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Government Statistics Section
Mission Statement

The mission of the Government Statistics Section (GSS) is to promote the use of sound statistical theory and methods in the production of data at all levels of government – be it Federal, State, local, or international; assist in the broad dissemination of those data; and encourage good statistical practice by all users. Areas of interest for the Section include all that involve the production, dissemination, and application of governmental statistics, including concern with statistical policy issues, quality and usefulness of governmental data products, special problems of State and local data, comparability of data among different countries, and the role of professional statisticians in the public sector.

Social Statistics Section
Mission Statement

The Social Statistics Section seeks to advance research in social statistics, both in areas which involve the use of methods of statistical inquiry, and in those which involve the use of statistical data and the development of statistical measurement. This section will also plan for active participation in the affairs of the American Statistical Association by those interested in these matters and for representation of activities in this major field in the program of the ASA.

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Government Statistics Section

DIVERSE AND TIMELY PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF LAKES

By Brian A. Harris-Kojetin, GSS Program Chair

The Government Statistics Section (GSS) is delighted to announce its line-up of sponsored sessions for the Joint Statistical Meetings in Minneapolis this summer. Our sessions represent the diversity and the depth of topics in government statistics, which should appeal to statisticians, survey methodologists, demographers, policy program officials, and economists. The final GSS program boasts five invited sessions, twelve topic-contributed paper sessions, two topic-contributed panels, three regular contributed sessions, as well as a poster session.

GSS Invited Sessions

- *Improving Quality and Access to Federal Data: Memorial Session in Honor of Pat J. Doyle* -- Harold Beebout, Child and Family Services Agency; John Czajka, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.; Jeffrey C. Moore and Chester E. Bowie, U.S. Census Bureau; Julia Lane, National Science Foundation; and Stephanie Shipp, National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- *The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology: Past Accomplishments, Present Activities, and Future Directions* -- Katherine K. Wallman and Brian A. Harris-Kojetin, U.S. Office of Management and Budget; Rich Allen, National Agricultural Statistics Service; Connie Citro, National Academy of Sciences; and Robert Groves, University of Michigan.
- *Researcher Access to Confidential Data for Analysis* -- Philip Steel, U.S. Census Bureau; John Abowd, Cornell University/U.S. Census Bureau; Bryce Stephens, University of Maryland/U.S. Census Bureau; Lars Vilhuber, Cornell University; Jerome P. Reiter, Duke University; and Stephen Roehrig, Carnegie Mellon University.
- *Metadata Management in Statistical Agencies* -- Ad Willeboordse, Robbert Renssen, and Peter Struijs, Statistics Netherlands; Michael John Colledge, Australian Bureau of Statistics; Jozica Klep, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia; Paul Johannis, Statistics Canada; and Bo Sundgren, Statistics Sweden.
- *Q-BANK: An Interagency Database of Pretested Survey Questions* -- Kristen S. Miller and Paul C. Beatty, National Center for Health Statistics; Gordon B. Willis, National Cancer Institute; Jennifer E. Hunter, Jennifer Rothgeb, Rebecca Morrison, and Diane K. Willimack, U.S. Census Bureau; Cleo Redline, National Science Foundation; Roberta Sangster, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and Norman Bradburn, NORC at the University of Chicago.

GSS Topic-Contributed Sessions

GSS is also sponsoring many strong topic-contributed sessions covering areas such as confidentiality, establishment surveys, survey nonresponse, administrative records, and many others. Please check the ASA program for GSS topic-contributed sessions including:

- *Exploration, Impact, and Adjustment for Item and Unit Nonresponse in Demographic Surveys and Censuses*
- *Privacy and Data Use in the New Technological Environment (Panel session)*
- *Distributive Trades Surveys—Sharing Experiences Amongst Countries*
- *Monitoring Data Quality in a Federal Statistical Agency: National Center for Education Statistics*
- *The American Time Use Survey: Findings and Methodological Issues*
- *Administrative Records: Input/Output*
- *Disclosure Techniques: Thirty Years to Today*
- *Designing Products for the American Community Survey*

- *Obtaining Timely Monthly Estimates of Natural Gas Production: Challenges in Estimation from a New Sample Survey*
- *The Continual Maintenance of the Census Bureau's Address List*
- *Quality Issues with Disclosure Techniques: Limitations on Protection, Limitations on Data Utility*
- *Enhancements in Price Programs and Other Statistical Issues*
- *Interesting Methodological Topics Related to Internal Revenue Service Tax Statistics*
- *Statistical Issues in Transportation*

GSS Roundtable Luncheons

Be sure to sign up for one or more of our GSS roundtable luncheons. Our program chair-elect, Michael P. Cohen organized three luncheons covering discussions on measuring processes in statistical agencies, statistical issues in transportation, and A-76 competitive sourcing and government statistics. See his article in the May 2005 *Amstat News* or check out the ASA program for more details.

GSS/SSS/SRMS 2005 Student Paper Competition

Finally, the GSS cosponsored the 2005 Student Paper Competition with the Social Statistics and Survey Research Methods Sections. The five student winners from this year's competition will present their papers in a special topic-contributed session slated for **Wednesday, August 10, at 10:30 a.m.**

I want to express my appreciation to all of the organizers of our invited and topic-contributed paper and panel sessions for building such an excellent program of sessions—you made my job much easier. Thanks also to the GSS members who volunteered to chair sessions. The GSS program for 2005 has many exciting and interesting sessions sure to appeal to a broad spectrum of ASA members. See you in Minneapolis!

Social Statistics Section

MEET ME IN MINNEAPOLIS: SOC STAT SECTION SESSIONS AT JSM 2005

Renee Miller, 2005 Program Chair and Beth Kilss, Publications Officer

For the past several months we've used this column to let you know about our Roundtable Luncheons and Invited Sessions for JSM 2005 as well as our preliminary plans for invited sessions for JSM 2006. Informing our membership is one of our top priorities. That's because we want to meet you in Minneapolis and see you at the SSS-sponsored sessions and events! We figure the more you know about what your section is planning for you at the annual meetings, the more likely you are to attend. On top of that, the SSS sessions promise to have something for everyone – we don't believe that one size or one theme fits all, so we've striven for a substantive, thoughtful program with your interests in mind.

To round out the information we've provided so far, this column is devoted to the **Topic Contributed** and **Contributed Sessions** we have planned for JSM 2005, and to letting you know about the **SSS Business Meeting/Mixer** that we have organized as well.

In addition to the Roundtable Luncheons and the Invited Sessions we highlighted for you in the March and April issues, respectively, of *Amstat News*, let's look at the rest of the sessions we are sponsoring:

Topic Contributed Papers

Sunday, August 7, 4:00 pm to 5:50 pm

Recent Advances in Psychological and Educational Measurement

Organizer: *Sandip Sinharay, Educational Testing Service*

Chair: *Carolyn Shettle, Westat*

- Detecting Differential Item Functioning for Small Samples – *Sandip Sinharay, Educational Testing Service*
- Estimating Variance in Highly Clustered Survey Samples – *Jiahe Qian, Educational Testing Service*
- A Bayesian IRT Model for Comparative Item Performance Under Dual Modes of Survey Administration or Educational Assessment – *Louis T. Mariano, RAND Corporation; Maria Orlando, RAND Corporation; Bonnie Ghosh-Dastidar, RAND Statistics Group*

Wednesday, August 10, 10:30 am to 12:20 pm

Joint Social, Government Statistics and Survey Research Methods Sections Student Competition Winners

Organizer: *Renee Miller, Energy Information Administration*

Chair: *Rachel Harter, NORC*

- Design Effects in the Analysis of Longitudinal Survey Data – *Marcel de Toledo Vieira, University of Southampton*
- Model-based Estimation in Network Sampling Using Samples Obtained by Subsampling – *Mike Kwanisai, NORC at the University of Chicago*
- Research on Errors Associated with Period Reporters in Retail Trade Estimates – *Kelly Dixon, U.S. Census Bureau*
- Bayesian Models To Adjust for Response Bias in Survey Data: An Example in Estimating Rape and Domestic Violence from the NCVS – *Qingzhao Yu, The Ohio State University, and Elizabeth A. Stasny, The Ohio State University*
- Imputation of Missing Hourly Pay Data Using Data Augmentation in the Case of Nonignorable Item-Nonresponse – *Gabriele Durrant, University of Southampton*

Thursday, August 11, 10:30 am to 12:20 pm

A Procedure to Differentiate Level Versus Structural Relationships in Correlational Data

Organizer: *Ernest Davenport, University of Minnesota*

Chair: *Hee-Choon Shin, NORC at the University of Chicago*

- A Regression Based Procedure to Parse Level Versus Structure with Theoretical and Practical Implications – *Ernest Davenport, University of Minnesota*
- Finding a Pattern of High School Coursework Predictive of High Achievement – *Mark Davison, University of Minnesota*
- Identifying and Validating Criterion-Related Patterns in Psychological Assessment: An Illustration Using MMPI-2 Clinical Scales – *Chi Keung Chan, University of Minnesota*
- The Pattern of Opportunity, Racial Fairness, and the Allocation of Educational Opportunity to Post-Secondary Institutions – *Steve Culpepper, University of Minnesota*
- Discussion: *Sanford Weisberg, University of Minnesota*

Contributed Papers

Monday, August 8, 2:00 pm to 3:50 pm

Statistics in the Public Arena: Politics, the Media, and Public Policy

Chair: *Robert H. Rutchik, Department of Energy – Statistics and Methods Group*

- Could Kerry Have Won? – Optimal Political Platform Design: A Special Case of the Share of Choices Problem – *James J. Cochran, Louisiana Tech University; Jeffrey D. Camm, Dartmouth University; David J. Curry, University of Cincinnati; Jon Pinnell, MarketVision Research; and Rajesh Radhakrishnan, Transfreight, LLC*
- Where Have All the Voters Gone? The Missing 200,000 in Northern Ireland – *Colin McIlheney, PriceWaterhouseCoopers*
- Mediaphysics: Statistical Physics of Media Processes – *Dmitri Kuznetsov, Media Planning Group, and Igor Mandel, Media Planning Group*
- Modeling Change in Municipal Fiscal Policy Using Mayoral Expenditure Data – *Lori Thombs, University of Missouri, and Charles Sampson, University of Missouri*

- The Effect of Welfare Reform on Low-Income Single Mother's Use of Income Packaging: Paid Work, Program Participation, and Network Support – *Katherine Walker, U.S. Census Bureau*
- Hierarchical Models for a Time Series on Marijuana Abuse Among Hospital Emergency Room Admissions – *Li Zhu, Texas A&M University; Dennis Gorman, Texas A&M University; and Scott Horel, Texas A&M University*
- School Accountability via Hierarchical Linear Models – *Stephen Ponisciak, Consortium on Chicago School Research; Anthony S. Bryk, Stanford University; and Stephen Raudenbush, University of Michigan*

Tuesday, August 9, 10:30 am to 12:20 pm

Statistical Methodology Applied to the Study of Neighborhoods, Migration, and Immigration

Chair: *Daniel Beckler, National Agricultural Statistics Service*

- Experimental Analysis of Neighborhood Effects on Youth – *Jeffrey Kling, Princeton University, and Jeffrey Liebman, Harvard University*
- Measurement Error of Group-level Means in Multilevel Modeling: Estimation and Study Design – *Jouni Kuha, London School of Economics*
- Movers, Stayers, and Lifers: A Structural Equation Analysis of the Likelihood of Spending the Rest of Your Life in Your Current Home Community – *Mack Shelley, Iowa State University; Sue Crull, Iowa State University; Christine Cook, Iowa State University; Qi Jiang, Iowa State University; Seongyeon Auh, Iowa State University*
- The Migration Component in a Population Projections Model – *Charles D. Palit, University of Wisconsin; David Egan-Robertson, Wisconsin Department of Administration; Balkrishna Kale and Paul Voss, University of Wisconsin, Madison*
- Mode of Data Collection and the Foreign Born in the American Community Survey – *Alexa Kennedy-Puthoff, U.S. Census Bureau*
- Difficulties and Solutions for Surveying Refugees: Bosnian Refugees in St. Louis – *Hisako Matsuo, Saint Louis University; Terry Tomazic, Saint Louis University; and Kevin McIntyre, Saint Louis University*

Thursday, August 11, 8:30 am to 10:20 pm

New Developments and Applications in the Tools of Social Statistics: Social Networks, Observational and Longitudinal Studies, Cluster Analysis

Chair: *Roberta Sangster, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

- Estimating the Number of Foreign Bodies Injuries in Childhood with the Scale-up Method – *Silvia Snidero, Università degli Studi di Torino; Bruno Morra, Università degli Studi di Torino; Roberto Corradetti, Università degli Studi di Torino; and Dario Gregori, Università degli Studi di Torino*
- Quantifying Elephant Social Structure: Using a Bilinear Bayesian Mixed Effects Model To Elicit Qualities of Elephant Behavior – *Eric Vance, Duke University*
- Estimation and Examination of Covariance Structures of Longitudinal Social Network Data – *Anton Westveld, University of Washington, and Peter Hoff, University of Washington*
- Use of Constructed Observational Studies to Assess Ignorability – *Jennifer Hill, Columbia University*
- The Relationship Between Hours Worked and Alcohol Use Disorders – *Richard Bryant, University of Missouri, Rolla, and V. A. Samaranayake, University of Missouri, Rolla*
- Comparison of Spatial Characteristics of Local Air Quality Reported Using the Air Quality Index in the State of North Carolina of 1999 and 2004 – *Kuo-Ping Li, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Chirayath Suchindran, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*
- Clustering Linkage Methods: Humor to a Statistician – *Wade Watkins, University of Alabama, and Bruce Barrett, University of Alabama*

SSS Business Meeting and Mixer at JSM 2005

Finally, we want to invite all of our members to the **Business Meeting and Mixer, August 8, at 5:30 pm**. (The location had not yet been determined as we went to press, but it will be in one of the conference hotels and will be announced in the near future.) You are strongly encouraged to join us for this annual event, which is your opportunity to meet the officers of the Social Statistics Executive Board and fellow SSS members. The Executive Board will be reporting on the year's activities and will be expecting to get feedback and suggestions from SSS

members at the meeting. We want to talk about plans for the coming year and future years. We are also working on a strategic plan for the section. As part of that plan, we are considering new activities such as:

- Offering continuing education programs at JSM 2006
- Providing some support for students and new members to attend JSM
- Looking into conducting a small survey of our existing members
- Updating our section's history (knowing where we came from will help us all get where we want to go and become what we would like to become)

What Can You Do To Help?

Since you asked, we would be happy to hear from you concerning the following few important pieces of information, namely:

- Why you are a member of the Social Statistics Section?
- What should the key purposes of the section be?
- How could SSS better serve you and your colleagues?

Let Us Hear from You!

If you just take a minute to tell us what's on your mind, it will really help us shape our plans to fit our members' needs. Please email susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov with your thoughts. Thanks for your help. We're looking forward to hearing from you! And don't forget to meet us in Minneapolis at the business meeting and mixer on **August 8**. We're counting on it!

New GSS and SSS Executive Board Members

RESULTS OF ASA 2005 ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Congratulations go out to the following members of the Government Statistics and Social Statistics Sections who were recently elected to GSS and SSS Executive Boards:

Government Statistics

For Chair-Elect

Stephen H. Cohen, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

For Program Chair-Elect

Roberta L. Sangster, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Social Statistics

For Chair-Elect

Jennifer H. Madans, National Center for Health Statistics

For Program Chair-Elect

Allen L. Schirm, Mathematica Policy Research Inc.

For Secretary/Treasurer

Dawn V. (Von Thurn) Nelson, U.S. Census Bureau

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

In the April issue of this newsletter, we introduced "People in the News" for the first time and highlighted two of our members. Last month, we didn't have any items submitted for this feature, but we have some very special announcements this month:

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### **Congratulations to GSS and SSS Members Elected ASA Fellows**

For 2005, there were four section members elected Fellow of the American Statistical Association. Congratulations all! We are very proud of the following members of our sections who have been chosen for this prestigious honor:

**Jeffrey S. Passel  
Susan Schechter  
Iris M. Shimizu  
Patrick E. Shrout**

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Renee Miller Wins 2005 Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award

(This article is based on the write-up that appeared in the June issue of the Washington Statistical Society's Newsletter.)

Congratulations to Social Statistics Section's Renee Miller, Program Chair for 2005, who was recently selected to receive the Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award for 2005.

Renee has been a supervisory mathematical statistician in the Statistics and Methods Group (SMG) of the Energy Information Administration (EIA) since 1997. She coaches and mentors a team whose responsibilities include the clearance of EIA data collection forms, management of EIA's workshop program, and the provision of statistical and analytic support to EIA program offices. In addition she has been a mentor to a Presidential Management Fellow. For most of her 25 years at EIA, Ms. Miller has been involved with data quality issues. She was the principal author of a series of reports assessing EIA data quality (known as the "State-of-the-Data" reports) and also performed quality control audits.

Guy Caruso, Administrator of EIA says of Rene that he can see "the fruits of her efforts." "I have been able to recognize her influence as their work (junior staff members) matured under her guidance."

Recently, she has been working on data integration issues. One aspect of this work pertains to identifying and resolving cross-cutting data issues at EIA by coordinating the work of EIA's Inter-office Issues Group. An accomplishment of this group was the development of a revision policy for data that had been declared final. Ms. Miller, working with one of the newer people in SMG, presented the results to the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics.

Ms. Miller oversees the development of new and revised energy data definitions, coaching an SMG team member on coordinating their development. Previously she had chaired EIA's Common Data Definitions Team from 1998, when it was chartered to ensure that EIA has common and accurate data definitions, to 2001 when the agreed-upon work was completed.

Her inter-agency team participation includes program chair of the 2003 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research Conference. In addition she has been on Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology subcommittees on data quality, statistical training, and data editing and was EIA's liaison to the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics for a number of years.

Prior to coming to EIA, Ms. Miller worked at the U.S. Bureau of the Census. She began her statistical career in

the Poverty Statistics Branch and later worked in the Statistical Methods Division. She has an MS in Economic and Social Statistics from Cornell University and a BA in Mathematics from Queens College of the City University of New York. For the past five years she has been participating in the Everybody Wins reading mentoring program, helping elementary school students hone their reading and learning skills.

The Award for 2005 will be presented to Renee on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at 4:00 pm at the **Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), 2 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC** (in the Postal Square Building, on First Street, across the Street from Union Station). The ceremony, as last year, will be held in the **BLS Conference Center**, down one flight, after entering the building through the First Street entrance.

You are cordially invited to attend this ceremony.

The BLS building is a secured facility and those wishing to attend need to have their names on the BLS "visitor entrance list" for that day AND have a photo ID with them (e.g. driver's license).

Consequently, if you plan to attend, please send an e-mail to Ed Spar (copafs@aol.com) at the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS) providing him with your name by no later than **Monday, June 6.**

THE WISE ELDERS PROGRAM PRESENTS

Jacob (Jay) S. Siegel

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Morris Hansen Auditorium, FOB 3

Pursuing Non-Census Stuff in the Census Bureau: From Population Estimates, Census Undercounts, and Lawsuits to Demographic Dictionaries, the World Health Resources, and Human Resources Management

The talk will consist of the rambling remarks of a former foot-soldier at the Census Bureau about some of the miscellaneous tasks he was asked to perform as a demographic statistician by the generals, and about other tasks he performed because the tasks were there to be done. Some were very stressful, others were fun, but most fell somewhere in between. He will talk about the new population estimates and projections programs during World War II; the effort to incorporate demographic analysis into the census coverage program; his experience on the court cases challenging the census counts; and some of his politically incorrect views, such as on counting illegal aliens in the census, using non-English language census questionnaires, and minority advisory committees.

Siegel will describe some sexy assignments he was given: Working in several capitals in Western Europe on an international demographic dictionary; foreign advisor to the new Castro government in Havana; representing the Census Bureau on the advisory committees at the founding of two new institutes at NIH; collaborating on a textbook on demographic methods for USAID; participation in UN World Population Conferences; and Technical Expert for the United Nations in Santiago, Chile, on loan to the State Department.

Along the way Siegel will remark about the sociological role of carpools, in-house cafeterias, and a building with park-like amenities. A great bonus in all this was getting to meet and to know so many great scholars in demography and statistics, some of whom had apprenticeships in the Census Bureau and went on to university professorships, others of whom collaborated with census staff extramurally; and still others of whom became fixtures of the Census Bureau staff. The most important message comes out of his personal history at the Census Bureau: There were senior staff members at the Census who went to bat for him and encouraged him to try his

hand at things he did not think he could possibly do, or do well, and it made a vast positive difference in his ability to contribute to the great mission of the Census Bureau.

Biographical Note

Jacob S. Siegel is currently a private consultant with interests in methods of demographic analysis, applied demography, and gerontological demography. His special interest at the moment is in the demographic, epidemiological, and biological aspects of longevity. He was formerly senior statistician for demographic analysis and research in the Population Division at the Census Bureau and senior research scholar and professorial lecturer in demography at Georgetown University. He was on the faculty of the Graduate School, USDA, for two decades and has held short-term academic posts at the University of Connecticut, University of Southern California, University of California at Berkeley, Howard University, University of California at Irvine, and George Mason University. He is former President of the Population Association of America. He has authored or co-edited several books, among them *The Methods and Materials of Demography* (with Henry Shryock), the original 2 volumes published by the Census Bureau; the First Condensed Edition and the Second Condensed Edition of this work published by Academic Press; *A Generation of Change: A Profile of America's Older Population*, published by the Russell Sage Foundation; and *Applied Demography: Applications to Business, Government, Law, and Public Policy*, published by Academic Press. His current book in preparation is on the *Demography and Epidemiology of Health and Longevity*, to be published by Elsevier/Academic Press.

He holds an M.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and is a graduate school dropout, all so he could come to Washington to work on the nearly completed 1940 census.

Sponsored by the Human Capital Management Council and the SRD Seminar Series. This seminar will be shown via IPTV (24 hour delay). Census Bureau headquarters personnel, field remote sites, including telephone centers -- if you would like to receive this seminar via video conference, contact Barbara Palumbo at (301) 763-4974 (72 hours advance notice, please).

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ESTABLISHMENT SURVEYS (ICES-III) Survey Methods for: Businesses, Farms, and Institutions June 18-21, 2007 Hyatt Regency Montréal – Montréal, Québec, Canada

In sponsorship with the American Statistical Association, the ASA Section on Survey Research Methods, the ASA Section on Government Statistics, the International Association Survey Statisticians, and the Statistical Society of Canada

The Third International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICES-III) will be held in Montréal, Québec, Canada, June 18-21, 2007. ICES-III will explore the current state of the art. ICES-I in 1993 convened more than 400 experts in the area of surveys of businesses, farms, and institutions to formally set the stage for documenting the state of the art. ICES-II in 2000 took a forward look at survey methods.

December 1, 2005, is the deadline for proposals for organizing invited paper sessions. The conference will also include:

- Selection of contributed paper proposals,
- Three short courses on Monday, June 18,
- A keynote speaker and reception on Monday evening,
- Poster sessions, and software demonstrations.

Approximately 500 participants are expected. Following the conference, a CD ROM of conference papers will be sent to all participants.

All Conference activities will be held at the Hyatt Regency Montreal. The Hyatt Regency Montreal web site is: <http://montreal.hyatt.com/>. (Hotel reservations will open March 1, 2007.)

The invited program, the schedule of sessions (when available), as well as conference information, can be accessed on the internet at: <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ices/2007/>.

For further information, please send an email message to ices3@census.gov. The official language of the conference is English. Translators will not be provided.

REQUEST FOR DATA

Looking for Suggestions ... Can you help? We're looking for a comparison group to use for analysis of morbidity in a group of nuclear industry workers. Data on the nuclear workers includes age, gender, illness or injury information, and year of occurrence (1995 forward). Ideally, we would like to use workers from the petroleum industry for the comparison, but we will consider an available file of similar data on illness and injury occurrences in another group of employees, preferably industrial workers. The file should be a public-use microdata file with no way of identifying the individual workers. If you have any leads on where to obtain a file of comparison data, please let me know, even if age and gender are not included. Thanks!

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FOURTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY SEMINAR IN SURVEY AND STATISTICAL RESEARCH

Organizer: Research Subcommittee of the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology
Date/Time: **Monday, June 13, 2005, 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.** (NOTE SPECIAL TIME)
Sponsors: Washington Statistical Society, and Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter AAPOR
Location: **BLS Conference Center, Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Ave., N.E.**
Take the Red Line to Union Station. Bring a photo ID to the seminar.

(Note: If you have not registered by May 31 with SDockery@CDC.gov, please e-mail your name, affiliation, and the name of this seminar to wss_seminar@BLS.gov (underscore after wss) by noon June 9, or call (202) 691-7524 and leave message.)

Registration: There is no registration fee. If you plan to attend, please e-mail SDockery@CDC.gov, by May 31 if possible, to guarantee seating, help with planning refreshments, and to be put on the BLS seminar attendance list.

Abstract: Since 1998, 12 Federal statistical agencies, in collaboration with the National Science Foundation, and with the support of the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology, have been funding and administering the Funding Opportunity in Survey and Statistical Research, a research grant program oriented to the needs of the Federal Statistical System. The Fourth Funding Opportunity Seminar features the reports of the principal investigators of three research projects that were funded in 2003, and invited speakers and discussants.

The Funding Opportunity Seminar In Survey and Statistical Research Program Conference and Training Center June 13, 2005

8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB

9:10 a.m. Session 1. Invited Speaker
Future Directions of Total Error Research, Paul Biemer, RTI

10:00 a.m. Session 2. *Topics in Small Area Estimation*
 Investigators: Malay Ghosh – University of Florida
 Tapabrata Maiti – Iowa State University
 Discussant: Jerry J. Maples – USCB

11:00 a.m. Refreshment Break

11:15 a.m. Session 3. *Improved Methods of Estimating Production and Income Across Nations*
 Investigators: Alan Heston – University of Pennsylvania
 Robert Feenstra – University of California-Davis
 Discussant: Raymond Mataloni Jr.- BEA

12:15 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. Session 4. *Regression and Deconvolution with Heteroscedastic Measurement Error*
 Investigator: Leonard Stefanski – North Carolina State University
 Discussant: Stephen M. Miller – BLS

2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break

2:45 p.m. Session 5. Remarks on the Funding Opportunity, Past and Future
 Speaker: Robert E. Fay - USCB

NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS (NCES) TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The NCES, U.S. Department of Education, is sponsoring a 3-day training session on the use of the National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES) databases for research and policy analyses. The NHES is a series of surveys that provides descriptive data on the educational activities of the U.S. population, from early childhood to adult education. These data are collected through telephone interviews with individual parents, youth, and adults.

The training takes place in **Washington, DC, June 15-17, 2005**. The training is free, and travel, hotel, and per diem expenses are paid by NCES.

To apply, or for more information, see <http://nces.ed.gov/conferences/confinfo.asp?confid=120>.
 For more information on the NHES, see <http://nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.
 For other NCES trainings, see <http://nces.ed.gov/conferences/>

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