

October 24, 2008

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Dr. Jeffrey Sedgwick** on his confirmation by the U.S. Senate to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. Deputy director **Michael Sinclair** is now the acting director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

>We acknowledge with great appreciation and respect the contributions to the federal statistical system of the following agency heads who have retired or accepted a position with another organization—**Guy Caruso**, formerly administrator of the Energy Information Administration (deputy **Howard Gruenspecht** is now the acting head); **Steven Dillingham**, formerly director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (deputy **Steven Smith** is now the acting head); and **Mark Schneider**, formerly commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (**Stuart Kerachsky**, associate commissioner for knowledge utilization in the Institute of Education Sciences, is now the acting head).

>We congratulate **Louise Ryan**, professor of biostatistics, Harvard University, on her recent election to the Institute of Medicine, one of the arms of the National Academies. Louise contributed 4 years of service to CNSTAT, chairing our workshop on vital statistics; she resigned from CNSTAT September 22 because she will be leaving the United States to become Chief of the Division of Mathematical and Information Sciences at CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization) in Australia in early 2009.

>We note with sorrow the death of **David Freedman** on October 17, 2008. David, who was on the faculty of the statistics department at the University of California at Berkeley for 45 years, was known personally by many CNSTAT members and staff. He was prominent for many years in the debate about methods to adjust the decennial census for measured net undercount. Further information about David's outstanding contributions to the scientific community is available at:

[http://berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2008/10/20\\_freedman.shtml](http://berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2008/10/20_freedman.shtml).

### REPORTS RELEASED (or about to be 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, will be publicly released in prepublication format on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at 11:00 am. At that time, copies will be available on the web site of the National Academies Press ([www.nap.edu](http://www.nap.edu)). Printed copies will be available by the end of the year.

> **Protecting Individual Privacy in the Struggle Against Terrorists: A Framework for Program Assessment**, the final report of the Committee on Technology and Privacy Dimensions of Information for Terrorism Prevention and Other National Goals, co-chaired by William Perry, Stanford University, and Charles Vest, President of the National Academy of Engineering, was published on October 7, 2008. Copies are available for purchase and free PDFs of the executive summary may be downloaded from the National Academies Press at: [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12452](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12452).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Friday, October 31, 2008

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

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

*Topic: Measuring Immigration Flows: What Do We Know? How Can We Learn More?*

*Chair: Douglas Massey, Professor of Sociology, Princeton University, NAS and CNSTAT Member*  
*Panelists:*

*Michael Hoefer, Director, Office of Immigration Statistics, Dept. of Homeland Security*

*Alexa Kennedy-Puthoff, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau*

*Jeffrey Passel, Senior Demographer, the Pew Hispanic Center*

[for more information and how to RSVP, see the attached seminar announcement]

### 108<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee

Thursday and Friday, February 5-6, 2009

Retreat—NAS Beckman Center, Irvine, CA

### 109<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee

Friday, May 8, 2009

NAS Keck Center, Room 100, 500 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC

*Public Symposium and Reception, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm*

*Topic: Federal Statistics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

[title is not final; the idea is to underscore the importance of the federal statistical system for policy, research, and public understanding; papers will be presented and published in the *Annals* of the AAPSS]

**Co-sponsored with the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Association for Public Opinion Research, the American Statistical Association, the Consortium of Social Science Associations, and the Council of Professional Association on Federal Statistics**

## Currently Active Panels and Workshops

[there are several new listings]

[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 one word@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 December 31, 2008

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 may 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 will be no printed version), May 11, 2007 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11941](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11941)); final report to be released October 29 in prepublication format (see “Reports Released” above)

**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 will be 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)); final report, September 2009

**Upcoming meetings:** Fifth meeting scheduled for November 10-11, 2008 (the 10<sup>th</sup> is open)

#### **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: TBD (oversight committee nominations have been submitted for approval by the president of NAS)

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 is being drafted

**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 Sovdi

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop scheduled for November 17-18 (open), followed by closed panel meeting, November 19, 2008

#### **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)

**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](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090)); final report is being drafted  
**Upcoming meetings:** Ninth meeting scheduled for 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: TBD (panel nominations have been submitted for approval by the president of NAS)  
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

### **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, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2004 – June 2007; extended through 2008

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 was published on October 7, 2008 (see “Reports Released” 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

**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 in *The Educational Researcher*.  
**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; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: TBD  
Report planned: Detailed scope of work from the planning meeting; final report from the panel study  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

### **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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**Note:** The most recent issues of *News from CNSTAT* are available on the “What’s New” portion of the CNSTAT web site.

## 107<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee on National Statistics

The National Academies, NAS building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC

Open Session – Public Seminar and Reception

Friday, October 31, 2008

2:00pm *Light refreshments for Seminar Guests – NAS Great Hall*

### **Seminar—Auditorium**

2:25 *Welcome—*Bill Eddy, CNSTAT Chair and Carnegie Mellon University

2:30 *Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office—*Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician

2:40 *Featured Topic:*  
**Immigration Flows: What Do We Know? How Can We Learn More?**

Chair: Douglas Massey, CNSTAT, NAS, and Princeton University

Panel:

Michael Hoefler, Director, Office of Immigration Statistics, Department of Homeland Security

Alexa Kennedy-Puthoff, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

Jeffrey Passel, Pew Hispanic Center

3:50 *Floor discussion*

4:00 **Reception – Great Hall**

5:00 **Adjourn**

**Abstract:** *The history of the United States is built on waves of immigration from the first settlements to the present day, each wave raising issues of what it means to be an American. In recent years, increased immigration—particularly by people who enter or stay in the country illegally—has produced heated debate and divided views on appropriate policies.*

*It has not always been possible to provide sufficient light, from high-quality statistics, to inform public debate. Douglas Massey will chair and lead off a panel of experts on what we know about immigration flows and how we can learn more. Doug will set the stage by providing historical context on immigration flows. Mike Hoefler will hit the highlights of what useful information the Office of Immigration Statistics provides and would like to provide; Alexa Kennedy-Puthoff will describe how the Census Bureau produces estimates of total immigration and their strengths and weaknesses; and Jeff Passel will describe the estimates that he produces using OIS and Census Bureau data and what improvements, as a data user, he believes are necessary and feasible. Doug will conclude with an overview of his work with the New Immigrant Survey, the Mexican Migration Project, the Latin American Migration Project, and the New Immigrant Destinations survey.*

**\*Note: All venues are handicapped-accessible. There is limited first-come, first-served parking in the visitors' lot on 21<sup>st</sup> St. The nearest Metro station is Foggy Bottom at 23<sup>rd</sup> and I Sts., NW (Blue and Orange Lines).**

**Please RSVP by October 28<sup>th</sup> to Bridget Edmonds at 202-334-3096 or [cnstat@nas.edu](mailto:cnstat@nas.edu).**