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## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Rebecca Blank** on her confirmation as Under Secretary for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Department of Commerce, with oversight responsibility for the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Census Bureau. Among her many public service contributions, she served as a member of the CNSTAT panel that produced the report *Measuring Poverty: A New Approach* (1995), chaired the CNSTAT panel that produced the report *Measuring Racial Discrimination* (2004), and served on the Advisory Committee for CNSTAT's parent unit, the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). She was a senior fellow at Brookings and before that dean of the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. She is giving the President's Invited Address at the August 2009 Joint Statistical Meetings in Washington, DC.

### REPORT RELEASED

>*Gender Differences at Critical Transitions in the Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty*, the final report of the Committee on Gender Differences in Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty, chaired by Claude Canizares, MIT, and Sally Shaywitz, Yale, and including CNSTAT member Alicia Carriquiry, Iowa State University, was publicly released in prepublication format on June 2, 2009. The report includes original research results from two surveys. The study was joint between the Committee on Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine of the NRC Policy and Global Affairs Division and CNSTAT and funded by the National Science Foundation's Division of Science Resources Statistics. The prepublication report is available for purchase and reading at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12062](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12062)).

### CNSTAT MEETINGS

We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates through May 2011:

- *CNSTAT's 110<sup>th</sup> meeting* will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 29-30, 2009**. The venue is the Keck Center at 500 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW. The format will be a business meeting on Thursday, from 9:00 am – 5:15 am, followed by a dinner for members and guests. Friday morning will be a business meeting, beginning at 8:30 am, followed by lunch with the statistical agency heads at 12:30 and a **public seminar from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, ending with a reception**.
- *CNSTAT's 111<sup>th</sup> meeting* will be held Thursday and Friday, February 11-12, 2010, in Washington, DC. The format will be business on Thursday from 9:00 – 5:15, followed by a dinner for members and guests, and business on Friday, from 8:00 – 1:30. There are no public events at this meeting.

- **CNSTAT's 112<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 6-7, 2010**, in Washington, DC. The format will be the same as the October 2009 meeting, including a **public seminar on the 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- **CNSTAT's 113<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 21-22, 2010**, in Washington, DC. Note the change from the last to the *second-to-last* Thu-Fri in October, which will be our formula for future October meetings. The format will include a **public seminar on the 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- **CNSTAT's 114<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held Friday and Saturday, February 11-12, 2011, at the Beckman Center in Irvine, CA. The format will be retreat business on Friday from noon – 5:30, followed by a dinner for members and guests, and retreat business on Saturday from 8:30 – 5:30, followed by a dinner for members and guests. There are no public events at this meeting.
- **CNSTAT's 115<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The format will include a **public seminar on the 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## **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 Agriculture**

**Panel on Alternative Estimates of Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs** (joint with the Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine)

Sponsor: Food and Nutrition Service

Duration: May 2009 – April 2012

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, Phase 2 report, Addendum with ACS 5-year estimates

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting TBD

### **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 in response to review

**Upcoming meetings:** Final closed meeting held February 3, 2009; 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; extended through December 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: *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, Experimentation and Evaluation  
Plans for the 2010 Census*, letter to Acting Director Thomas Mesenbourg from Lawrence Brown,  
released on February 19, 2009 (free PDFs available at  
[http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12607](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12607)); final report is being drafted  
**Upcoming meetings:** Eighth (final) meeting held June 1, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

#### **Panel to Review the Statistical Methods and Operational Procedures for the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau  
Duration: June 2009 – May 2014  
Study director: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: TBD  
Reports planned: Two interim reports; final report  
**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting TBD

#### **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 Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science  
Foundation  
Duration: October 2007 – September 2009  
Study director: Stephen Merrill; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie  
Report planned: Workshop summary is in response to review  
**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 – May 2010  
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:** Workshop to be held in the fall

### **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: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting to be held October 22-23, 2009

### **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 is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** 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) is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting (closed) to be held June 29-30, 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: Roderick Little (U. Michigan); panel member: Hal Stern (U. California Irvine)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be held September 9-10, 2009

#### **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: Joe Newhouse (Harvard U.)

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meeting:** Planning meeting held June 12, 2009 (by invitation)

#### **Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be held in January 2009

#### **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 in response to review  
**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 in response to review  
**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 2008 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12090](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090)); final report, *Ensuring the Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Justice Statistics*, is approved and will be released in early July  
**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

### **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: July 2008 – September 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 is being drafted  
**Upcoming meetings:** Teleconference (closed) to be held July 2nd

### **National Science Foundation**

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

(congressionally mandated) (joint with Committee on Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine, 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 publicly released on June 2, 2009 (see above).

**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 in review

**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: Barbara Bailar (NORC, retired)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held May 27, 2009. Because a key presenter could not attend, the workshop was recessed and will be reconvened at a date to be determined.

**Lumina Foundation for Education**

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

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior program officers: Stuart Elliott (BOTA) and Peter Henderson (BHEW); project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First panel meeting TBD

**Russell Sage Foundation**

**Planning Meeting on the Future of Social Science Data Collection**

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation

Duration: June 2009 – February 2010

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: No report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD (by invitation)

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