



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for February 2009

5, 6 Thursday, Friday. **Exploring Statistical Issues in Financial Risk Modeling and Banking Regulation, Focusing on Success in Modeling of Operational Risk and Credit Risk.** *Various Speakers.* 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Independence Square, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC. Conference Fees: NISS Affiliates fee waived, Students \$100 (Thursday only), Others \$350 Thursday, \$450 both days. For information see www.niss.org/affiliates/financialrisk200902/financial_risk_home.html. Sponsored by: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the National Institute of Statistical Sciences.

5 Thursday. **Decoding Gene Regulatory Program using ChIP-chip and ChIP-seq.** *Speaker: Hongkai Ji, Johns Hopkins University.* 11 a.m. - noon. Conference Room 9201, Two Rockledge Center, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD. Office of Biostatistics Research, National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, (Bio)Statistics Seminar Series.

5 Thursday. **Using Administrative Data in Support of Policy Relevant Disability Research: Success of a Three-Way Partnership.** *Speakers: Richard Burkhauser, Cornell University and Robert Weathers, Social Security Administration.* Discussant: Jameela Akbari, U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Chair: Shelly Wilkie Martinez, Office of Management and Budget. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 10. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Section.

6 Friday. **Crossover Trial Designs for Absorbing Binary Endpoints.** *Speaker: Dean Follmann, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.* 1:00 – 2:00 pm. George Mason University, JC 3rd Floor Meeting A. For information see www.gmu.edu/departments/aes/pages/seminar_spr_2009.html. George Mason University 2009-2010 Department of Statistics, Seminar Series: The Interface Among Statistics, IT and the Life Sciences.

11 Wednesday. **GeoDA: A Tool for Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis, Part 3.** *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.

13 Friday. **A Distribution for P-values.** *Speaker: Chang Yu, Vanderbilt University.* 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Georgetown University Medical Center, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, New Research Building, E501, Washington, DC. For information, contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

18 Wednesday. **Fully-Synthetic Data for Disclosure Control.** *Speaker: Mandi Yu, FDA.* Discussant: Steve Cohen, National Science Foundation. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 10. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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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).

27 Friday. **Statistical Input into Science Policy.** *Speaker: Mary A. Foulkes, George Washington University.* 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Georgetown University Medical Center, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, New Research Building, E501, Washington, DC. For information, contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

27 Friday. **On Robust Tests for Case-Control Genetic Association Studies.** *Speaker: Gang Zheng, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.* 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Sub II Room 3, George Mason University. For information see www.gmu.edu/departments/aes/pages/seminar_spr_2009.html. George Mason University 2009-2010 Department of Statistics, Seminar Series: The Interface Among Statistics, IT and the Life Sciences.

10, 11 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Psychology of Survey Responses: Implications for Questionnaire Design.** *Instructor: Roger Tourangeau, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. Fees: \$634 staff at sponsoring agencies or affiliates and full time students, \$844 others. For information see http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=031009.

12-14, Thursday – Saturday. **Introduction to Multilevel Analysis Methods: Hierarchical Linear Modeling.** *Instructor: Robert Croninger, University of Maryland.* 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Stamp Student Union, Grand Ballroom Lounge, University of Maryland, College Park. Fees: \$395 full time students, \$595 others. For information see <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/HLMworkshoppage.html>. Sponsor: Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland.

25, 26 Wednesday, Thursday. **Introduction to Survey Sampling.** *Instructors: Colm O’Muircheartaigh, University of Chicago and James M. Lepkowski, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Washington Marriott at Metro Center, Washington, DC. 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=032509.

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