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News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We are delighted that two members of the statistical community received Presidential Rank awards on September 30, 2008. These 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. Our award winners are:

- >John Galvin, associate commissioner for employment statistics, BLS, Meritorious Executive
- >Rosemary Marcuss, deputy director, BEA, Meritorious Executive

>We congratulate John Thompson on being named president of NORC. John is a member of our Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX). He served as NORC's interim president since February and as NORC's executive vice president for survey operations since he joined the organization in 2002. John came to NORC after a distinguished 27-year career at the U.S. Census Bureau, where he had responsibility for all aspects of the 2000 Decennial Census, including management, operations, and methodology.

>Nominations are being accepted for the annual Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics, which recognizes unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics or in the use of statistics in interpreting the economy. Contributions are recognized for statistical research, development of statistical tools, application of information technology techniques, use of economic statistical programs, management of statistical programs, or developing public understanding of measurement issues. The Award was established in 1980 by the Washington Statistical Society (WSS) and is now cosponsored by the WSS, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economics Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association (ASA). A nomination form and a list of all previous recipients are available at www.amstat.org/sections/bus_econ/shiskin.html. For more information, contact Steven Paben, Julius Shiskin Award Committee Secretary, at paben.steven@bls.gov 202-691-6147. Completed nominations must be **received by April 1, 2009**.

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 30, 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: Third meeting held March 10-11, 2008; a final closed meeting will be held in early 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 available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11941). Printed copies will be available in early January 2009.

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); final report, September 2009
Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting held November 10-11, 2008; sixth meeting to be scheduled

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 planned: Workshop summary has cleared review and is being prepared for publication and release
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: To be determined

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 March 29, 2009
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)
Report planned: Final report will enter review in early December
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 in late January 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 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)

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 scheduled for January 8-9, 2009 (open—see attached announcement)

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: Thomas Plewes, project assistant, Michael Siri
Chair: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Chicago, IL)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 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: Third meeting held October 22-23, 2008 (closed); fourth meeting scheduled for January 6, 2009 (closed)

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 planned: Workshop summary has cleared review and is being prepared for publication; papers presented at the workshop will be published by AERA

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 will be held in January 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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Workshop on Improving Measurement of Late-Life Disability in Population Surveys: Going Beyond ADL and IADL

January 8-9, 2009

Committee on National Statistics NATIONAL ACADEMIES

The Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) has invited a number of experts to convene at the *National Academies' Keck Center, 500 Fifth Street, NW*, on January 8-9, for a public workshop on Improving Measurement of Late-Life Disability in Population Surveys: Going Beyond ADL and IADL. The workshop is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging

The workshop is an opportunity to augment our knowledge and expertise by a focused discussion of the issues related to improving the measurement of disability by a wide range of researchers and other interested members of the public

The objectives of this workshop are to:

1. explore the potential of using methodological advances to improve the measurement of physical and cognitive limitations in population surveys of older adults, focusing on measures that are suitable for population surveys;
2. consider kinds of measures that are most relevant for monitoring of trends and policy-oriented research and evaluation;
3. develop measures that would facilitate comparability between different surveys and different populations; and
4. identify priority areas for research and development toward the goal of improved disability measures in population surveys.

The workshop will open with an overview of the background paper prepared in advance of the workshop. The sessions will focus on the issues pertaining to:

- Challenges to improved measurement of late-life functioning and disability in population surveys;
- Potential methods for refining or augmenting current measures of late-life disability in population surveys to foster comparability across key subgroups;
- Improving the validity of cross-population comparisons—within the U.S. and across countries—for measures of disability obtained in population surveys;
- The need to measure functioning and disability in context;
- Priority areas for research and development towards the goal of improved measures of late-life disability in population surveys.

A summary report of the workshop discussion will be prepared.

All are welcome to attend. Please register by January 2, 2009 with Bridget Edmonds at **(202) 334-3096** or cnstat@nas.edu.