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Don't forget these upcoming events ~~

- **ICES-III:** See website for details: <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ices/2007/index.cfm>
June 18-21, 2007
- **NHIS's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Conference:**
See website for details: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis_fifty.htm
June 25, 2007
- **2007 JSM:** See website for details: <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/JSM/2007/>
July 29 – August 2, 2007

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**2007 Government Statistics, Social Statistics and Survey Research Methods Student Paper Awards Session**

The Government Statistics, Social Statistics, and Survey Research Methods sections are pleased to announce the student paper award winners for JSM 2007. This year five students received this honor: Hukum Chandra, University of Southampton; Georg Görg, Vienna University of Technology; Justin Gross, Carnegie Mellon University; Clint Roberts, The Ohio State University; and Mandi Yu, University of Michigan. The session will be held Sunday July 29 at 2:00 PM. Please attend this exciting session and join us in a lively discussion of these fine papers.

Hukum Chandra is completing a PhD in Social Statistic at the Division of Social Statistics, University of Southampton, United Kingdom. His research interest focuses on small area estimation. Hukum is on study leave from his position as Scientist at the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), New Delhi, India. His paper is titled: *Small Area Estimation in Multivariate Surveys*.

Georg Görg started studying technical mathematics at the Vienna University of Technology in 2002. After a year of fundamental mathematics, he specialized in economical mathematics with high interest in econometrics and time series analysis. In 2006 Georg spent one semester at the City University of New York and worked on the awarded paper at Hunter College. He is currently completing his master thesis, which is an extension of the paper, both theoretically and on empirical results. His paper is titled: *Nonparametric Modeling of the Second Order Structure of Processes with Time-Varying Memory*

Justin H. Gross has earned an M.S. in Statistics from Carnegie Mellon University, an M.S. in Mathematics from Salem State College, and his A.B. in Latin American Studies from Brown University. He is currently completing his third year of work toward a doctorate in Statistics and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon. His research interests include mathematical modeling of political and institutional behavior, social network analysis, and causal inference. During the summer, Justin teaches statistics at Junior Summer Institute for the Public Policy and International Affairs Program helping to prepare students for graduate work in public and international affairs and careers in public service. His paper is titled: *Co-sponsorship in the U.S. Senate: A Mixed Effects Approach to Detecting the Impact of Social Relational Factors on Legislative Behavior*.

Clint Roberts grew up in California, and graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 2003 with a B.S. in Statistics. He is a doctoral candidate in his fourth year at The Ohio State University and teaches introductory statistics. Clint is currently working on his dissertation research which uses Bayesian hierarchical modeling for time series crime count data with the goal of imputation for missing values. His paper is titled: *Imputing Missing Data in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports*.

Mandi Yu is a doctoral candidate in survey methodology at the University of Michigan. Mandi graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a MS in survey methodology in 2004. She is currently working on her thesis, which focuses on evaluating the impact of measurement error on disclosure risk assessments and developing novel nonparametric models for generating synthetic public use data for disclosure limitation for microdata. Her other area of interest is in the area of statistical survey methodology on combining information to deal with missing data, nonresponse error and measurement error in complex surveys. Her paper is titled: *Using Multiple Imputation Technique to Correct for Measurement Error and Statistical Disclosure Control in Sensitive Count Data in National Surveys*.



**2007 Government Statistics, Social Statistics and Survey Research Methods  
Student Paper Awards Session  
Sunday 7/29/07, 2:00 PM**

*Small Area Estimation in Multivariate Surveys*

**Hukum Chandra**, University of Southampton; Ray Chambers, University of Wollongong

*Nonparametric Modeling of the Second Order Structure of Processes with Time-Varying Memory*

**Georg Görg**, Vienna University of Technology; Dana Draghicescu, Hunter College

*Co-sponsorship in the U.S. Senate: A Mixed Effects Approach to Detecting the Impact of Social Relational Factors on Legislative Behavior*

**Justin Gross**, Carnegie Mellon University; Stephen Fienberg, Carnegie Mellon University; Cosma Shalizi, Carnegie Mellon University; David Krackhardt, Carnegie Mellon University

*Imputing Missing Data in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports*

**Clint Roberts**, The Ohio State University; Elizabeth A. Stasny, The Ohio State University; Michael D. Maltz, The Ohio State University

*Using Multiple Imputation Technique to Correct for Measurement Error and Statistical Disclosure Control in Sensitive Count Data in National Surveys*

**Mandi Yu**, University of Michigan

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GSS Topic Contributed and Contributed Sessions

From the June AmStat article by Robie Sangster, 2007 GSS Program Chair

Low Number of Submissions for 2007

It is clear that budget issues have impacted the number of papers for GSS this year. We received seventeen contributed papers and one contributed poster. Since there is a seven paper rule per contributed session, we have two contributed sessions this year and three papers will appear in other section's sessions. We lost one paper in each of the contributed sessions since we met in February to decide the program, so right now there are six in each; we could lose a few more. There are two topic-contributed sessions and four invited sessions. This means GSS has a total of eight sessions this year! Since there is a shortage, I tried to go through the program and co-sponsor any sessions I thought would interest GSS members. No doubt some good ones were missed, but this will provide a quick way to make an initial search of the on-line program.

Topic Contributed Sessions

Thank you to Mike Davern (University of Minnesota) and Al Zarate (National Center for Health Statistics) and Neil Russell (National Center for Education Statistics) for creating our two-topic contributed sessions. Mike created a session that focuses on integrated data sets for policy research using data from the Medicaid Undercount Study. Linda Gage (California Department of Finance) will chair this session and Todd Rockwood (University of Minnesota) will be the

discussant. Al and Neil created a session to discuss ways to reduce disclosure risks using statistical methods and through administrative procedures. Al will chair the session.

SSS Topic Contributed and Contributed Sessions

Allen Schirm, 2007 SSS Program Chair

The Social Statistics Section is the primary sponsor of two topic contributed sessions and five contributed sessions at JSM 2007. In addition, SSS is a primary co-sponsor with GSS and SRMS of a Student Paper Award Session. Thanks to everyone who helped organize a session, submitted a paper, or agreed to serve as a chair or discussant. The SSS-sponsored sessions at JSM should be terrific, and I very much encourage you to attend them.

SESSIONS BY TYPE AND BY DATE AND TIME

Topic Contributed Paper Sessions

Monday, July 30, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm

It's Only Data, What's the Big Deal?: The Significance of Using Multi-Year Estimates from the American Community Survey - Social Statistics Section, Section on Survey Research Methods

Organizer(s): Cynthia J. Davis, U.S. Census Bureau

Chair(s): Constance F. Citro, National Academy of Sciences

Disc: Michael L. Cohen, Committee on National Statistics

Disc: Deborah H. Griffin, U.S. Census Bureau

Multiple ACS Estimates: Pick a Number, Any Number! — Linda Gage, California Department of Finance

Multiyear ACS Results for Multnomah County, Oregon: Preliminary Observations — George C. Hough, Portland State University; David A. Swanson, University of Mississippi

The Utility of Five-Year Averages from the American Community Survey for Bronx Neighborhoods — Joseph Salvo, NYC Department of City Planning; A. Peter Lobo, NYC Department of City Planning; Adam Willett, New York City Department of City Planning

Tuesday, July 31, 8:30 am – 10:20 am

Opportunities and Challenges of Integrated Data Sets to Serve Policy Research: The Medicaid Undercount Study

- Section on Health Policy Statistics, Social Statistics Section, Section on Government Statistics

Organizer(s): Michael Davern, University of Minnesota

Chair(s): Linda Gage, California Department of Finance

Disc: Todd Rockwood, University of Minnesota

Opportunities and Challenges Facing the Construction of Integrated Data Sets to Serve Policy Research Purposes
Michael Davern, University of Minnesota

Analysis of Medicaid Enrollment Status in the Current Population Survey
Ming-Yi K. Mah, US Census Bureau; Dean M. Resnick, US Census Bureau

How Do Surveys Differ in Reporting the Quality of Reported Medicaid Enrollment Data: NHIS, CPS, and State Surveys
Kathleen Call, University of Minnesota

Larger Statistical and Policy Implications of Moving toward Interagency Collaborations and Integrated Data
Sally Obenski, US Census Bureau

Wednesday, August 1, 8:30 am – 10:20 am

Keepers of the Fire - Social Statistics Section

Organizer(s): Olivia Blum, Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics

Chair(s): Virginia A. de Wolf, Consultant

Disc: Fritz Scheuren, NORC at the University of Chicago

Institutional Memory and Information Management
Paul Johannis, Statistics Canada

Transforming Statistical Knowledge into Institutional Memory
Olivia Blum, Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics

The Planning Database: Decennial Census Data for Historical, Real-Time, and Prospective Analysis
J. Gregory Robinson, U.S. Census Bureau; Carrie L. Johanson, U.S. Census Bureau; Antonio Bruce, U.S. Census Bureau

Wednesday, August 1, 2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Reducing Disclosure Risk Through Statistical Methods and Administrative Procedures -

Section on Government Statistics, Section on Health Policy Statistics, Social Statistics Section

Organizer(s): Alvan Zarate, National Center for Health Statistics

Chair(s): Alvan Zarate, National Center for Health Statistics

Comparative Evaluation of Four Different Sensitive Tabular Data Protection Methods Using a Real Life Table Structure of Complex Hierarchies and Links

Ramesh Dandekar, Energy Information Administration

Implementing a Portfolio Approach to the Protection of Confidential Data

Tim Mulcahy, NORC at the University of Chicago; Julia Lane, NORC at the University of Chicago

Matching NCES Data to External Databases to Assess Disclosure Risk

Elizabeth Steiner, Carnegie Mellon University; J. Neil Russell, National Center for Education Statistics; Marilyn Seastrom, National Center for Education Statistics

Analytically Valid Microdata Files and Re-identification

William Winkler, U.S. Census Bureau

Measuring Disclosure Risk and an Examination of the Possibilities of Using of Synthetic Data in the Individual Income Tax Return Public Use File

Michael Weber, Statistics of Income, IRS; John Czajka, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.; Sonya Vartivarian, Mathematica Policy Research

GSS Contributed Poster

Monday, July 30, 2:00 pm

Categorization and Parameterization of Sleep Patterns with Derived Actigraph Variables

James Slaven and Michael Andrew and John M. Violanti, NIOSH-CDC and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Bryan J. Vila, State University of New York at Buffalo and Cecil M. Burchfiel, Washington State University and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Contributed Paper Sessions

Sunday, July 29, 4:00 pm – 5:50 pm

Advances and Applications in Causal Inference and Multi-Level Modeling – Social Statistics Section

Chair(s): Donsig Jang, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Alternative Balance Metrics for Bias Reduction in Matching Methods for Causal Inference

Jasjeet Sekhon, University of California, Berkeley

Causal Inference in Spatial Settings: A Case Study of Community Policing Programs in Chicago

Natalya Verbitsky, University of Michigan; Stephen Raudenbush, The University of Chicago

Can Results from an Observational Study Be Generalized to a Larger Population? A Study of Pathways from Divorce to Illness

Bridget Lavelle, Iowa State University; Fred Lorenz, Iowa State University; Jean Opsomer, Iowa State University

Students, Teachers, Schools, and ACT Scores
Stephen Ponisciak, Consortium on Chicago School Research

How Well Do Postsecondary Enrichment Programs Prepare High School Students for College? A Multilevel Models Approach
Mack Shelley, Iowa State University; Florence Hamrick, Iowa State University; Robyn Johnson, Iowa State University

Multilevel Mixture Modeling Applications
Tihomir Asparouhov, Muthen & Muthen; Bengt Muthen, University of California, Los Angeles; Shaunna Clark, University of California, Los Angeles

Analyzing the Changes in Repeated Measures Responses in Financial Literacy Education
Xin Shi, University of Manchester; Pauline Davis, University of Manchester; Sue Ralph, University of Manchester; Valerie Farnsworth, University of Manchester; Laura Black, University of Manchester; Afroditi Kalambouka, University of Manchester

Monday, July 30, 8:30 am – 10:20 am
Estimating Mortality and Migration – Social Statistics Section
Chair(s): Dawn V. Nelson, U.S. Census Bureau

Scepticism About The Lancet Surveys on Iraqi Mortality
David Kane, Kane Capital Management

Estimating Conflict-Related Mortality in Timor-Leste, 1974-1999: A Comparative Review of Demographic and Statistical Estimation Methods
Romesh Silva, Human Rights Data Analysis Group; Patrick Ball, The Benetech Initiative

Life Table Forecasting with the Gompertz Distribution
Peter Pflaumer, FH Kempten

Methods of Estimating Internal Migration in the Undocumented Immigrant Population of the United States
Christopher J. Campbell, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Michael D. Hofer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Nancy F. Rytina, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

An Integrated Approach to Address Immigration Data Quality Problems: Sampling and Archival Research
MacReadie Barr, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Status Upgrading: Immigrant Naturalization and Occupational Change Revisited
Derek Cornwell, Office of Immigration Statistics; Nancy F. Rytina, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Gary Huang, Office of Immigration Statistics

Internal Migration of Refugee Adjustments of Status: An Application of Logistic Modeling — Kelly Jefferys, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Tuesday, July 31, 8:30 am – 10:20 am
Estimating Social Statistics: Hurricanes, Murders, and Other Applications – Social Statistics Section
Chair(s): Daniel Cork, Committee on National Statistics

Assessing Katrina's Impact: Report of a Study on the Mississippi Gulf Coast
David A. Swanson, University of Mississippi; Mark Van Boening, University of Mississippi; Richard Forgette, University of Mississippi

Factors That Facilitated and Inhibited Job-Holding Among Female AFDC/TANF Recipients in 1996
Denton Vaughan, Consultant

Under-Reporting of Means-Tested Transfer Benefits in the CPS

Laura Wheaton, The Urban Institute

Dial M for Missing Murder Data

James A. Fox, Northeastern University; Marc L. Swatt, Northeastern University

Measurement and Evaluation of Ancestry: Differences Between Specific and Generalized Responses

Frank Hobbs, U.S. Census Bureau; Angela Brittingham, U.S. Census Bureau

Measuring Religious Change Among Michigan Southern Baptists

William Livingston, Baker College

Tuesday, July 31, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm

Sampling Issues and Variance Estimation - Section on Survey Research Methods, Section on Physical and Engineering Sciences, Section on Government Statistics

Chair(s): Mike Cohen, Statistical Consultant

Effects of Calculating Standard Errors Using Sampling Versus Variance Weights for 2004 National Nursing Home Survey

Rong Cai, National Center for Health Statistics; Sarah Gousen, National Center for Health Statistics; Iris Shimizu, National Center for Health Statistics; Robin Remsburg, National Center for Health Statistics

Variance Estimations for International Price Program Indexes

Te-Ching Chen, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Patrick Bobbitt, Bureau of Labor Statistics; James A. Himelein Jr., Bureau of Labor Statistics; Steven P. Paben, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moon Jung Cho, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Lawrence Ernst, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Applying M-estimation to Computation of Price Indexes

Zdenek Pataak, Statistics Canada

Cluster Sampling for the CE Diary Survey

Sally E. Reyes-Morales, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Sylvia A. Johnson-Herring, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Barry Steinberg, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Can a Geographic Sort Improve Hot Deck Donor Imputation in the Canadian Census

Darryl Janes, Statistics Canada

Imputation Classes by Size Measure for the Annual Survey of Manufacture of Statistics Canada

Yi Li, Statistics Canada

Wednesday, August 1, 8:30 am – 10:20 am

Model Specification, Estimation, and Evaluation – Social Statistics Section

Chair(s): Frank J. Potter, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

A New Model for Interaction Effects

David Weakliem, University of Connecticut

Linear Information Models: A Prototype

Philip E. Cheng, Academia Sinica; Jiun W. Liou, Academia Sinica; Michelle Liou, Academia Sinica; John Aston, Academia Sinica

How Many Factors? A Strategy for Identifying Latent Structure in Factor Analysis

Mitchell Harris, Brigham Young University; Michael K. Lauritzen, Brigham Young University; Landon Poppleton, Brigham Young University; Robert Bubb, Brigham Young University; Bruce Brown, Brigham Young University

Comparing Factor Loadings in Exploratory Factor Analysis: Comparison of Asymptotic and Randomization Tests

Holmes Finch, Ball State University; Brian French, Purdue University

Extensions to Latent Cluster Models for Social Networks

Pavel Krivitsky, University of Washington; Mark S. Handcock, University of Washington; Adrian E. Raftery, University of Washington; Peter D. Hoff, University of Washington

Estimating Personal Network Size

Tyler H. McCormick, University of Connecticut; Tian Zheng, Columbia University; Matthew J. Salganik, Columbia University

Thursday, August 2, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm

Measurement Issues in Surveys - Section on Government Statistics, Section on Survey Research Methods, Social Statistics Section

Chair(s): Steve H. Cohen, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Comparison of the Income Items from the CPS and ACS

Bruce Webster, Jr., U.S. Census Bureau

The Impact of Converted Refusals upon Survey Estimates: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999-2004

Margaret Carroll, NCHS/CDC; Yinong Chong, NCHS/CDC

Precanvass Survey for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey

Promod Chandhok, RITA/ BTS

An Appraisal of the Conduct and Provisional Figures of the Nigerian Population and Housing Census of 2006.

Raymond Okafor, University of Lagos

Measuring the Quality of Service to Taxpayers in Volunteer Sites

Kevin Cecco, Internal Revenue Service / Statistics of Income Division; Ronald Walsh, Internal Revenue Service / Statistics of Income Division; Rachael Hooker, Internal Revenue Service / Statistics of Income Division

Statistical "Pre- and Post Processing" as Integrated into Computer Simulations

Turkan Gardenier, Pragmatica Corp.

Thursday, August 2, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm

Estimation, Forecasting, and Hypothesis Testing – Social Statistics Section

Chair(s): Nancy Clusen, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Examination of Two Issues Regarding Electronic Essay Scoring

Sandip Sinharay, Educational Testing Service; Shelby Haberman, Educational Testing Service; Jiahe Qian, Educational Testing Service

Statistical Tests for Differential Functioning in Parametric Item Response Theory: A Monte Carlo Evaluation of Conventional DFIT Methods and a Bootstrap Alternative

Gregory Petroski, University of Missouri-Columbia; Steven J. Osterlind, University of Missouri-Columbia

Simulation Results of Bias Estimates for Compositional Data

Don R. Warren, University of Texas at San Antonio

Navigating the Multiplicity of Hypotheses in Evaluating Juror Selections

Bruce Barrett, The University of Alabama

Hypothesis Testing with Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) Using the Normal Approximation of the Binomial

David Fitch, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala; Roberto Molina Cruz, Universidad Del Valle de Guatemala


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## Start Thinking About JSM 2008 Invited Sessions

Please start thinking about GSS and SSS Invited Sessions for the 2008 JSM meeting in Denver. Online submission of invited session proposals starts on July 9 and ends on August 23. GSS and SSS have both been allocated 3 invited sessions on the 2008 program. The GSS and SSS memberships are doing a great variety of innovative things and now is the opportunity to organize a session to let everyone know about it at JSM in 2008. The guidelines from the JSM web site say that "Invited sessions are **110 minutes in length**, can take a variety of formats, and **typically include from two to six participants**." Feel free to contact Michael Davern ([daver004@umn.edu](mailto:daver004@umn.edu)) or Jana Asher ([jana@asher-resnick.us](mailto:jana@asher-resnick.us)) for more information.

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ICES-III: The Third International Conference on Establishment Surveys: Focuses on Survey Methods for Businesses, Farms, and Institutions

ICES-III will take place June 18–21, 2007 in central Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The conference promises to be a stimulating and full examination of the current state of the art for surveying businesses, farms, and institutions. Both the invited and contributed programs cover a spectrum of interesting and applicable subjects.

The invited program includes the following 23 sessions: Steps To Provide Quality Industrial Coding for a Business Register, Surveys of Environmental Protection: Experiences and Challenges, Efficient Use of Administrative Data in Business Surveys Commodity Flow Surveys, Editing & Imputation Strategies to Improve Statistics Using Tax Data, The New Direction of Business Surveys: the Integrated Approach, Advances in Disclosure Protection – Releasing More Business and Farm Data to the Public, Outliers and Influential Observations in Establishment Surveys, Use of Metadata for Establishment Surveys, Targeting Intensive Follow-up of Nonrespondents in Establishment Surveys, Building and Updating Establishment Registries in Developing Countries, The Influences of K.R.W. Brewer on Establishment Surveys, Collecting Data Electronically from Businesses: the Dream and the Reality, Improving Statistics on the Subnational Public Sector, Challenges and Strategies in Implementing Quality Management Programs, A Global Path to Standards in Questionnaire Design, Methods Addressing Agricultural Statistics Issues, Goals and Issues in the Development of the Services Producer Price Index, Getting Response: the Respondent's Perspective, Usage of Linearization Variance Estimators for Survey Estimates, Improving the Measurement of Service Sector Statistics: Challenges and Achievements, Generalized Survey Processing Systems – An Update, and Towards a Better Understanding of the Response Process in Surveys of Businesses and Organizations

Introductory overview lectures cover topics not included in the invited program to fully round out the invited schedule. Housing registration through the ICES III web page is also open. The entire program along with additional information is available on the ICES III web site: <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ices/2007/index.cfm>

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## Happy 50th Anniversary, National Health Interview Survey

Registration has opened for the National Health Interview Survey's 50th anniversary Commemorative Conference to be held on Monday, June 25, 2007 in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), which is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) in 2007; the NHIS has been fielded continuously since 1957. To mark the occasion, NCHS is holding a one-day conference on June 25, 2007 at its site in Hyattsville, Maryland (in Metropolitan Washington, D.C.). See conference information at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis\\_fifty.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis_fifty.htm)

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis\\_fifty.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis_fifty.htm)

and watch that site for updates.

**Poster Contest winners:** Congratulations to our NHIS Poster Contest winners!! We have chosen the winners and have posted them on the above Web site. The winning posters will be presented at the conference.

**Registration and conference information:** There will be no registration fee for the conference, but we are asking those who wish to attend to submit a registration form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, as space is limited, and that will also expedite entry to the NCHS building when you arrive. Please obtain a copy of the registration form from the above-mentioned Web site and return it to us as instructed.

**Conference Program:**

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/June\\_25\\_program\\_4\\_6\\_07.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/June_25_program_4_6_07.pdf)

**Some highlights of the conference program include:**

- Stories from the Field: Insiders' tales of what it's like to be an NHIS interviewer
- A conversation with NCHS Directors: Musings and memories from the present NCHS Director and four former NCHS Directors
- Did we really used to do that? Changes over time in the way the NHIS learned about peoples' race and ethnicity
- A talk on "Federal statistics, values, and the NHIS" by Bob Groves, Research Professor at the University of Maryland and the University of Michigan
- Presentations by the winners of our NHIS Poster Contest
- A lunchtime demonstration of the administration of the NHIS questionnaire
- A birthday cake reception
- And much more! See the full program at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis\\_fifty.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis_fifty.htm)

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis\\_fifty.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/nhis_fifty.htm).

**Maps and directions:** The NCHS building is located at 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. See the NCHS Web site for maps of the area, directions for getting to NCHS (including Metro information), and parking information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/hyatdir.htm>

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**Entry to the NCHS building:** Visitors must proceed through a security check, sign in with the security guard personnel, and obtain a visitor's pass. Visitors should pre-register for the conference to expedite their entry. Persons who are not U.S. citizens are not permitted inside the NCHS building unless they have previously applied for and received permission to enter. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact Brenda LaRochelle at least 3 weeks before the conference to make appropriate arrangements.

**If you need help or information, contact:**

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GOVERNMENT STATISTICS SECTION

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.

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SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION

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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