



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for May 2009

5 Tuesday. **Ten Minute Madness Applied Statistics Event.** *Various faculty speakers from the University of Maryland.* 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Reception follows. Math Building, room 3206. University of Maryland, College Park. For information see <http://www.statconsortium.umd.edu/AppStatMadness.pdf>.

Sponsors: Applied Mathematics & Statistics, and Scientific Computation (AMSC) Program and University of Maryland College Park Statistics Consortium.

5, 6 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Early Drug Development: Navigating the Treacherous Rapids.** *Workshop and Discussions.* 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Hilton Washington Silver Spring, 8278 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring. For information see [//diahome.org/DIAHOME/Education/FindEducationalOffering.aspx?productID=20400&eventType=Meeting](http://diahome.org/DIAHOME/Education/FindEducationalOffering.aspx?productID=20400&eventType=Meeting).

7 Thursday. **Using Ecological Momentary Assessment to Study Relapse in Addiction.** *Speaker: Andrew J. Waters, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.ath.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml. Department of Mathematics Statistics Seminar 2008-2009.

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.

20 Wednesday. **GeoDA-Part 5.** 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. For details see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat.

20 Wednesday. **The Future of Telephone Surveys.** *Panelists: Clyde Tucker, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Scott Keeter, Pew Research Center; Karol Krotki, RTI International.* Chair: Carol Joyce Blumberg, Energy Information Administration. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 8. See BLS notice below. Sponsors: WSS Data Collection Methods Section and DC-AAPOR.

21 Thursday. **Underreporting of Transfers in Household Surveys: Its Nature and Consequences.** *Speaker: Bruce Meyer, University of Chicago.* Discussant: Charles Pierret, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Chair: Shelly Martinez, Office of Management and Budget. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Section on Public Policy.

27 Wednesday. **Building Effective, Exceptionally Fast Fellegi-Holt Edit/Imputation Systems.** *Speaker: William E. Winkler, U.S. Census Bureau.* Chair: Arthur Kennickell, Federal Reserve System. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

Notice about Seminars at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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27,28. Wednesday, Thursday. **Symposium on Games and Decisions in Reliability and Risk.** *Various Speakers.* Symposium hosted by Institute for Integrating Statistics in Decision Sciences and Institute for Reliability and Risk Analysis in the Statistics Department, both in the George Washington University. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Duques Hall (2201 G Street, NW). Registration is free, but participants limited to 60. For information or to register send e-mail to i2sds@gwu.edu.

28, 29 Thursday, Friday. **Bayesian Inference for Surveys.** *Instructors: Roderick Little and Trivellor 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.

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.

June Courses and Special Events

3,4 Wednesday, Thursday. **Analysis and Presentation of Economic Data.** *Instructors: Katharine G. Abraham, University of Maryland and Deborah P. Klein, Bureau of Labor Statistics (ret.).* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. For information see http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=060309.

10 Wednesday. **Workshop on How to Do Nonresponse Bias Analyses in Household and Establishment Surveys.** Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. Registration fee \$95. For information contact Edward Spar or Lee Ann Sklar, Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, 703-836-0404 or copafs@aol.com. Sponsor: Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology.

18 Thursday. **Washington Statistical Society Annual Dinner.** *Speaker: Jean Opsomer, Colorado State University.* 5:00 p.m. La Tasca Spanish Tapas Bar & Restaurant, 722 7th St. NW, Washington, DC. Price: \$40. To register see <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=zbst>. For information contact Chris Cumiskey, ccumiskey@rit.org or call 202-728-2064.

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