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**Social Statistics Section**

**2005 JSM Highlights by the Numbers**

Beth Kilss, Publications Officer

In case you missed the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) in Minneapolis, you may be interested to know that the Social Statistics Section (SSS) sponsored 95 JSM activities this year. Here's how it breaks down: there were 25 invited paper sessions, 18 topic-contributed paper sessions, 34 regular contributed paper sessions, 6 invited panel sessions, 3 topic-contributed panel sessions, and 2 contributed poster sessions. We also sponsored 3 very interesting roundtable luncheons, 3 committee and business meetings, and an introductory overview lecture on data confidentiality. About one-fourth of the technical program sessions that SSS sponsored were also cosponsored with the Government Statistics Section, and over 50 of them were cosponsored with the Survey Research Methods Section. In some instances other sections were cosponsors as well.

Because our members come from many fields, and we represent many disciplines, our Program Chair **Renee Miller** (see more on Renee below) and Program Chair-Elect **Juanita Tamayo Lott** worked very hard behind the scenes to put together a program with wide appeal, yet focused on both the qualitative and quantitative measurement of social issues and trends, development of statistical models, and analysis of social phenomena. Their efforts were supported throughout the year by the other Section leaders: Section Chair **Jerry Gates**; Chair-Elect **Susan Schechter** (see more on Susan below); Past Chair, **Colm O'Muircheartaigh**; Secretary/Treasurer **Susan Hinkins**; Council of Sections Rep **Trivellore Raghunathan**; Publications Officer **Beth Kilss**; ASA Ex Officio **Monica**

**Clark;** and Assistant Editor *Amstat* Online **David Nichols.** (To review the details about the 2005 program, go to <http://www.amstat.org/sections/ssoc/meetings.html> and click on “Sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by the Social Statistics Section.”

And as the end of 2005 approaches, so do the terms of service of some of these board members. While we will miss the direct involvement in the Executive Committee next year of Renee Miller, Colm O’Muircheartaigh, and Susan Hinkins, we are pleased to announce the 3 new faces who will be joining our remaining section leaders to bring you an exciting and interesting program for JSM 2006. Thus, in Minneapolis, we formally welcomed and introduced the following new officers at our annual Business Meeting:

- **Chair 2007** -- Jennifer Madans, National Center for Health Statistics
- **Program Chair 2007** – Allen Schirm, Mathematica Policy Research
- **Secretary/Treasurer 2006** – Dawn V. Nelson, U.S. Census Bureau

Continuing our numbers theme, we are also very proud of our section’s 2005 Award winners – both our new ASA Fellows as well as those who were winners of awards our section cosponsored. Let’s look at who they are:

- **ASA Fellows** -- First and foremost, of the 56 new American Statistical Association (ASA) Fellows, there were 3 who are either a member of the Social Statistics Section or have a joint Government Statistics/Social Statistics Section membership. Join me in congratulating –
  - **Jeffrey S. Passel**, Senior Research Associate, Pew Hispanic Center, recognized for outstanding contributions to the measurement of population composition and change, with special focus on immigrants and immigration; for the use of data to inform public policy; and for insightful contributions to the understanding of census data.
  - **Susan Schechter**, Senior Statistician at the Office of Management and Budget, who was recognized for important contributions in the field of cognitive interviewing; for research on cognitive testing as an integral component of survey development; and for leadership in the development of race and ethnicity guidelines and the institutionalization of the American Community Survey.
  - **Patrick E. Shrout**, Professor of Psychology, New York University, for contributions to the statistical analysis of reliability of medical and diagnostic judgments; for the design of screening studies in psychiatric epidemiology; and for applications of exemplary statistical practice in psychology, psychiatry, and public health.
- **Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics** – Congratulations to this year’s winner, **Robert E. Fay III**, Senior Mathematical Statistician at the U.S. Census Bureau who holds a joint Government Statistics/Social Statistics membership. Bob’s distinguished career with Federal statistics spans more than 30 years. Bob is a Fellow of the ASA and is currently the ASA Chair of the Committee of Representatives to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Bob’s scholarship, intellectual and professional integrity, creativity, and diligent service exemplifies Roger Herriot’s innovative career in Federal statistics. (This award is cosponsored with the Government Statistics Section and the Washington Statistical Society.)
- **Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship** – Congratulations to this year’s winner, **Layla Parast**, The University of Texas at Austin. Social Statistics is proud to cosponsor this annual award with the Government Statistics Section, the Washington Statistical Society, Caucus for Women in Statistics, Harris-Smith Institutes, Mathematica Policy Research, and Synectics for Management Decisions, Inc. This scholarship is intended to reward promising young statisticians for their diligence, thereby encouraging them to consider a future in government statistics.
- **Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award** – **Congratulations to the 2005 winner Renee Miller, Supervisory Mathematical Statistician at the Energy Information Administration. For more on Renee and for the opportunity to read her acceptance speech on receiving the award, see the August 2005 issue of *Amstat News*, pages 6-7, or the June 2005 issue of the GSS/SSS Newsletter (see <http://www.amstat.org/sections/ssoc/news.html>.)** The purpose of this award is to encourage the mentoring

of younger staff in the Federal statistical system. The Social Statistics Section joins the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, the Council for Excellence in Government, the Washington Statistical Society, the Government Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association, and the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics in cosponsoring this annual award.

- Student Paper Competition – **Five outstanding winners were selected this year** – Gabriele Durrant, **Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute**; Kelly Dixon, **U.S. Census Bureau**; Mike Kwanisai, **NORC at the University of Chicago**; Zingzhao Yu, **The Ohio State University**; and Marcel de Toledo Vieira, **University of Southampton**. All presented their award-winning papers in a JSM topic-contributed session on August 10, which was cosponsored by the Social Statistics, Government, and Survey Research Methods Sections.

Well, there you have it! Any way you add it up, 2005 has been quite a year – one which we hope offered activities that touched all of our members favorably one way or another and helped to strengthen our ties to each of you or brought you in contact with others you might not otherwise have met. As we move forward towards 2006, we are looking for ways to improve our service to our members. We will be implementing new programs and activities that our members want, building on our strengths, and ensuring our viability in the years ahead. We want you to be part of that process.

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Government Statistics Section GSS Fellows for 2005

By Clyde Tucker

Four GSS members were elected ASA Fellows this year. They received their awards at the JSM Conference in Minneapolis. Jeffrey Passel, Senior Research Associate at the Pew Hispanic Research Center, was selected for his contributions to the measurement of population composition and change, his analysis of data to inform public policy, and his contributions to the understanding of census data. Susan Schechter, Senior Statistician at the Office of Management and Budget, received her award for her contributions to the field of cognitive interviewing, her leadership in developing guidelines for race and ethnicity, and her efforts to institutionalize the American Community Survey. Iris Shimizu, Mathematical Statistician at the National Center for Health Statistics, was elected a fellow for her contributions to the design and evaluation of health establishment surveys and her services as a mentor, teacher, consultant, and collaborator. Patrick Shrout, Professor of Psychology at New York University, received the award for contributions to the statistical analysis of the reliability of medical and diagnostic judgments, the design of screening studies in psychiatric epidemiology, and the application of exemplary statistical practice in psychology, psychiatry, and public health. Let's all congratulate Jeff, Susan, Iris, and Patrick.

The selection of the GSS fellows was done with the help of the GSS Fellows Committee. This committee identifies worthy candidates and attempts to find sponsors for them. The committee coordinates its activities with the Washington Statistical Society and the Survey Research Methods Section of ASA. The members of the GSS Fellows Committee are Clyde Tucker, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rich Allen, National Agricultural Statistics Center, and Mary Batchner, Ernst and Young.

Clyde Tucker Receives the First Pat Doyle Award

By Robert Lussier, GSS Publications Officer

The Executive Committee of the Government Statistics Section (GSS) has recently created the Pat Doyle Award for service to the GSS as a tribute to Pat's dedication to the statistical field and the GSS

during her lifetime. Pat died slightly more than a year ago and left her imprints on an astonishingly wide range of projects and activities in the US federal statistical community.

A panel made up of Chet Bowie, current GSS chair, Nat Schenker, past GSS chair, and Stephanie Shipp, incoming GSS chair, selected Clyde Tucker as the first recipient of the award. Clyde, who works at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is the chair of the GSS ASA Fellows Committee and has served on the GSS Executive Committee over the years in various capacities.

A plaque was given to Clyde during the GSS annual business meeting at the 2005 JSM in Minneapolis. In his acceptance remarks, Clyde underlined the fact that he felt much honored to receive this award because of his long association with Pat and was very appreciative of her hard work for GSS, her dedication to ASA, and her willingness to share her insights.

Congratulations to GSS' New Officers!

By Wendy Alvey

Welcome to **Stephen H. Cohen**, who will become Chair Elect of the Government Statistics Section in January 2006, and **Roberta Sangster**, who will become Program Chair Elect! Both Steve and Robie currently work at the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Steve Cohen

Steve is the Director of the Mathematical Statistics Research Center in the BLS' Office of Survey Methods Research. For the past 25 years, Steve has worked at BLS, where he has pursued research in many areas – especially confidentiality and disclosure avoidance research, sample design work, and survey nonresponse analysis. In addition, his recent publications document efforts in the area of Internet data collection.

Steve is a long-time and active member of the Committee on Data Access and Confidentiality (CDAC) – an interagency interest group of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM), and is currently serving as Chair of CDAC. In that capacity he has participated in short courses and seminars on confidentiality of federal data and overseen the revision and updating of the FCSM's Statistical Policy Working Paper No. 22 – *Disclosure Limitation Techniques*.

Steve also has played an active role in organizing conferences on topics of interest to the federal statistical community. He has served as co-chair of the 1999 and 2001 FCSM Research Conference, held in Northern Virginia every other year. (This year's Conference will be held in Crystal City, VA on November 14-16, 2005; for details, go to <http://www.fcsm.gov>.) Currently he is serving as a member of the organizing committee for the International Conference on Establishment Surveys III, which will take place in Montreal, Canada in June 2007.

Steve has a Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and has been at the BLS since 1980. Prior to that he worked at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and taught for two years at Clarkson College in Potsdam, NY.

Although he is new to the GSS Executive Committee, Steve has a proven track record as an active member of the statistical community and the ASA, in particular. His expertise, enthusiasm, and broad contacts with representatives from many statistical agencies will surely benefit the GSS over the next few years. You are welcome to contact Steve with your ideas for enhancing the Section – at Cohen.steve@bls.gov.

Robie Sangster

A warm welcome back to Robie Sangster, who was Secretary-Treasurer of the Government Statistics Section in 2001-2002!

Robie is currently a research statistician in the BLS' Office of Survey Methods Research, where she has worked since 1993. Current research focuses on nonresponse and nonresponse bias in telephone surveys, questionnaire design, and measurement error. Her expertise in these areas led to her selection to serve on the editorial board of the forthcoming Wiley monograph on *Telephone Survey Methodology II* for the Second International Conference on Telephone Survey Methodology, to be held January 11-15, 2006, in Miami, FL.

Robie's background and experience also resulted in her selection to head up the Self-Awareness Task Force – one of the seven task forces created to address the ASA Board's strategic initiatives for 2005. It was charged with looking at ASA members – who we are, what ASA means to us, and how it impacts our lives. To do this Robie and her team have designed four membership surveys to be conducted over the course of the year. Each of the four surveys targets a different segment of the ASA membership, starting with members who joined ASA during the last five years. The surveys focus on how the ASA is meeting members' professional needs and serving their interests and seek input on what changes are needed to ensure that the ASA continues to meet the diverse needs of all of its members during the next decade. Results of the surveys have appeared in recent issues of *Amstat News*.

In addition to her active role in ASA, Robie has been involved in the Washington Statistical Society, the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) and its local chapter, and the International Association of Survey Statisticians. She holds a Masters and Ph.D. from Washington State University and a BS from Lewis Clark State College.

Robie's many activities and contributions will come in handy when she begins her work on the GSS program for the 2007 Joint Statistical Meetings. Be on the look out for reminders from Robie about upcoming deadlines for luncheon roundtables for 2006 and invited and topic contributed sessions for 2007. Feel free to contact her – at Sangster.robie@bls.gov – early and often with ideas and speakers for potential sessions.

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## **Death of Edwin D. Goldfield**

Edwin D. Goldfield, friend, colleague, and exemplary public servant, died in late September.

Ed was born in New York City in 1918. He received an M.A. in statistics from Columbia University and did graduate work at American University. He began his career at the U.S. Census Bureau with a temporary appointment in 1940 to work on the processing of the decennial census. That temporary appointment stretched out to a 35-year government career, during which his assignments included program coordinator of the 1950 Decennial Census, chief of the Statistical Reports Division, assistant director of the Bureau, and chief of the International Statistics Program Center.

During that period he also served as staff director of the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Census and Statistics, consultant to the Social Science Research Council and the Mutual Security Agency, and member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. He led and was a member of several U.S. delegations to international Statistical conferences.

Upon retiring from the Census Bureau in 1975, he joined the staff of the National Academies' Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT), serving as study director for an expert panel that produced the report, Privacy and Confidentiality as Factors in Survey Response (National Research Council, 1979). In 1978 he became director of CNSTAT, a position he held until his second retirement in 1987. He remained active in federal statistics, maintaining an office at the Census Bureau, visiting the CNSTAT staff about once a month, directing the Census Alumni Association, and organizing a monthly luncheon meeting at the Cosmos Club of federal statistical stalwarts. He was a regular attendee of meetings of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics.

Ed was a past president of the Washington Statistical Society and a fellow of the American Statistical Association, as well as a past member of its board of directors and a member and chair of many of its committees.

## **WSS Seminar - Should the RCT Model Be a "Gold Standard" for Social Policy Research?**

**Speakers:** Mary Grace Kovar, National Opinion Research Center (NORC), University of Chicago;  
Judy Droitcour, U.S. Government Accountability Office

**Chair:** Fritz Scheuren, NORC

**Discussant:** John Bailer, Advisor to the National Academies

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, October 18, 2005; 12:30

**Location:** Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 9. To be placed on the seminar attendance list at the Bureau of Labor Statistics you need to e-mail your name, affiliation, and seminar name to [wss\\_seminar@bls.gov](mailto:wss_seminar@bls.gov) (underscore after 'wss') by noon at least 2 days in advance of the seminar or call 202-691-7524 and leave a message. Bring a photo ID to the seminar. BLS is located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE. Take the Red Line to Union Station.

**Abstract:** Randomized clinical trials (RCTs) are deemed the gold standard for evaluating the impact of medical treatments. But can the RCT model be transferred to test the impact of social policy interventions? Issues to be discussed include blinding/lack of blinding, reliance on subject self reports, and the role of social interaction.

**Sponsor:** WSS Social and Demographic Statistics Section

## **U.S. Census Bureau Wise Elders Program Presentation – Dr. Ivan Fellegi**

**Topic:** A Lifetime in Official Statistics: A Question & Answer Period

**Speaker:** *Dr. Ivan Fellegi*, Chief Statistician - Statistics Canada

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 26, 2005 - 10:30 a.m. - Noon

**Location:** U.S. Census Bureau, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland - the Morris Hansen Auditorium, FOB 3. Please call (301) 763-4974 to be placed on the visitors' list. A photo ID is required for security purposes.

**Abstract:** Dr. Ivan Fellegi was appointed Chief Statistician of Canada in 1985. He has served Statistics Canada since 1957 in positions of increasing responsibility. He chaired the Conference of European Statisticians of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), 1993-97. He has been President of a number of statistical bodies including the International Statistical Institute, the International Association of Survey Statisticians, and the Statistical Society of Canada. In 1978 he was appointed to the Commission on the Reorganization of the US Statistical System, established by President Carter. He has served on panels of the National Academy of Sciences. In 1997, he was awarded the Gold Medal by the Statistical Society of Canada and awarded the Robert Schuman medal by the European Community. Dr. Fellegi has published extensively on statistical methods, on the social and economic applications of statistics and on the successful management of statistical agencies.

This seminar is physically accessible to persons with disabilities. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. This is a free and confidential service. To obtain Sign Language Interpreting services/CART (captioning real time) or auxiliary aids, please send your requests via e-mail to EEO Interpreting & CART: [eeo.interpreting.&.CART@census.gov](mailto:eeo.interpreting.&.CART@census.gov) or TTY 301-457-2540, or by voice mail at 301-763-2853, then select #2 for EEO Program Assistance.

**Sponsor:** The Human Capital Management Council and the Statistical Research Division Seminar Series  
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Committee on National Statistics Seminar - How Can We Conduct Telephone Surveys In A Cell-Phone Age?

Date/Time: Thursday, October 27, 2005—3:00 pm

Location: Auditorium of the Main Building of the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW – Washington, DC

Coffee and cookies will be available at 2:30 pm. Reception following at 4:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Please **RSVP by October 24, 2005**, to Bridget Edmonds at (202) 334-3096 or cnstat@nas.edu.

Introduction: Recent Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office

Speaker: *Katherine K. Wallman*, Chief Statistician of the United States

Presentation: How Can We Conduct Telephone Surveys in a Cell Phone Age?

Speakers: *Clyde Tucker*, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Michael Brick*, Westat and Joint Program in Survey Methodology, and *Robert Groves*, University of Michigan and Joint Program in Survey Methodology

Abstract: The increasing use of cell phones is challenging traditional telephone survey data collection methods in many respects. Seminar speakers will address important elements of this emerging set of issues. Clyde Tucker will discuss what has been learned from such sources as the Current Population Survey cell phone supplement, the National Health Interview Survey, and the Consumer Expenditure Survey about cell phone prevalence and usage patterns (for example, as an add-on or replacement for land-line phones). Mike Brick will

discuss the implications of growing cell phone usage—survey nonresponse rates and bias from differential nonresponse—as well as experience with methods that attempt to compensate for bias. Bob Groves will address the broad range of policy issues that cell phones present for survey researchers (for example, incentives and confidentiality protection) and outline changes in survey designs that may be needed in the future—specifically, mixed-mode designs that use telephone and personal interviews. A book of background materials will be available at the seminar.

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## **Registration Open for One Day JPSM Short Course – Practical Tools for Nonresponse Bias Studies**

**Course Date:** November 10, 2005

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Maryland

**Registration Deadline:** October 27, 2005

**Presenters:** *Robert M. Groves*, Research Professor, Joint Program in Survey Methodology Director, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan and *J. Michael Brick*, Director, Survey Methods Unit Senior Statistician, Westat, Research Professor, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland

**Course Objective:** This course is designed to help in addressing new OMB guidelines for conducting nonresponse bias studies when response rates in surveys are less than 80 percent or there is reason to suspect that estimates are biased from nonresponse. Practical tools are described and examples are used to illustrate methods that can be used to conduct these studies. The advantages and disadvantages of these methods are presented, and the value of having multiple approaches is highlighted. The need to devise strategies for nonresponse and for its analysis in the planning stage, prior to completing the survey are emphasized.

**Who Should Attend:** Individuals in government, universities, business and nonprofit organizations who are involved in the development, implementation or evaluation of surveys, especially surveys for the federal government. The course will assume a working knowledge of data collection methods in survey research. Examples will be presented and only rudimentary statistical knowledge of concepts such as bias and variance of the estimates is required of participants.

**Course Information:** <http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2005-1110.html>

**Lists, Registration, Payment And Cancellation:** <http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/>

**Sponsor Affiliate List:** <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/sponsorlist.cfm/>

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The 2005 Morris Hansen Lecture - Reminder

Topic: “Causal Inference Through Potential Outcomes: Application to Quality of Life Studies with ‘Censoring’ Due to Death and to Studies of the Effect of Job-Training Programs on Wages,”

Speaker: Donald B. Rubin, Harvard University.

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 2, 2005, 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Location: Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture, South Building, which is located on Independence Avenue, SW, between 12th and 14th Streets. A reception will follow immediately (from 5:30 to 6:30) in the Jamie L. Whitten Building, across Independence Avenue. The Independence Avenue exit from the Smithsonian METRO station is at the 12th Street corner of the South Building, which is also where the handicapped entrance is located. Attendees who do not require handicapped access should enter at the 5th wing, along Independence Avenue. Please bring a photo ID to facilitate gaining entrance to the building. The lecture is open to the public, there is no admission fee, and an **“RSVP” is not necessary**.

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## **Call for Papers - Statistics Canada Socio-Economic Conference 2006**

**Conference Date:** May 15 and 16, 2006

**Location:** Ottawa Congress Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario Canada

**Deadlines:** Proposal: November 10, 2005      Paper(s): March 31, 2006

The Statistics Canada Socio-economic Conference provides an annual forum for empirical research focusing on issues of concern in Canadian public policy. The conference targets studies discussing:

- ☐ trends in economic development and their underlying causes; and
- ☐ the social implications of economic development and the ability of various groups to participate in the economy.

Topics relevant to the Conference include, but are not restricted to, innovation; productivity; international trade; agriculture; environment-economy linkages; natural resources and energy; transportation; industrial development; urban and rural development; health; education; families; income and wealth and their distribution; and labour markets.

The Conference focuses on studies directly relevant to Canada, while at the same time welcoming comparative international studies that shed light on Canadian public policy issues. It places a premium on empirical studies making innovative use of Canadian data.

Proposals are now being sought for the 2006 Conference. Authors are invited to submit proposals under one or more of the following categories:

- ☐ Poster - Presentation of study results in the form of a display board. This will be suitable for any work that can be communicated effectively with limited text. It offers researchers the opportunity to discuss their work on a one-on-one basis with conference participants. Research in an early stage of development or works too limited in scope for formal presentation may be effectively presented in this way.
- ☐ Contributed paper - Analyses prepared in the form of a formal paper and presented in a parallel session of the conference.

- Contributed session - A parallel session comprising a maximum of three papers on a related area of socio-economic analysis. In addition to identifying papers, organizers of contributed sessions are responsible for identifying chairpersons and discussants for their sessions. Proposals for contributed sessions must include separate abstracts for each paper.

Authors should clearly indicate for which category they wish their proposal to be considered.

Authors will be notified of the acceptability of their submissions by **mid-December, 2005**.

### **Content of Proposal Submissions:**

Title, maximum 500-words abstract, name and address of the author and co-author(s)  
Microsoft Word Format or PDF –

**Note:** Incomplete submissions may result in a refusal of the proposal.

Please send your proposals to:

E-mail: [economic.conference@statcan.ca](mailto:economic.conference@statcan.ca) or Statistics Canada / Socio-Economic Conference 2006,  
Conference Planning Services, 120 Parkdale, Main Building, Room 1105, Section I, Ottawa Ontario Canada  
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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.

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### **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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