

February 20, 2009

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### REPORT RELEASED

>*Letter Report, Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census*, letter to Acting Director Thomas Mesenbourg from Lawrence Brown, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and chair of the Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX), was publicly released on February 19, 2009. The letter addresses topics that should be included in the experimentation during the 2010 census, testing plans preliminary to the census, the retention of 2010 census data, and the designs of the experiments currently planned for 2010. Free PDFs of the letter may be downloaded from the National Academies Press at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12607](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12607).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**109<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee**

**Friday, May 8, 2009**

**Auditorium, NAS Main Building, 2100 C Street NW, Washington, DC**

*Public Symposium and Reception, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, May 8, 2009*

**Topic: THE FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM—  
RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS; MOVING IT FORWARD**

**Joint Symposium of the Committee on National Statistics and the  
American Academy of Political and Social Science**

**Co-sponsored by:**

**American Association of Public Opinion Research, American Statistical Association,  
Association of Population Centers, Consortium of Social Science Associations,  
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics,  
Population Association of America, and SAGE Publications, Inc.**

**A draft agenda is attached. A general invitation will be issued in March. We hope to see you all there.**

### Currently Active Panels and Workshops

[Organized by sponsor; chair and current and former CNSTAT members are listed; unless otherwise noted, meetings are in Washington, DC, and include open portions; *for further information*, contact the person listed as the study director or project assistant (e-mail addresses follow the formula of first initial plus last name as oneword@nas.edu), or visit <http://nationalacademies.org>, click on Current Projects, and then on Search for Projects.]

## Department of Commerce

### **Panel on the Census Bureau's Reengineered Survey of Income and Program Participation**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008; extended through June 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Karl Scholz (U. Wisconsin); panel member: V. Joseph Hotz (Duke)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Final closed meeting held February 3, 2009

### **Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – September 2009

Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Lawrence Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Reports planned: Interim report, *Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format (there is no printed version), December 7, 2007 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12080](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12080)); Letter report released February 19, 2009 (see above); final report to be completed September 2009

**Upcoming meetings:** Sixth meeting held February 16-17, 2009; seventh meeting to be held April 13-14.

### **Workshop on Intangible Assets: Measuring and Enhancing Their Contribution to Corporate Value and Growth** (Joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Science Resources Statistics Division, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Stephen Merrill; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** The workshop was held June 23, 2008

## Department of Defense

### **Oversight Committee on Industrial Methods for the Effective Test and Development of Defense Systems** (joint with the Board on Army Science and Technology)

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

Duration: September 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting to be held February 23-24, 2009

## Department of Education

### **Panel on Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, ESEA** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

Duration: October 2008 – September 2010

Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: TBD  
Report planned: Final report  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

#### **Panel to Advance a Research Program on the Design of National Health Accounts**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2005 – September 2008; extended through September 2009  
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri  
Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)  
Report planned: Final report will enter review in March  
**Upcoming meetings:** Fifth meeting held March 13, 2008; no more meetings are planned

#### **Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Social Survey Data with Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2007 – September 2009  
Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Jacqueline Sovde  
Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)  
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)  
**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held November 17-18 (open), followed by closed panel meeting, November 19, 2008; third meeting (closed) to be held in spring 2009

#### **Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials**

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration  
Duration: October 2008 – March 2010  
Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: TBD  
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

#### **Planning Meeting on the Costs and Effectiveness of Public Health Behavioral Interventions** (joint with the IOM Food and Nutrition Board and Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2008 – September 2009  
Study director: Miron Straf; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: TBD  
Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study  
**Upcoming meeting:** TBD (by invitation)

#### **Workshop on a Research Agenda for Improved Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2008 – March 2010  
Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds  
Chair: TBD  
Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**Workshop on New Measures of Disability: Going Beyond ADLs and IADLs** (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences and the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held January 8-9, 2009

**Workshop on Revitalizing the Nation's Vital Statistics**

Sponsor: National Center for Health Statistics, Social Security Administration, U.S. Census Bureau, internal funding

Duration: July 2007 – May 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Louise Ryan (Harvard); planning committee members Janet Norwood (BLS, retired), Edward Perrin (U. Washington), Samuel Preston (U. Pennsylvania), Kenneth Prewitt (Columbia)

Report planned: Workshop summary will enter review in March 2009

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held April 30, 2008

### **Department of Justice**

**Panel to Review Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics**

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – May 2009

Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Carol Petrie; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Interim report released in prepublication format, January 8, 2008, and published by the National Academies Press in mid-May (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12090](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090)); final report will enter review by the end of February

**Upcoming meetings:** Ninth and last meeting held November 15 in St. Louis, MO (closed)

### **Department of Labor**

**Panel to Review the Labor Department's Occupational Information Network (O\*Net)** (joint with the Center for Education)

Sponsor: Employment and Training Administration

Duration: June 2008 – June 2009

Study director: Margaret Hilton; senior program officer: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Greenville, SC)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held February 3, 2009; workshop and second meeting to be held March 26-27, 2009

### **National Science Foundation**

### **Committee on Gender Differences in Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty**

(congressionally mandated) (joint with Committee on Women in Science and Engineering, which has the lead)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, NSF

Duration: December 2003 – June 2005; extended through February 2006

Study director: Catherine Didion; senior program officer: Michael Cohen

Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel members: Alicia Carriquiry (Iowa State), Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

### **Panel on Modernizing the Infrastructure of the NSF Federal Funds Survey**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting held January 6, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

### **Workshop on Confidentiality Criteria for Statistics from the Survey of Earned Doctorates**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

## **Lumina Foundation for Education**

### **Planning Meeting and Panel on Measuring Higher Education Productivity** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Board on Higher Education in the Workforce)

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Co-study directors: Christopher Mackie and Stuart Elliott; senior program officer: Peter Henderson; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Rebecca Blank, Brookings Institution (chair for the planning meeting; chair for the panel TBD)

Reports planned: Detailed scope of work from the planning meeting; final report from the panel study

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held February 20, 2009 (by invitation)

## **State of the USA (SUSA)**

### **Panel on SUSA Economic Indicators** (joint with the Science, Technology and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: State of the USA (see <http://www.stateoftheusa.org/>)

Duration: September 2008 – August 2009

Study director: Daniel Melnick; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held October 20, 2008; first panel meeting TBD

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## 109<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee on National Statistics—Special Symposium

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NAS Building – Auditorium and Great Hall – 2100 C St NW  
Washington, DC

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009

*“If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we could then better judge what to do, and how to do it.”*  
--Abraham Lincoln

As the new administration takes office, it is vitally important that attention is paid to the Federal Statistical System and its role as a vital part of the nation’s decision making and scientific infrastructure. This conference will focus on how dependent governing is on the products of the Federal Statistical System, from the apportionment/redistricting process to health care and immigration reform and economic regulation. It will also address visions for the future to keep the Federal Statistical System—a key national treasure—best positioned to serve the policy making, planning, and research needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### AGENDA [draft]

**8:00am**      **Registration and Continental Breakfast—Great Hall**

- 8:30 Welcome—Auditorium**  
William Eddy, Chair, Committee on National Statistics, The National Academies  
Heidi Hartmann, Board Chair, American Academy of Political and Social Science  
[announce winner of Moynihan Prize]
- 8:45 Session I – The Nation’s Statistical System: Why It Matters**  
*[The system provides data for apportioning power, allocating funds, designing public and private sector policy, evaluating public and private sector programs, and contributing to basic social science research.]*  
Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, Columbia University  
Speaker: Peter Orszag, director, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- 9:15 Session II – What is the Federal Statistical System?**  
Moderator: Katherine Wallman, Chief Statistician, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
1. The Platform
    - a) Decennial Census  
Margo Anderson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
    - b) National Income and Product Accounts  
Dale Jorgenson, Harvard University
  2. The Building Blocks – Robert Groves, University of Michigan  
[overview of decentralized system, federal-state systems, cross-sectional and longitudinal surveys, administrative records]
- 10:30 Coffee Break—Great Hall**
- 10:45 Session III – Knowledge Gained from Federal Statistics**  
Moderator: Douglas Massey, Princeton University  
Speakers:
1. Thomas Feucht, National Science and Technology Committee on Sciences Subcommittee on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences  
[science policy]
  2. Katharine Abraham, University of Maryland [labor markets and the economy]  
[invited]
  3. Linda Darling-Hammond, Stanford University [education]
  4. Stephanie Coontz, Evergreen State College, Olympia WA [family]
  5. Samuel Preston, University of Pennsylvania [health]
- 12:15pm Lunch (Buffet)—Great Hall**
- 1:15 Session IV – Perspectives from Business and Government**  
Moderator: Christopher Hoenig, SUSA, Inc.  
Speakers:
1. Business Uses – Maurine Haver, National Association for Business Economics Statistics Committee
  2. Media Uses – Steven Holmes, CNN [invited]
  3. Federal Executive Uses – Michael O’Grady, National Opinion Research Center (formerly Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS)
  4. Congressional Uses – Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, U.S. Government Accountability Office [invited]
  5. State and Local Government Uses – Joseph Salvo, NYC Planning Department

**2:45**            **Coffee Break—Great Hall**

**3:00**            **Session V – The Statistical System’s Future: Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities**

Moderator: Constance Citro, director, Committee on National Statistics

Speakers:

1. Janet Norwood, former commissioner, BLS (emphasizing principles and practices, such as independence, support for research)
2. Hermann Habermann, former U.S. chief statistician, head of the UN statistical office, and deputy director of the Census Bureau (emphasizing opportunities for new sources of data and technology for data collection and dissemination)

**4:00**            **Session VI – The Sciences’ Stake in the Statistical System**

Ralph J. Cicerone, President, National Academy of Sciences [invited]

Charles M. Vest, President, National Academy of Engineering

Harvey V. Fineberg, President, Institute of Medicine

**4:15**            **Session VII – Parting Thoughts: Where Do We Go from Here?**

Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, Columbia University

Speaker: John Holdren, presidential science advisor-designate [invited]

**4:45**            **Reception—Great Hall**