Federal Committee on STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY

2014 FCSM Statistical Policy Seminar
Official Statistics in a Changing Society – Making Choices and Balancing Tradeoffs

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Monday, December 15th

7:30 a.m.	**Registration, Coffee and Pastries**

8:45 a.m. Salons G & H	**Welcome and Introduction** Katherine K. Wallman Chief Statistician, White House Office of Management and Budget

9:00 to 9:50 a.m. Salons G & H	**Keynote Speech** **Statistics 2.0: From Data Revolution to the Next Level of Official Statistics** Enrico Giovannini Professor of Economic Statistics, University of Rome

9:50 to 10:10 a.m.	➤➤➤ **Break** ◀◀◀

10:10 to 12:00 noon Salon G (Sessions 1 and 2 run concurrently)	**Session 1** **Hard Choices: Techniques And Tradeoffs When Surveying Hard-To-Reach (H2R) Populations** (Organizers: Nancy Bates, Census; Gordon Willis, NIH; Barry Graubard, NCI; Jennifer Madans, NCHS) **Chair:** John Thompson, Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census **Defining and Measuring Hard-to-Survey Populations --** Roger Tourangeau, Vice President, WESTAT **Turning Ethnographic Insights of Homelessness Into Survey Research Strategies --** Irene Glasser, Anthropology Department, Brown University **Conducting Research on Vulnerable and Stigmatized Populations --** Sandra H. Berry, Senior Director Survey Research Group, RAND **Discussant:** Frank Vitrano, Chief, Office of Survey and Census Analytics, U.S. Census Bureau

10:10 to 12:00 noon Salon H (Session 1 and 2 run concurrently)	**Session 2** **Measuring and Communicating the Value of Federal Statistics** (Organizers: Jeri Mulrow, NCSES; John Eltinge, BLS; Kitty Smith, COPAFS) **Chair:** Brian Moyer, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis **The Use of Federal Statistics in Policy-Laden Contexts --**Bruce Spencer, Professor of Statistics, Northwestern University **The Value of Government Data in Fostering Innovation, Creating Jobs, and Driving Better Decisions --** Mark Doms, Undersecretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce **Issues and Opportunities in Journalists' Access to and Use of Federal Statistics --** John Wihbey, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy **The Roles and Value of Federal Statistics in Federal Legislative Affairs --**Susan Offutt, Chief Economist, Government Accountability Office **Discussant:** Constance Citro, Director, Committee on National Statistics, National Academy of Science/National Research Council
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.	➤➤➤ Lunch on Your Own ◀◀◀

1:30 to 3:20 p.m.	**Session 3**
(Sessions 3 and 4 run concurrently	**Collection of Nationally Representative Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data: Policy Needs and Implementation Challenges**
Salon G	(Organizers: Jonaki Bose, SAMHSA; Nancy Bates, Census)

Chair: Charles Rothwell, Director, National Center for Health Statistics

LGBT Data Priorities at the Department of Health and Human Services -- Susan Queen, Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Health and Human Services

Implementing the Prison Rape Elimination Act: BJS's Experience Collecting the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity of Prison and Jail Inmates -- Allen Beck, Bureau of Justice Statistics

Asking About Sexual Orientation in the National Health Interview Survey: Lessons Learned and Initial Results -- Jim Dahlhamer, National Center for Health Statistics

Discussant: Gary Gates, Williams Distinguished Scholar, University of California, Los Angeles

1:30 to 3:20 p.m.	**Session 4**
Salon H	**The Changing Role of the Statistical Agency: Serving the Department and Associated Challenges**
(Sessions 3 and 4 run concurrently	(Organizers: William Sabol, BJS; Rolf Schmitt, BTS; Jeri Mulrow, NCSES; Shelly Martinez, OMB)

Chair: Patricia Hu, Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Panelists:
Jack Buckley, Senior Vice President for Research, The College Board
Katharine Abraham, Professor of Economics and Survey Methodology, University of Maryland
James Lynch, Chair and Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland
Tom Mesenbourg, retired U.S. Bureau of the Census

3:20 to 3:40 p.m.	➤➤➤ **Break** ◄◄◄

3:40 to 5:30 p.m.

Salon G

(Session 5 and 6 run concurrently)

Session 5

Improving Question Evaluation for Federal Surveys: Recommendations from an FCSM Subcommittee
(Organizers: Jennifer Madans, NCHS; Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB)

Chair: Manuel de la Puente, Associate Commissioner for Research, Evaluation and Statistics, Social Security Administration

FCSM Subcommittee on Question Evaluation Methodology: An Overview -- Jennifer Edgar, Director, Behavioral Science Research Center, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Evaluating Survey Questions: An Inventory of Methods -- Diane K. Willimack, Methodology Director for Measurement and Response Improvement in Economic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau

Standards and Guidelines for Cognitive Interviewing -- Kristen Miller, National Center for Health Statistics

Discussant: Jennifer Madans, Associate Director for Science, National Center for Health Statistics

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Session 6

"Virtual Data Access" for Statistical and Research Purposes
(Organizer: Chris Chapman, BLS)

Chair: Mary Bohman, Administrator, Economic Research Service

Panelists:
Andrew E. Shatto, Director, Office of Enterprise Management, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Mitch Morehart, Economic Research Service, USDA
Brooklyn Lupari, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Jonaki Bose, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Peter S. Meyer, Director , Research Data Center, National Center for Health Statistics

Discussant: Barbara Downs, Lead Research Data Center Administrator, U.S. Bureau of the Census

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Tuesday, December 16th

9:00 to 10:50 a.m.

Salon G

(Session 7 and 8 run concurrently)

Session 7

Integrating Administrative Data: Routinizing Our Success and Exploring New Frontiers
(Organizers: Shelly Martinez, OMB; Grace Medley, SAMHSA; John Eltinge, BLS; Kitty Smith, COPAFS)

Chair: Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration

From Demonstrating the Potential of Administrative Data in Statistical Programs to Fully Realizing It: How Are We Doing? -- Shelly Wilkie Martinez, Senior Statistician, Office of Management and Budget

Connecting Administrative and Survey Data Across Education -- Ross Santy, Associate Commissioner for Administrative Data, National Center for Education Statistics

From Ingest to Extract: Standardizing Data Preparation -- Amy O'Hara, Chief, Center for Administrative Records Research and Applications, U.S. Census Bureau

Using BLS Administrative Data – Accomplishments and Prospects: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages -- Rick Clayton, Chief, Division of Administrative Statistics and Labor Turnover, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Using Criminal History Records to Enhance Statistical Infrastructure at BJS -- Gerard Ramker, Deputy Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics

9:00 to 10:50 a.m.	**Session 8**
Salon H	
	A New Era in Transparency and Reproducibility of Research
(Session 7 and 8 run concurrently)	(Organizers: Gordon Willis, NIH; Nancy Bates, Census; Chris Chapman, NCES; John Eltinge, BLS)

Chair: John Gawalt, Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation

More Transparency? It's Not Clear -- Carol House, Senior Program Officer, Committee on National Statistics

The AAPOR Transparency Initiative – Timothy Triplett, Senior Survey Methodologist, The Urban Institute

Communicating Uncertainty in Official Economic Statistics -- Charles Manski, Board of Trustees Professor of Economics, Northwestern University

Discussant: Nancy Lutz, Program Director, Division of Social and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation

10:50 to 11:10 a.m.	➤➤➤ **Break** ◀◀◀

11:10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	**Session 9**
Salon G	
	Implementing Adaptive Designs in Federal Surveys: Lessons Learned (So Far)
(Session 9 and 10 run concurrently)	(Organizers: Nat Schenker, NCHS; Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB; Marilyn Seastrom, NCES)

Chair: Peggy G. Carr, Acting Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics

Using Adaptive Design in the 2014 Census Test -- Tom Mule, Special Assistant to the Chief, Decennial Statistical Studies Division, U.S. Census Bureau

NCES Experience Implementing Adaptive Designs -- Chris Chapman, Associate Commissioner, Sample Surveys Division, National Center for Education Statistics

Discussants:

Peter Miller, Senior Researcher for Survey Measurement and Chief Scientist, Center for Adaptive Design, U.S. Census Bureau
Brian Harris-Kojetin, Senior Statistician, Office of Management and Budget

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Session 10

Different Approaches for Engaging Academic Experts in Statistical Agency Research
(Organizers: Jeri Mulrow, NCSES; Jonaki Bose, SAMHSA; Stephen H. Cohen, retired NCSES; Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB)

Chair: Barry Johnson, Acting Director, Statistics of Income Division, Internal Revenue Service

Panelists:

Marilyn Seastrom, Chief Statistician and Director of the Statistical Standards and Data Confidentiality Staff, National Center for Education Statistics

Andy White, Senior Research Statistician, National Center for Education Statistics

Tom Louis, Associate Director for Research & Methodology and Chief Scientist, U.S. Census Bureau

Barry Johnson, Acting Director, Statistics of Income Division, IRS

Mary Bohman, Administrator, Economic Research Service

Jeri Mulrow, Deputy Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

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1:00 to 2:30 p.m

➤➤➤ **Lunch on Your Own** ◀◀◀

2:30 to 4:20 p.m.

Salon G

(Session 11 and 12 run Concurrently)

Session 11

Understanding Respondent Burden
(Organizers: Arthur Kennickell, FRB; Debbie Griffin, retired U.S. Census Bureau)

Chair: William Sabol, Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics

Measuring Respondent Burden and Its Impacts on Expenditure and Time-Use Estimates -- Scott Fricker (presenting) and John Dixon, Bureau of Labor Statistics

The 2014 Content Review of the American Community Survey -- Gary Chappell and David Raglin (presenting), U.S. Census Bureau

Examining the Interviewer-Respondent Interactions in the Survey of Consumer Finances -- Jesse Bricker, Kevin Moore (presenting) and Richard Windle, Federal Reserve Board

Defining and Measuring Respondent Burden in Establishment Surveys -- Polly Phipps, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discussant: Tim Olson, Respondent Advocate, U.S. Bureau of the Census

2:30 to 4:20 p.m.	**Session 12**
Salon H	**Expanding Leadership and Substantive Skills of Statistical Agency Personnel**
(Session 11 and 12 run concurrently)	(Organizers: Arthur Kennickell, FRB; John Eltinge, BLS; Marilyn Seastrom, NCES)

Chair: Barry Nussbaum, Chief Statistician, Environmental Protection Agency

Panelists:

Lisa LaVange, Office of Biostatistics, Office of Translational Sciences, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, US Food and Drug Administration

Sally Morton, Health Policy Institute, University of Pittsburgh

Nancy Potok, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Roger Tourangeau, Vice President, WESTAT

| 4:20 | **Adjourn** |

Acronyms used in the program:

AAPOR	American Association of Public Opinion Researchers
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
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EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERS	Economic Research Service
FRB	Federal Reserve Board
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCSES	National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NSF	National Science Foundation
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (White House)
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration