



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for March 2009

3 Tuesday. **Mathematica 7 in Education and Research.** *Speaker: Andy Dorsett, Wolfram Research, Inc.* 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., then repeated 11:00 – 12:30 p.m. George Mason University, Research 1, Room 162. George Mason University CDS/CCDS/Statistics Colloquium Series.

5 Thursday. **Administrative Data in Support of Policy Relevant Statistics: The Bureau of Labor Statistics Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.** *Speakers: Richard L. Clayton and James R. Spletzer, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* 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.

5 Thursday. **Microsimulation of an Alcohol System.** *Speaker: Yasmin H. Said, George Mason University.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. Department of Mathematics Statistics Seminar 2008-2009.

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 sponsoring agencies, affiliates, full time students, \$844 others. For information see http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=031009.

10 Tuesday. **New Bootstrap Bias Corrections with Application to Estimation and Prediction MSE in Small Areas Estimation.** *Speaker: Danny Pfeffermann, Hebrew University and University of Southampton.* 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

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.

12 Thursday. **Proportional Hazards Models and Age-Period-Cohort Analysis of Cancer Rates.** *Speaker: Philip Rosenberg, National Cancer Institute.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see <http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml>. Department of Mathematics Statistics Seminar 2008-2009.

12 Thursday. **AAPOR Standards for Minimum Disclosure.** *Speaker: Mary Losch, University of Northern Iowa.* 3:00pm - 4:30 p.m. EESI Conference Room (5th Floor), 1990 K St, NW. For information see <http://www.dc-aapor.org/events2.php>. Sponsor: The Washington-Baltimore Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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13 Friday. **A Bayesian Approach to Adjust for Diagnostic Misclassification in Poisson Regression.**

Speaker: James Stamey, Baylor University. 9:45 a.m. refreshments, talk at 10:00 a.m. Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, Research Building, Conference Room E501. Georgetown University, Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics Seminar Series.

13 Friday. **Sequential Predictive Regressions and Optimal Portfolio Returns.** *Speaker: Nicholas Polson, University of Chicago.* 11:00-12:00 noon (coffee and refreshments at 10:45 a.m.). Duques Hall 553 (2201 G Street, NW). The George Washington University Institute for Integrating Statistics in Decision Sciences, Department of Decision Sciences and Department of Statistics Colloquium.

18 Wednesday. **What's New in SAS 9.2.** *Speaker: Linda Atkinson, 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.cpcug.org/user/sigstat.

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 sponsoring agencies, affiliates, full time students, \$810 others. For information see http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=032509.

26 Thursday. **Insights into p-values and Bayes Factors from False Positive and False Negative Bayes Factors.** *Speaker: Hormuzd Katki, National Cancer Institute.* 3:30 p. m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar_shtml. Department of Mathematics Statistics Seminar 2008-2009.

6,7 Monday, Tuesday. **Guidelines for Writing Questions for Standardized Measurement: A Workshop.** *Instructor: Nora Cate Schaeffer, University of Wisconsin.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 7:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Hyatt Regency, 7400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD. Fees: \$600 staff at sponsoring agencies, affiliates, full time students, \$810 others. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=040609](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=040609).

9, 10 Thursday, Friday. **An Introduction to Fundamentals & Functionality of the R Language.** *Instructor: Theresa A. Scott, Vanderbilt University.* ASA LearnSTAT short course. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ASA Office, 732 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Fees: \$440 students, \$640 ASA members, \$770 others. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/fundamentalsofR.cfm.

17 Friday. **Fundamental Statistics Concepts in Presenting Data: Principles for Constructing Better Graphics.** *Instructor: Rafe Donahue, Biomimetic Therapeutics.* 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ASA Office, 732 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Fees: \$375 students, \$475 ASA members, \$615 others. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/fscpd_pcbg.cfm.

27 Monday. **An All-Day Symposium in Honor of Dr. Edmund Gehan.** *Various speakers.* New Research Building Auditorium Georgetown University Medical Center Campus. For information or to register see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/News/gehansymposium/> or contact Caroline Wu ctw26@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: The Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, and Biomathematics at Georgetown University and the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Georgetown University.

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