

September 15, 2009

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We welcome two new members of CNSTAT, whose terms began July 1, 2009—**Lisa Lynch** and **Sallie Keller**. We also welcome back for second terms, beginning July 1, **Bill DuMouchel**, **Joe Hotz**, **Karen Kafadar**, **Joe Newhouse**, and **Alan Zaslavsky**. All CNSTAT members (and all members of National Academies study committees) serve pro bono, and we appreciate their public service.

**Dr. Lynch** is dean and professor of economics at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. From 1995-1997 she was the chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor, and she has been a faculty member at Tufts University, M.I.T., The Ohio State University, and the University of Bristol. She is currently chair of the Board of Directors of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank and a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She is also a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Economic Policy Institute, and IZA in Bonn, Germany. She has published extensively on issues such as the impact of technological change and organizational innovation (especially training) on productivity and wages, the determinants of youth unemployment, and the school to work transition. She received her B.A. in economics and political science from Wellesley College and her M.Sc. and Ph.D. in economics from the London School of Economics. She co-chaired with CNSTAT member **John Haltiwanger** the CNSTAT panel that produced the 2007 report, *Understanding Business Dynamics: An Integrated System for America's Future*.

**Dr. Keller** is the William and Stephanie Sick Dean of the George R. Brown School of Engineering and professor of statistics at Rice University. She is a fellow and past president of the American Statistical Association, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a national associate of the National Academy of Sciences. Prior to joining Rice in 2005, she was the group leader for the Statistical Sciences Group at Los Alamos National Laboratory from 1998 to 2005. Prior to her move to Los Alamos, she was professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Statistics, Kansas State University (KSU). She served as program director for statistics and probability, Division of Mathematical Sciences, the National Science Foundation, from 1994 to 1996. Her areas of research are uncertainty quantification, computational and graphical statistics and related software and modeling techniques, and data access and confidentiality. She received her Ph.D. in statistics from Iowa State University of Science and Technology and her B.S. and M.S. in mathematics from the University of South Florida. She has served on a number of National Academies panels and committees, including as chair of the standing Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics (CATS).

>We congratulate **Richard Newell** on his confirmation as administrator of the Energy Information Administration on July 31, 2009. Dr. Newell is on leave from his position as the Gendell Associate Professor of Energy and Environmental Economics at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. Previously he served as the senior economist for energy and environment on the President's Council of Economic Advisers. He also spent many years as a senior fellow at Resources for the Future (RFF) and has published widely on the economics of markets and policies for energy, the environment, and related technologies, particularly alternatives for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving other energy and environmental goals. He has served on several National Academy of Sciences expert committees related to energy, environment, and innovation. Dr. Newell holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University in environmental and resource economics, a Master's in Public Affairs (M.P.A.) from

Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and a B.S. in materials engineering and a B.A. in philosophy from Rutgers University.

>We congratulate **Cass Sunstein** on his confirmation as administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the U.S. of Management and Budget on September 11, 2009. OIRA, which houses the Statistical and Science Policy Office, approves all agency information collection requests and reviews all proposed federal regulations. For 27 years, Mr. Sunstein taught at the University of Chicago Law School. He is currently Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where he is on leave while working in the administration. He has B.A. and J.D. degrees from Harvard University.

> We note with regret the death of **Roberta (Robie) Sangster**, aged 55, on August 27, 2009, in her home state of Washington. She worked as a survey methodologist at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, D.C., from 1993 until 2008 and received the BLS Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004 for her dedication to improving BLS survey design. She was a member of the Washington Statistical Society and the American Statistical Association. She was also a member of the Washington Chapter of the Association for Public Opinion Research, which recognized her achievements in 2008 with an award for her outstanding contributions to the field of survey research.

>We note with regret the death of **Robert (Bob) Marx**, September 7, 2009. He served as chief of the Geography Division at the Census Bureau from 1983 to 2003 (interrupted by a 3-year period as associate director in the 1990s to prepare for the 2000 census). He was the architect of the Census Bureau's TIGER geographic coding and mapping system, which began in the early 1980s as a collaborative effort with the U.S. Geological Survey and made it possible for the first time to generate maps and geocode addresses by using a computerized database that represented physical features, census geography, and street networks for the entire country. During his more than 36-year career at the Census Bureau, he received several awards for exceptional performance, including the Department of Commerce's Gold and Silver Medals, and the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award.

>We congratulate the following recipients of awards:

- **Ken Cecco**, chief of the Corporation Statistics Branch, Statistics of Income Division, IRS, and **Lillian Lin**, mathematical statistician, Division of HIV and AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who jointly received the 2009 Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award. This award's purpose is to encourage the mentoring of junior staff in the federal statistical system and is cosponsored by the Government Statistics and Social Statistics Sections of the American Statistical Association, the Washington Statistical Society, the American Educational Research Association, the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, and the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy.
- **Brian Harris-Kojetin**, senior statistician in the Statistical and Science Policy Office at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, who received an OMB Professional Achievement Award in July 2009.
- **Charles (Chuck) Manski**, Board of Trustees professor in economics at Northwestern University, who was elected to the National Academy of Sciences at its annual meeting in April 2009. He previously was a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Carnegie Mellon University. He received his B.S. and Ph.D. in economics from M. I. T. His research spans econometrics, judgment and decision, and the analysis of social policy. For the National Academies, he has been chair of the Committee on Data and Research for Policy on Illegal Drugs and a member of the Board on Mathematical Sciences and their

Applications, the Committee on National Statistics, and the Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education.

- **Jean Opsomer**, professor of statistics at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, who received the Gertrude M. Cox Award from the Washington Statistical Society and RTI International in June 2009; the award was established in 2003 to recognize statisticians in early to mid-career who have made significant contributions to statistical practice. He has made noteworthy contributions in survey research, environmental statistics, and nonparametric regression and served as a member of the CNSTAT panel that produced the 2007 report, *Understanding American Agriculture: Challenges for the Agricultural Resource Management Survey*.
- **John Rolph**, professor of statistics in the Department of Information and Operations Management at the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, and former chair of CNSTAT, who received a Distinguished Achievement Award in August 2009 from the Section on Statistics in Defense and National Security of the American Statistical Association. He chaired the CNSTAT panel that produced the 1998 report, *Statistics, Testing, and Defense Acquisition: New Approaches and Methodological Improvements*, and has served on subsequent panels on using statistical methods in defense acquisition.
- **Stephanie Shipp**, head of the economics, energy, and environmental research area at the Science and Technology Policy Institute (a federally funded research and development center operated by the Institute for Defense Analyses for the National Science Foundation on behalf of the Office of Science and Technology Policy), who received the 2009 Pat Doyle Award for service to the Government Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association. Prior to joining STPI in 2007, she held positions at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- **Katherine Wallman**, chief statistician and head of the Statistical and Science Policy Office at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget since 1993, who received the Robert G. Damus Award in July 2009, recognizing her enduring commitment to OMB and to the highest principles of the civil service. (Bob Damus was a long-time General Counsel of OMB.)

>We welcome **Hermann Habermann** to the CNSTAT staff as a temporary part-time senior program officer. Dr. Habermann has consulted with statistical agencies around the world following his retirement from the Census Bureau, where he was deputy director. His prior positions include director of the U.N. Statistics Division and U.S. chief statistician in the Office of Management and Budget. He served on CNSTAT in 1999-2002. For CNSTAT, he will be organizing a public workshop to explore the pros and cons of a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) to support survey and IT research for the federal statistical system.

>We welcome **Edrin Rouse**, who is one of 26 Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellows at the National Academies for the fall term. He will be with CNSTAT through November 25. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in business quantitative methods at North Central University and has more than 17 years of experience spearheading business process improvement efforts in various manufacturing and service industries. He will be assisting Hermann Habermann with the CNSTAT workshop on FFRDCs and Tom Plewes and Judy Koenig with a study for the Department of Education on data sources for allocating funds to states for programs to assist limited-English proficiency students.

>We are looking for a **full-time study director**—program officer or senior program officer, depending on experience—for one or more new projects this fall, including a comprehensive review for the Energy

Information Administration of the Commercial Business and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys. We welcome suggestions of candidates to consider. For information, the National Academies hires program officers at a salary range that approximates a GS-12 in the DC area; it hires senior program officers at a salary range that approximates a GS-13/14 in the DC area. The job (requisition #090156-4) is posted on the National Academies web site, <http://www.nationalacademies.org/>; look under Careers/Employment/Current Opportunities.

## REPORTS RELEASED

>*Reengineering the Survey of Income and Program Participation*, the final report of the Panel on the Census Bureau's Reengineered SIPP, chaired by John Karl Scholz, was publicly released in prepublication format on 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.

>Printed copies of *Ensuring the Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Justice Statistics*, the final report of the Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, chaired by Robert Groves, are now available from the National Academies Press. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12671](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12671).

>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* (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**

**Abstract:** The federal statistical system produces key statistics that are widely used for monitoring the health of the nation's economy and formulating economic policy. Data users want statistics that are up to date, issued frequently (monthly, if possible), of high quality, and that can indicate turning points in the business cycle—a tall order, indeed. David Romer, a member of the National Bureau of Economic Research's "Business Cycle Dating Committee," will describe how that committee uses economic indicators to date peaks and troughs denoting expansions and recessions in the U.S. economy, and where the committee would most like to see data improvements made. A senior official from the administration will discuss how economic statistics are used to determine fiscal policy and what improvements in quality, timeliness, and relevance would be most helpful for this purpose. Senior managers from the key economic statistics-producing agencies, including the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Census Bureau, will offer their perspectives. Key concerns to be addressed by all speakers are the tradeoffs between timeliness of release and quality (as reflected in the magnitude of revisions) and what new or modified indicators could help predict turning points, such as last year's financial collapse.

>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 (see above)

**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 to Review 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 scheduled for October 14-15, 2009, 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 – September 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 in December 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 Business and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys (CBECS/RECS)**

Sponsor: Energy Information Administration

Duration: September 2009 – March 2011

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 (including workshop summary) 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)

**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 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 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 has been approved and is being printed

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held April 30, 2008

## **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 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 is in response to 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 is in response to review

**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 – October 2009

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

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be scheduled in March 2010; first steering committee meeting TBD

### **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:** 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**

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; commissioned papers  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD (by invitation)

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