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News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We noted in our November “news” that **John Galvin** of BLS and **Rosemary Marcuss** of BEA received Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive awards on September 30, 2008. We were remiss in not also noting that **Peggy Carr** received a Meritorious Executive award for her service as associate commissioner for assessment of the National Center for Education Statistics. Presidential Rank awards are given to members of the Senior Executive Service for distinguished service (achievement of extraordinary results) and meritorious service (sustained accomplishment). Award winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process. They are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards comprised of private citizens, and approved by the President. The evaluation criteria (see <http://www.opm.gov/ses/performance/rankaward.asp>.) focus on leadership and results.

>We acknowledge with great appreciation and respect the contributions to the federal statistical system of **Steven Murdock**, who has returned to Rice University as Professor of Sociology after an eventful year as director of the U.S. Census Bureau. **Tom Mesenbourg**, who became the Census Bureau’s deputy director, October 7, 2008, is acting director.

REPORTS RELEASED

>**Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census**, the final report of the Panel on Coverage Measurement and Correlation Bias in the 2010 Census, chaired by Robert Bell, AT&T Research Laboratories, was publicly released in prepublication format on October 29, 2008. Copies of the printed report are now available for purchase and free PDFs of the executive summary may be downloaded from the National Academies Press (http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12524).

>**Protecting Student Records and Facilitating Education Research—A Workshop Summary**, the report of a workshop of the Committee on National Statistics and the Center for Education of the NRC Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education and the American Educational Research Association, was released December 29, 2008. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded from the National Academies Press (http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12514).

>**Strategies for a BEA Satellite Health Care Account—Summary of a Workshop**, the report of a workshop of the Committee on National Statistics, was released December 22, 2008. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded from the National Academies Press (http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12494).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

108th Meeting of the Committee
Thursday and Friday, February 5-6, 2009
Retreat (closed in its entirety)—NAS Beckman Center, Irvine, CA

109th Meeting of the Committee
Friday, May 8, 2009
NAS Keck Center, Room 100, 500 5th St. 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**

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 to be held February 3, 2009

Panel on Coverage Evaluation and Correlation Bias in the 2010 Census

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: April 2004 – January 2006; extended through June 30, 2008

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin; fellow: Stephanie Jaros

Chair: Robert Bell (AT&T Research); panel members: Lawrence Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard)

Reports: Interim report, *Research and Plans for Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census: Interim Assessment*, released in prepublication format (there is no printed version), May 11, 2007 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11941); final report, *Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census*, released in prepublication format, October 29, 2008 (free PDFs of the printed executive summary available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12524).

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

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); letter report is in review; final report, September 2009

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting held November 10-11, 2008; sixth meeting to be held February 16-17, 2009

Workshop to Assist BEA Development of a Satellite Health Account

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Duration: September 2006 – September 2007; extended through May 2009

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report: Workshop summary, *Strategies for a BEA Satellite Health Care Account*, released December 22, 2008 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12494).

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held March 14, 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 scheduled for 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; to be extended through September 2009
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)
Report planned: Final report will enter review in early February
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)
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 on January 23, 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

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 is being drafted

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); final report is being drafted

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 to be held February 3, 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

Kauffman Foundation, Spencer Foundation, W.T. Grant Foundation

Workshop on Protecting Students' Records and Facilitating Education Research (joint with Center for Education and in cooperation with the American Educational Research Association)

Sponsor: Kauffman Foundation, Spencer Foundation, W.T. Grant Foundation

Duration: July 2007 – August 2008; extended through February 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; rapporteur: Margaret Hilton; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Felice Levine (AERA)

Report: Workshop summary, *Protecting Student Records and Facilitating Education Research*, released December 29, 2008 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12514).

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held April 24-25, 2008

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 (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 to be 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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