

October 16, 2009

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

**Don't forget to register for the CNSTAT seminar, October 30, 2009 [see attached agenda].**

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Joseph Newhouse** on receiving the Institute of Medicine's Adam Yarmolinsky Medal, which recognizes the contributions of an IOM member from a discipline outside the health and medical sciences. Dr. Newhouse is John D. MacArthur Professor of Health Policy and Management in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard University, a member of CNSTAT, and chair of its Panel to Advance a Research Program on the Design of National Health Accounts. He received his award for having "distinguished himself as a dynamic participant in the IOM and other health-related organizations and as a pre-eminent academic health economist for more than four decades."

>We congratulate **Jeanne Brooks-Gunn** and **Dana Goldman** on being elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Brooks-Gunn, Virginia and Leonard Marx Professor of Child Development and Education, Teachers College and College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, served as a member of the CNSTAT panel that produced the 1995 report, *Measuring Poverty—A New Approach*. Dr. Goldman, professor and Norman Topping Chair in Medicine and Public Policy, and director, Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and senior economist, RAND Corp., Los Angeles, is chairing the CNSTAT Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population.

>We congratulate CNSTAT senior program officer **Tom Plewes** on receiving an individual Distinguished Service Award from the National Academies. Tom has directed close to a dozen consensus panels and workshops since first joining CNSTAT in 2002. The report he oversaw on *Measuring Research and Development Expenditures in the U.S. Economy* (2005) led to a major new survey, developed cooperatively by the Census Bureau and the NSF Science Resources Statistics Division and first fielded in early 2009—the Business R&D and Innovation Survey (BRDIS).

> We note with regret the death of **Marshall Turner**, on October 8, 2009, in Upper Marlboro, MD. Marshall was known by many for his work with state governments on the block-level data provided after each census beginning in 1980 for congressional and state legislative redistricting—the "P.L. 94-171 File."

### REPORTS RELEASED

>**Data on Federal Research and Development Investments: A Pathway to Modernization**, the final report of the Panel on Modernizing the Infrastructure of the National Science Foundation Federal Funds Survey, chaired by Christopher Hill, was publicly released in prepublication format on September 30, 2009. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12772](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12772). Printed copies will be available shortly.

>*Vital Statistics—Summary of a Workshop*, a summary of the Workshop on Revitalizing the Nation's Vital Statistics, chaired by Louise Ryan and held April 30, 2008, was released in printed form on October 8, 2009. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12714](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12714).

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CNSTAT expresses appreciation to the Board of the American Statistical Association for its endorsement of the committee's "purple book," *Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency, Fourth Edition* (fourth edition, 2009), as announced in the June 2009 issue of *Amstat News*. Please let us know if you are interested in ordering copies in bulk, as we can arrange for a discount on the published price of the National Academies Press (see [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12564](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12564)).

## CNSTAT MEETINGS

**110th Meeting of the Committee**  
**Friday, October 30, 2009**  
**NAS Keck Center, 500 5<sup>th</sup> St, NW, Washington, DC – Room 100**  
**Public Seminar and Reception, 2:00 – 5:00 pm – Please RSVP to [cnstat@nas.edu](mailto:cnstat@nas.edu)**

**Topic: CHALLENGES FOR POLICY USES OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS**  
**See attached agenda for details**

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from February 2010 through May 2011:

- *CNSTAT's 111<sup>th</sup> meeting* will be held Thursday and Friday, February 11-12, 2010, in Washington, DC. 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 meeting will include 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 meeting 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. 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 meeting will include a **public seminar on the 6<sup>th</sup>**.

>PowerPoint presentations and posters from the May 8, 2009, *Symposium on the Federal Statistical System—Recognizing Its Contributions; Moving It Forward*, sponsored by CNSTAT and the American Academy of Political and Social Science, are available at the CNSTAT web site, [http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/May\\_2009\\_Seminar.html](http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/May_2009_Seminar.html).

## 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:** Second meeting scheduled for October 29-30, 2009, in Washington, DC; third meeting scheduled for December 10, 2009, in Washington, DC

### 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 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report planned: Final report released in prepublication format, July 27, 2009; free PDFs of the report may be downloaded at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12715](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12715); printed copies will be available shortly

**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 – 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 on Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2009 – September 2011

Study director: TBD

Chair: TBD  
Reports planned: interim report and final report  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**Panel to Review the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau  
Duration: June 2009 – May 2014  
Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer, Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin  
Co-Chairs: Thomas Cook (former president, SABRE Decision Technologies) and Janet Norwood (former BLS commissioner)  
Reports planned: Two interim reports; final report  
**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held October 14-15, 2009, in Washington, DC; second meeting scheduled for December 18 in Washington, DC

**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 – October 2009  
Study director: Stephen Merrill; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie  
Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being printed  
**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:** First meeting held February 23-24, 2009; workshop to be held December 16-17, 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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)  
Report planned: Final report  
**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting to be held October 22-23, 2009, in Washington, DC

## Department of Energy

### **Panel to Review the Commercial Building and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys (CBECS/RECS)** (joint with the Board on Energy and Environmental Systems)

Sponsor: Energy Information Administration

Duration: September 2009 – March 2012

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall (until a new staff officer is hired)

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Letter report, 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 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 is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting (closed) held August 19, 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:** Third meeting to be held November 5-6, 2009, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting to be held January 4, 2010, in Washington, DC

### **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)

### **Planning Meeting on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant National Accounting Framework** (joint with Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2009 – September 2010  
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: TBD  
Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study  
**Upcoming meeting:** TBD

**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:** First meeting held June 11, 2009; workshop to be held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

**Workshop on New Measures of Disability: Going Beyond ADLs and IADLs** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2007 – December 2009  
Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds  
Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)  
Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being printed  
**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held January 8-9, 2009

**Workshop on Evaluating Databases for Use in the CHIP Allocation Formula**

Sponsor: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation  
Duration: October 2009 – February 2011  
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri  
Chair: TBD  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**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 – December 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 in review  
**Upcoming meetings:** Teleconference (closed) held July 2, 2009; no more meetings are planned

**National Science Foundation**

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

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation  
Duration: October 2007 – October 2009  
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report released in prepublication format, September 30, 2009 (see above)

**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 – October 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Barbara Bailar (NORC, retired)

Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being prepared for release

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held May 27, 2009.

## **National Science Foundation and Contributing Agencies**

### **Workshop on Enhancing Research and Development for the Federal Statistical System**

Sponsor: The National Science Foundation Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program and other core contributors to CNSTAT

Duration: September 2009 – May 2010

Study director: Hermann Habermann; Graduate Fellow, Edrin Rouse; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** First steering committee meeting TBD; workshop to be scheduled in March 2010

## **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: Teresa Sullivan (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held February 20, 2009; first panel meeting scheduled for October 30, 2009, in Washington, DC

## **Russell Sage Foundation**

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

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation

Duration: June 2009 – February 2010

Study director: Tom Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Douglas Massey (Princeton U.)

Reports planned: No report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meetings:** November 18, 2009 (by invitation), in Washington, DC

## State of the USA

### **Expert Meeting on Education and the Economy** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: State of the USA, Inc.

Duration: August 2009 – December 2010

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Robert Hauser (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Reports planned: No report

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

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