



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for October 2009

1 Thursday. **Full Likelihood Inferences in the Cox Model.** *Speaker: Jian-Jian Ren, University of Central Florida.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.html. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

2 Friday. **Using Agent-Based Models as Statistical Models.** *Speaker: Ben Klemens, Bureau of the Census.* 10:30 – noon. Research 1, Room 301, Fairfax Campus, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax VA. For information see www.galaxy.gmu.edu/stats/colloquia/ColloquiaFall2009.html. George Mason University CDS/CCDS/Statistics Colloquium Series.

8 Thursday. **The Sociolinguistics of Survey Translation.** *Speaker: Yuling Pan, Bureau of the Census.* Discussant: Eileen O'Brien, Energy Information Administration. Chair: Bill McNary, Energy Information Administration. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 10. See BLS notice below. Sponsors: WSS Data Collection Methods Section and DC-AAPOR.

8 Thursday. **Using Longitudinal Surveys to Evaluate Interventions.** *Speaker: David Judkins, Westat.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.html. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

9 Friday. **Modeling and Inference of the Hazard Ratio Function.** *Speaker: Song Yang, National Institutes of Health.* 9:45 a.m. Warwick Evans Conference Room, Building D, 4000 Reservoir Rd, Washington, Georgetown University. For information see [//dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/fall2009/](http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/fall2009/). Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, and Biomathematics Seminar Series.

12 Monday. **Some Implications of Expertise Research for Educational Assessment.** *Speaker: Bob Mislevy, University of Maryland.* Measurement & Statistics Monday Symposium. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 3233 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/events/2009sym.html. Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland.

13 Tuesday. **The Care, Feeding and Training of Survey Statisticians.** *Speaker: Sharon L. Lohr, Arizona State University.* Discussants: James Lepkowski, University of Michigan, Donsig Jang, Mathematica and David Morganstein, Westat. 19th ANNUAL MORRIS HANSEN LECTURE. 3:30 p.m. Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture's South Building, Independence Avenue, SW, between 12th and 14th Streets. Register at www.nass.usda.gov/morrishansen/. Sponsors: WSS, Westat, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

14 Wednesday. **Proc COUNTREG.** 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 Tuesday. **Racial Profiling Analysis.** *Speaker: Greg Ridgeway, RAND Corporation.* Discussant: Joel Garner, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Organizer: Dave Judkins, Westat. Chair: Brian Meekins, BLS. 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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20-21 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Exploration Workshop II on Financial Risk Modelling.** Various Speakers. 8:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Independence Square, 250 E Street, SW Washington, DC. Registration: NISS Affiliates and NISS/SAMSI University Affiliates, Workshop Speaker or Panelist, FEE, others \$450. For information see <http://niss.org/event/exploration-workshop-ii-financial-risk-modeling>. Sponsors: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS).

26 Monday. **An Empirical Investigation of Consumer Purchases and Inter-temporal Pricing of Retailers' Extended Service Contracts.** *Speaker: Tao Chen, University of Maryland.* Measurement & Statistics Monday Symposium. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 3233 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/events/2009sym.html>. Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland.

28 Wednesday. **Differences in the Academic Careers of Men and Women at Research Intensive Universities and at Critical Transitions.** *Speaker: Alicia Carriquiry, Iowa State University.* Chair: Promod Chandhok, Bureau of Transportation Statistics. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Social & Demographic Statistics Section.

29, 30 Thursday, Friday. **An Introduction to Survey Management.** *Instructor: Michael F. Weeks, RTI International.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, Maryland. Fees: \$600 JPSM sponsor affiliates and full time students, \$810 others. For information see http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=102909.

29 Thursday. **Calibration Alternatives to Poststratification for Doubly Classified Data.** *Speakers: Paul Biemer, RTI International & Brian Meekins, BLS.* Chair: Daniel Toth, BLS. 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. Location: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

29 Thursday. **Threshold Regression as an Alternative Model for Survival Analysis.** *Speaker: Mei-Ling Ting Lee, University of Maryland, College Park.* 3:30pm, Room 1313, Math Bldg. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.html. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

November Courses and Special Events

2-4 Monday-Wednesday. **2009 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research Conference.** Various Speakers and Demonstrations. 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW, Washington, DC. Conference fee \$195. For information see <http://www.fcs.gov/events/>.

19, 20 Thursday, Friday. **Focus Groups Start to Finish.** *Instructor: David L. Morgan, Portland State University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Washington Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th St, NW. Fees: \$600 JPSM sponsor affiliates and full time students, \$810 others. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=111909](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=111909).

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