

March 12, 2008

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### **PEOPLE NEWS**

>We wish Caryn Kuebler, our Associate Program Officer, who contributed a great deal to CNSTAT over the past 2.5 years, all the best in her new position at the Government Accountability Office, which she starts on March 13.

### **REPORT RELEASED**

>*Ballistic Imaging*, the final report of the Committee to Assess the Feasibility, Accuracy, and Technical Capabilities of a National Ballistics Database (joint among the Committee on Law and Justice, CNSTAT, and the National Materials Advisory Board), chaired by John Rolph, was publicly released in prepublication format on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 10:00 am, EST. Please e-mail Michael Siri ([msiri@nas.edu](mailto:msiri@nas.edu)) if you would like a copy (see also [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12162](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12162)).

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **106<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee**

**Friday, May 9, 2008**

**NAS Main Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC**

***Public Seminar and Reception, 2:00 – 5:00 pm***

***Topic: 25 Years (and Counting) of Cognitive Survey Research:  
Past Successes, Current Practices, Future Opportunities***

#### **107<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee**

**Friday, October 31, 2008**

**NAS Main Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC**

***Public Seminar (topic to be determined) and Reception, 2:00 – 5:00 pm***

### **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 study director or project assistant, or visit <http://nationalacademies.org>, click on Current Projects, and then on Search for Projects.]

## Department of Commerce

### **Panel on the Census Bureau's Dynamics of Economic Well-Being System (DEWS—now, the re-engineered SIPP)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008

Study director: Patricia Ruggles; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting held March 10-11, 2008; no more meetings are planned.

### **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: Larry Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard)

Reports planned: Interim report, *Research and Plans for Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census: Interim Assessment*, released May 11, 2007; final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Last meeting, July 18, 2007; 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: Larry Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Reports planned: Interim report, *Experimental and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census: Interim Report*, released December 7, 2007; final report at end of project

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting scheduled for April 25-26, 2008

### **Workshop on the Development of a BEA Satellite Health Account**

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Duration: September 2006 – September 2007; extended through March 2008

Study director: Chris Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Workshop proceedings

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop scheduled for March 14, 2008

## Department of Defense

### **Panel on the Application of Industrial Methods to the Testing of Defense Systems Acquired in Stages** (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 – December 2008

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** To be determined

**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

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fifth meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008 (closed)

**Panel on Collecting, Accessing, and Protecting Data from Multipurpose Population Surveys with Genetic and Other Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held March 9, 2008

**Panel to Review the National Children's Study Research Plan** (joint with the Board on Children, Youth, and Families and the Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Duration: April 2007 – April 2008

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Sam Preston (U. Pennsylvania); panel member: Bill Kalsbeek (U. North Carolina)

Report: Final report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting held January 24, 2008; no more meetings are planned.

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

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** To be determined

**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 – September 2008

Study director: Connie Citro; project assistant: Michael Siri

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

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop scheduled for April 30, 2008

## Department of Justice

### **Panel to Assess the Feasibility, Accuracy, and Technical Capabilities of a National Ballistics**

**Database** (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, and the National Materials Advisory Board)

Sponsor: National Institute of Justice

Duration: September 2003 – December 2005; extended through December 2007

Study director: Carol Petrie; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: John Rolph (U. Southern California); panel members: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon U.), Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Daryl Pregibon (Google)

Report planned: Final report, *Ballistic Imaging*, released in prepublication format, March 5, 2008 (see above)

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

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

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – August 2008

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; final report at end of project

**Upcoming meetings:** Sixth meeting scheduled for April 4-5, 2008

## 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: Charlotte Kuh; program officer: John Sislin; project assistant: Elizabeth Scott

Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel member: Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

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

### **Committee on Technology and Privacy Dimensions of Information for Terrorism Prevention and Other National Goals** (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, and the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: National Science Foundation, Department of Homeland Security, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2004 – June 2007

Study director: Betty Chemers; senior program officers: Michael Cohen and Herb Lin; project assistant: Janice Sabuda

Chair: Charles Vest (president emeritus, MIT); co-chair, William Perry (Stanford); panel members: William DuMouchel (Lincoln Technologies), Stephen Fienberg (Carnegie Mellon U.), Daryl Pregibon (Google)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

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

**Panel to Assess the Benefits of the American Community Survey for the NSF Science Resources Statistics Division**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2006 – March 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Hal Stern (U. California, Irvine)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting held November 2, 2007; 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 – December 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** To be determined

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

**Workshop on Protecting Students' Records and Facilitating Education Research** (joint with the 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

Study director: Tom Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Felice Levine (AERA)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** The planning committee is conferring by telephone (closed); workshop scheduled for April 24-25, 2008

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