



Washington Statistical Society

Area Meetings and Courses for November 2009

2-4 Monday-Wednesday. **2009 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research Conference.** Various Speakers and demonstrations. 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW, Washington, DC. Conference fee \$195. For information see <http://www.fcsm.gov/events/>.

3 Tuesday. **Sparseness and Geometry in High-Dimensional Data.** *Speaker: Dean M. Evasius, National Science Foundation.* 3:35 p.m. Bentley Lounge, Gray Hall 130, American University. For information contact Stacey Lucien, 202-885-3124, mathstat@american.edu. American University Department of Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium.

5 Thursday. **Pattern Analysis of Pairwise Relationship in Genetic Network.** *Speaker: Ao Yuan, Howard University.* 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Conference Room 9091. Two Rockledge Center, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD. Office of Biostatistics Research Division of Prevention and Population Sciences (Bio)Statistics Seminar Series.

5 Thursday. **A Class of Multivariate Distributions Related to Distributions with a Gaussian Component.** *Speaker: Abram Kagan, University of Maryland.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.html. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

9 Monday. **Decomposing Model Fit: Measurement vs. Theory in Organizational Research Using Latent Variables.** *Speaker: Larry Williams, Virginia Commonwealth University.* Measurement & Statistics Monday Symposium. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 3233 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/events/2009sym.html. Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland.

10 Tuesday. **Panel on Address-Based Sampling.** *Panelists: Anna Fleeman-Elhini, Arbitron Inc., Michael Link, Nielsen Media Research, Jill Montaquila, Westat and Robert Poole, BLS.* Co-chairs: Kathy Downey & Brian Meekins, BLS. 12:30-2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: Methodology Program, WSS & DC-AAPOR.

10 Tuesday. **Dual Frame Theory Applied to Landline and Cell Phone Surveys.** *Instructor: J. Michael Brick, Westat.* 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ASA Survey Research Methods Section Webinar. Fee: Survey Research Methods Section members \$60, ASA members \$75, others \$95. For information see <http://www.amstat.org/sections/SRMS/webinar.html>.

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12 Thursday. **Archimedean Copula Tests.**
Speaker: Antai Wang, Georgetown University.
3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.html. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

13 Friday. **Computer-Intensive Statistical Methodology with Applications to Translational Cancer Research.** *Speaker: Kim-Anh Do, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.*
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Georgetown University Medical Center, Building D, Warwick Evans Conference Room, 4000 Reservoir Road NW, Washington DC. For information see [//dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/fall2009/](http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminar/fall2009/) or contact Caroline Wu at 202-687-4114 or ctw26@georgetown.edu. Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

13 Friday. **Moment Determinancy of Distributions: Some Recent Results.** *Speaker: Jordan Stoyanov, Newcastle University, United Kingdom.* 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. George Washington University, Phillips 108 (801 22nd St., NW). For information see <http://www.gwu.edu/~stat/seminar.htm>. George Washington University Department of Statistics Seminar.

16 Monday. **Forecasting Innovation Success via Shapes of Prediction Markets.** *Speaker: Wolfgang Jank, University of Maryland.*
Measurement & Statistics Monday Symposium. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 3233 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/events/2009sym.html. Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland.

18 Wednesday. **SAS for Forecasting Time Series: Part 1.** SIGSTAT meeting. This is the first of 5 meetings following the text "SAS for Forecasting Time Series 2nd Edition" by Brocklebank and Dickey. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Room S3031, Department of Agriculture, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, or hallahan@ers.usda.gov. For details see www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat.

19 Thursday. **Moment Analysis of Distributions: Recent Developments.** *Speaker: Jordan Stoyanov, Newcastle University, United Kingdom.* 3:30 p.m. Room 1313, Math Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.math.umd.edu/statistics/seminar.html. University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics, Statistics Seminar.

19, 20 Thursday, Friday. **Focus Groups Start to Finish.** *Instructor: David L. Morgan, Portland State University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course 7:45 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. Washington Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th St, NW. Fees: \$600 JPSM sponsor affiliates and full time students, \$810 others. For information see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=111909](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=111909).

19 Thursday. **Empirical Likelihood Based Inference for Quantiles and Low Income Proportions in Selection Bias and Missing Data Problems.** *Speaker: Jing Qin, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.* Discussant: Paul Zador, Westat. Chair: David Judkins, Westat. 12:30- 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Program.

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20 Friday. **Information Theoretic Estimation and Data Analysis: State of the Science and New Directions.** *Various Speakers.* 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Mary Graydon Center, American University. For information see <http://american.edu/cas/economics/info metrics/workshop/index.cfm>. Sponsors: American University College of Arts & Sciences and U.S. Comptroller of the Currency.

23 Monday. **Pricing Digital Content Product Lines: A Model and Application for the National Academies Press** *Speaker: P. K. Kannan, University of Maryland.* Measurement & Statistics Monday Symposium. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 3233 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/events/2009sym.html. Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland.

30 Monday. **Evolving Research Paradigms for Measuring Teaching Effectiveness** *Speaker: Drew Gitomer, Educational Testing Service.* Measurement & Statistics Monday Symposium. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 3233 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park. For information see www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/events/2009sym.html. Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland.

2 Wednesday. **Data, Information and Interpretation in Assessing the Sustainability of the Nation's Forests.** *Speaker: Guy Robertson, U.S. Forest Service.* Chair: Mike Fleming. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Agriculture and Natural Resources Section.

17, 18 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Survey Sampling.** *Instructors: Colm O'Muircheartaigh, University of Chicago and James M. Lepkowski, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Washington, DC. Fees: \$600 JPSM sponsor affiliates and full time students, \$810 others. For information see http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/html_content.cfm?CourseID=121709.

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