



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for April 2009

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3 Friday. **Inferring Likelihoods and Climate System Characteristics from Climate Models and Multiple Tracers.** *Speaker: Murali Haran, Penn State University.* 11:00-12:00 p.m. Monroe Hall, Room 113, 2115 G Street, NW, Washington, DC. For information see [www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/spring2009.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminars/spring2009.htm). George Washington University Department of Statistics Seminar.

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).

8 Wednesday. **An LEHD Primer: An Innovative Use of Administrative Data for Policy Analysis.** *Speaker: Julia Lane, National Science Foundation.* Discussants: Ron Jarmin, Census Bureau and Nicholas Greenia, Internal Revenue Service. Chair: Michael L. Cohen, Committee on National Statistics. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Section.

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](http://www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/fundamentalsofR.cfm).

15 Wednesday. **GeoDA-Part 4.** 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, or [hallahan@ers.usda.gov](mailto:hallahan@ers.usda.gov). For details see [www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat](http://www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat).

16 Thursday. **Robust Peters-Belson Type Estimators of Measures of Disparity and their Applications in Employment Discrimination Cases.** *Speaker: Hiro Hikawa, George Washington University.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see [www.ath.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml](http://www.ath.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml). Department of Mathematics Statistics Seminar 2008-2009.

17 Friday. **Fundamental Statistics Concepts in Presenting Data: Principles for Constructing Better Graphics.** *Instructor: Rafe Donahue, Biomimetic Therapeutics.* ASA LearnSTAT short course. 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](http://www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/fscpd_pcbg.cfm).

22 Wednesday. **Some History of, and Current Issues in, Seasonal Adjustment.** *Speaker: William R. Bell, U.S. Census Bureau.* Chair: Stuart Scott, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

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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 see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/News/gehansymposium/> or contact Caroline Wu [ctw26@georgetown.edu](mailto:ctw26@georgetown.edu). Sponsor: The Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, and Biomathematics at Georgetown University and the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Georgetown University.

28 Tuesday. **Statistical Challenges in Genetics Studies of Mental Disorders.** *Speaker: Heping Zhang, Yale University.* 3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, Conference Room 9091, Two Rockledge Center. 6701 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, Maryland. Office of Biostatistics Research, Division of Prevention and Population Sciences (Bio) Statistics Seminar Series.

30 Thursday. **Responsive Design for Random Digit Dial Surveys Using Auxiliary Survey Process Data and Contextual Data.** *Speaker: Sunghee Lee, UCLA.* 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program and D.C. AAPOR.

28, 29 Thursday, Friday. **Bayesian Inference for Surveys.** *Instructors: Roderick Little and Trivellore E. Raghunathan, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Hyatt Regency, 7400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD. Fees: \$600 staff at sponsoring agencies, affiliates, full time students, \$810 others. For information see [http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html\\_content.cfm?CourseID=052809](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=052809).

28, 29 Thursday, Friday. **Diagnostic Measurement: Theory, Methods and Applications.** *Instructor: André A. Rupp, University of Maryland.* Center for Integrated Latent Variable Research Short Course. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Adele H. Stamp student Union, Benjamin Banneker Room, University of Maryland, College Park.. Fees: \$295 full time students, \$450 others. For information see [www.cilvr.umd.edu/Workshops/CILVRworkshoppageDCM.html](http://www.cilvr.umd.edu/Workshops/CILVRworkshoppageDCM.html).

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*May Courses and Special Events*

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11, 12 Monday, Tuesday. **Methods for Testing Survey Questions.** *Instructor: Paula Campanelli.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Hyatt Regency, 7400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD. Fees: \$600 staff at sponsoring agencies, affiliates, full time students, \$810 others. For information see [http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html\\_content.cfm?CourseID=051109](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=051109).

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