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**104th Meeting of the Committee on National Statistics, “National Time Accounting: The Currency of Life”**  
*Submitted by Connie Citro*

**The National Academies, Auditorium, NAS Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC**

**Thursday, October 25, 2007, Open Session — Public Seminar and Reception**

- 2:30pm Light refreshments for Seminar Guests—*NAS Great Hall Seminar (Auditorium)*
- 3:00 Welcome and Introduction—*Joseph Newhouse, CNSTAT and Harvard University*
- 3:05 Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office—*Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician*
- 3:20 Featured Topic—*Alan Krueger on “National Time Accounting: The Currency of Life”*

*Abstract:* Alan Krueger, Bendheim Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University, will report progress on measuring subjective well-being in relation to how people use their time. Economists traditionally have avoided direct measures of well-being, instead often using income as a proxy for opportunities and well-being. However, advances in psychology and neuroscience suggest that experienced utility and well-being can be measured with some accuracy and that such measures relate in a predictable manner to health outcomes and other objective measures. Much of the literature uses a question on overall life satisfaction or happiness; the work of Professor Krueger and his colleagues takes an alternate route based on time budgets and affective ratings of experience.

Professor Krueger will present results from the Day Reconstruction Method (DRM) and the Princeton Affect and Time Survey (PATS), combined with historical data on time use. He will present evidence on the reliability and validity of subjective well-being measures and will use the DRM and PATS data to compare time use and well-being over time and across countries. His work offers the prospect of advances in the development of national indicators that provide important information for policy makers and the public.

4:00 Discussion—*Katharine Abraham, CNSTAT and Joint Program in Survey Methodology*

4:20 Floor discussion

4:45 Reception—*Great Hall*

5:45 Adjourn

*Note: All venues are handicapped accessible.*

Please RSVP by **October 23** to Bridget Edmonds at 202-334-3096 or [cnstat@nas.edu](mailto:cnstat@nas.edu).

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Association of Public Data Users 2007 Annual Conference, October 25-26, 2007

Submitted by Len Gaines

When

Thursday, October 25, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday, October 26, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Where

Embassy Suites Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia

Benefits

- Hear noted speakers on a variety of strategic, technical, and policy topics
- Network with creators, providers, and users of public data
- Express your ideas about ways to improve public data

Registration

Visit <http://www.apdu.org/conference/2007/registration.pdf>

More Information

Email: conference@apdu.org

Phone: 248-354-6520

APDU 2007 Annual Conference Program

*As of July 18, 2007. Updates and more details are available at www.apdu.org/conference.

Thursday, October 25

8:00 Breakfast and Registration

8:30 Welcome
8:45 View from the Hill: An Update from Congressional Staff
9:45 Introduction of Attendees
10:00 What We Can Do: Communicating with Policy- Makers
10:20 Break
10:50 Issues in Data Confidentiality
12:00 Discovering the Census Bureau's DataFerrett
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Measuring National, State, and Local Economies: A Report from BEA
3:00 Break
3:30 300 Million and Counting: Preparing for Census 2010
5:15 Reception

Friday, October 26

8:00 Breakfast
8:30 To Your Health: An Overview of NCHS Data 10:00 Break
10:30 Using Data for Local Economic Development
12:00 APDU Annual Meeting
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Getting the Most Out of the American Community Survey
2:45 Break
3:15 What's New in the ACS: Policy Changes Affecting Data Users
4:45 Adjourn

Conference Registration Fees

Member (\$410)
New Member (\$710)
Non-member (\$530)

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites Hotel
Alexandria - Old Town
1900 Diagonal Road
Alexandria, VA 22314
The hotel is across the street from the King Street metro station (Blue line /Yellow line/Amtrak/Virginia Rail Express).
703-684-5900 [Phone]; 703-684-1403 [Fax]

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### **Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology 2007 Research Conference, November 5-7, 2007**

*Submitted by Nancy Bates*

The 2007 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research Conference will be held November 5-7, 2007 at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. The Conference provides a forum for experts from around the world to discuss and exchange current research and methodological topics relevant to Federal government statistical programs. Each day of the conference will offer papers on a wide range of topics including the use of advanced technologies for survey design and data collection, processing and dissemination, variance estimation, treatment of missing data, improving coverage and response rates, confidentiality and disclosure issues, record linkage, sample design and estimation, cognitive research, and data quality.

Technical demonstrations on a variety of applications will run concurrently on the second day of the conference. Applications include demonstrations of audio computer-assisted self-interviewing (ACASI), a pen-based data collection system, computer-assisted recording interviewing (CARI), the use of hand-held computers for data collection, the use of GPS hand-held receivers in agricultural surveys, and data dissemination using the web. Sessions feature papers and demonstrations by government, private sector, and academic researchers from nine

countries.

In the opening plenary session, Jon Krosnick from Stanford University will be our guest speaker. All paper sessions will include an open discussion and some sessions will include a formal discussion.

**Conference Fee: Registration is \$195.** For a copy of the advance program and registration information please refer to: <http://www.fcsn.gov/events/>

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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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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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