-Thursday, **Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructors:* Gregory R. Hancock, University of Maryland and Ralph O. Mueller, George Washington University. Center for Integrated Latent Variable Research Workshop. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Adele H. Stamp Student Union, Grand Ballroom Lounge, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Fees: \$395 full time students, \$595 others. For information see www.cilvr.umd.edu/Workshops/CILVRworkshoppage.html.

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.

9, 10 Friday, Saturday. **Advanced Topics in Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructors:* Gregory R. Hancock, University of Maryland and Ralph O. Mueller, George Washington University. Center for Integrated Latent Variable Research Workshop. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Benjamin Building, Room 0220. University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Fees: \$345 full time students, \$495 others. For information see www.cilvr.umd.edu/Workshops/CILVRworkshoppage.html.

21 Wednesday. **GeoDA: A Tool for Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis, Part 2.** *Speaker:* Charlie Hallahan, USDA. 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. For details see www.pcug.org/user/sig.

22 Thursday. **Challenges and Opportunities for the Statistics Profession and the American Statistical Association.** *Speaker:* Ronald L. Wasserstein, American Statistical Association. 11 a.m. – noon. Conference Room 9091, Two Rockledge Center, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD. Sponsor: Office of Biostatistics Research, Division of Prevention and Population Sciences, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

27 Tuesday. **Vulnerability of Complementary Cell Suppression to Intruder Attack.** *Speaker:* Lawrence H. Cox, National Center for Health Statistics. Chair: Philip Steel, U.S. Census Bureau. 12:30-2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsors: Confidentiality and Data Access Committee (Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology), and WSS Methodology Program.

29, 30 Thursday, Friday. **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.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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February Courses and Special Events

19 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 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: \$350 staff at sponsoring agencies or affiliates and full time students, \$480 others. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=021909](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=021909).

23, 24 Monday, Tuesday. **Introduction to Survey Estimation.** *Instructors: David Morganstein, Westat and Richard L. Valliant, University of Michigan.* 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 [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=022309](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=022309).

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