



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for April 2008

2 Wednesday. **Studies in Military Medicine.**
Speakers: Rodney X. Sturdivant and Krista Watts, United States Military Academy. Chair: Myron Katzoff, CDC/National Center for Health Statistics. 12:30- 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsors: WSS Public Health and Biostatistics & Defense and National Security Sections.

3 Thursday. **On the Inconsistency of Parameter Estimates and Other Limitations of the Non-homogeneous Poisson Process (NHPP) Model for Analyzing Software Reliability Data.**
Speaker: Sudip Bose, George Washington University. 3:30 pm. Room 1313 Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see <http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml>. University of Maryland Statistics Seminar.

4 Friday. **Multi-block Matrix Factorization and Ordered Statistical Testing.** Speaker: S. Stanley Young, National Institute of Statistical Sciences. 10:00 am. Georgetown University. Building D, Warwick Evans Conference Room, 4000 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/spring2008/#April>. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

4 Friday. **Model Selection in Bayesian Relevance Vector Machines in Regression and Classification Using Information Complexity and Genetic Algorithm.** *Speaker: Hamparsum Bozdogan, University of Tennessee.* 11:00 am - 12:00 noon. George Washington University,

Duques 453, 2201 G Street, NW. For information contact Refik Soyer, soyer@gwu.edu. Seminar sponsored by The Institute for Integrating Statistics in Decision Sciences and Department of Decision Sciences.

4 Friday. **Bayesian Semiparametric Models Based on Dirichlet Process Mixtures and Model Comparison.** *Speaker: Sanjib Basu, Northern Illinois University.* 3:30-4:30pm. George Washington University, Monroe 353, 2115 G Street, N.W., Washington D.C. For information contact Efstathia Bura: ebura@gwu.edu or 202-994-6358. The George Washington University Department of Statistics Seminar.

8 Tuesday. **Using the Peters-Belson Method in EEO Personnel Evaluations.** *Speaker: Michael Sinclair, Equal Employment Advisory Council.* Discussants: Barry Graubard, National Cancer Institute and Jeffrey Bannon, EEOC. Chair: Hormuzd A. Katki, National Cancer Institute. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. Sponsor: Human Rights Committee.

10 Thursday. **Wolfgang Doeblin: A Mathematician Rediscovered. Special screening of a film by Agnes Handwerk and Harrie Willems.** 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Room 3206 Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see <http://www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.shtml>. University of Maryland Statistics Seminar.

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11 Friday. ChemModLab: **QSAR Modeling and Model –based Searching**. *Speaker: Jacqueline M. Hughes-Oliver, North Carolina State University.* 1:00 – 2:00 pm. George Mason University, Johnson Center , Meeting Room C, Third Floor. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax VA. For information see <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/aes/Files/flyer041108.doc>. 2007-2008 Department of Statistics Seminar. George Mason University.

11 Friday. **Survey Design a la carte: Survey Research in the 21st Century**. *Speaker: Colm O’Muircheartaigh, University of Chicago.* Discussants: Bob Groves, University of Michigan and Deborah Griffin, Bureau of the Census. 3:30 pm. 2205 Lefrak Hall, University of Maryland, College Park. JPSM Distinguished Lecture Series. RSVP to Rupa Jethwa Eapen at RJEapen@survey.umd.edu.

11 Friday. **Computation with Imprecise Probabilities**. *Speaker: Lofti A. Zadeh, University of California, Berkeley.* 3:30 – 4:30 pm, reception follows. George Washington University, Funger Hall 420. Sponsors: The Institute for Integrating Statistics in Decision Sciences and Department of Statistics, George Washington University.

15 Tuesday. **Assessing Disclosure Risk, and Preventing Disclosure, in Microdata**. *Speakers: J. Neil Russell, National Center for Education Statistics; Michael Weber, Internal Revenue Service; Sonya Vartivarian, Mathematica and Sam Hawala, U.S. Census Bureau.* Chair: John Czajka, Mathematica. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Methodology Program, WSS.

16 Wednesday. **Survival Models in SAS: PROC PHREG**. Follows Chapter 5 of Paul Allison “Survival Analysis Using the SAS System.” SIGSTAT meeting. 12:00-1:00 pm. Room S3031, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For details see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/.

17, 18 Thursday, Friday. **Cognitive Interviewing: A Hands-On Approach**. *Instructor: Gordon Willis, National Cancer Institute.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$660, others \$870. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0417.html>.

18 Friday. **Analysis of Censored Data**. *Instructor: Danyu Lin, University of North Carolina.* ASA LearnSTAT short course. ASA Office 732 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA. Fees: \$375 students, \$475 ASA members, \$615 others. For information see www.amstat.org/education/learnstat/index.cfm?function=aocd.

18 Friday. **Direct Regression Models for Survival Parameters Based on Pseudo-Values**. *Speaker: John P. Klein, Medical College of Wisconsin.* 10:00 am. Georgetown University. Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd., NW, Research Building, Conference Room E501. For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/spring2008/#April>. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

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24 Thursday. **16th Federal Forecasters Conference. Health Care Forecasting: Informing Future Choices.** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference and Training Center. For registration and conference information see www1.va.gov/vhareorg/ffc.htm.

30, 1 Wednesday, Thursday. **A Two-Day Workshop on Bayesian Methods that Frequentists Should Know.** Invited speakers: distinguished lectures, and poster session. University of Maryland, College Park. Sponsored by the University of Maryland Consortium, NCHS, Survey Research Methods Section of the American Statistical Association and the WSS. For information and registration forms see <http://www.statconsortium.umd.edu/>

May Events

5 Monday. **Presenting Data and Information.** *Instructor: Edward Tufte.* One day short course. Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington VA. 10:00 a.m.-4:30 pm. Fees: full time students \$200; others \$380. Course repeated Tuesday May 6 and Wednesday May 7. For information see www.tufte.com or call 800 822-2454.

6, 7 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Sampling and Estimation for Establishment Surveys.** *Instructors: Philip Kott, USDA and Richard Valliant, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. The Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0506.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0506.html).

20, 21 Tuesday, Wednesday. **Applied Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructor: Patrick Sturgis, University of Surrey.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0520.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0520.html).

27, 28. Tuesday, Wednesday. **Focus Groups from Start to Finish.** *Instructor: David Morgan, Portland State University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 7:45 am – 4:30 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: students and employees of JPSM sponsor or affiliate organizations \$600, others \$810. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0527.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2008-0527.html).

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