



## Reports *(released or published in January)*

[Food Insecurity and Hunger in the United States: An Assessment of the Measure](#) (transmitted 1/30 and released 2/7)

## Upcoming Events *(February through March 15)*

### February 7-8 (CSBD)

[Committee on Human Factors](#); Keck 206; Contact: [Matt McDonough](#), x2213

### February 9-10 (CNSTAT)

[Committee on National Statistics](#); Keck 205; Contact: [Michael Siri](#), x3113

### February 11-12 (CFE)

[BOTA/Evaluation of teacher certification by NBPTS](#); Keck 101; Contact: [Teresia Wilmore](#), x2160

### February 14-15 (CFE)

[Review of Title VI & Fulbright-Hays International Education Program](#); Keck 204; Contact: [Mary Ann Kasper](#), x1816

### February 16 (CFE)

**BOTA Planning Meeting - CIA Kent School**

### February 20 - 22 (CSBD)

[Committee on Human System Design Support for Changing Technology](#); Keck 205; Contact: [Matt McDonough](#), x2213

### February 21 (DBASSE)

**DBASSE Allstaff Meeting**; Keck 201; Contact: [Cristyl Watson](#), x2300

### February 21 (CSBD)

[Committee on Contributions from the Behavioral and Social Sciences in Reducing and Preventing Teen Motor Crashes](#); Keck 205; Contact: [Wendy Keenan](#), x1759

### March 2 (CSBD)

[Program Committee for a Workshop on Children and Media Measures](#); NAS Members Room and NAS 150; Contact: [Wendy Keenan](#), x1759

### March 3 (CFE)

**NSTA Planning Meeting**; Keck 1024; Contact: [Victoria Ward](#); x2879

### March 3-4 (CSBD)

[Organizational Models from Individuals to Societies](#); Contact: [Kristin Martin](#), x2388

### March 6 (CEGIS)

[Confidentiality Issues in Integration of Satellite-Based and Social Science Data](#); Contact: [Linda DePugh](#), x1273

### March 9—10 (CSBD)

[Committee on Assessing Research on Aging](#); Contact: [Linda DePugh](#), x1273

### March 10 (CEGIS)

[Committee on Population Expert meeting on Darfur](#); NAS 180; Contact: [Anthony Mann](#), x3187

## February 2006



*DBASSE's monthly e-letter for staff containing the latest information on reports, events, and activities in DBASSE.*

## Staff Spotlight

DBASSE staff members, [Monica Ulewicz](#) and [Lori Wright](#) have been awarded the **Henry and Bryna David Staff Fellowship Award** for 2006.

They have been awarded this fellowship for their cross-cultural analysis of conditioned transfer for education programs in three countries — Mexico, Bangladesh, and Mozambique. Read the abstract.

Their findings will be submitted for publication in the journal, [Issues in Science and Technology](#).

The fellowship is intended to provide an opportunity for staff development and enrichment of the human capital of DBASSE employees. These funds allow staff to spend time researching and writing on a topic of interest broadly related to past, current, or future NRC projects.

Staff are encouraged to begin to think about ideas for next year as this will be an annual program.

## DBASSE In the News

The CFE report, [Learning and Understanding: Improving Advanced Study of Mathematics and Science in U.S. High Schools](#) was recently cited in [Surviving a Midlife Crisis](#) by Andrew Mollison (Education Next, Winter 2006).

Also, the CFE report, [Measuring Literacy: Performance Levels for Adults](#) was cited in the [National Assessment of Adult Literacy: A First Look at the Literacy of America's Adults in the 21st Century](#) by the American Institutes for Research (AIR).

The **4th Quarter Sales Report** is in for 2005. If you would like a copy, please contact [Doug Sprunger](#), x 1368. If you have specific questions about the data, please contact [Jenny Hardesty](#), x2793.

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## DBASSE Information & Reminders!

**Reminder!** Please enter all of your upcoming meetings in the Excel meetings file located on the S:/ drive. ([S:/DBASSE Meetings.xls](#))

[Upcoming Staff Development Activities](#) (internal link). For more information, contact [Ann Polvinale](#), x1509

We are still collecting your favorite recipes for the DBASSE recipe book! Please send them to [Kirsten Sampson Snyder](#).

### Don't Forget...

Brenda Buchbinder's retirement party. Friday, February 10th from 2:00—4:00 p.m. in Keck 1024. We will be celebrating and mourning her departure with as much Ben & Jerry's ice cream as we can eat!

### Please Congratulate...

Anthony Mann on his recent staff award for all his work on several different committees and specifically his work on the upcoming report on Hispanics in the U.S.

### Please welcome new staff!

[Jennifer Gootman](#) has returned to the Board on Children, Youth, and Families (BCYF) as a senior program director for the new teen driving study that involves a collaboration among DBASSE, IOM, and the Transportation Research Board. Jennifer was an earlier BCYF staff member several years ago when she directed and disseminated two studies – *Community Programs to Promote Youth Development* and *Working Families and Growing Kids*. Most recently, Jennifer completed a study for the IOM Food and Nutrition Board that examined the influence of food and beverage marketing on the diets and health of children and youth. Prior to the food marketing study, she was on leave from the Academies to participate in the Ian Axford Fellowship in Public Policy where she worked in New Zealand to examine and publish a report on their national youth development strategy and related child and youth policies.

[Leslie Sim](#) is the new program officer for the BCYF Committee on the Impact of Pregnancy Weight on Maternal and Child Health. For over four years, she has worked in the IOM Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) as a research associate on a series of military nutrition studies. Leslie also worked as a research associate on the children's food marketing report, which was a collaborative project between FNB and BCYF.

We are pleased to have both Jennifer Gootman and Leslie Sim join us in DBASSE for these new studies. Both of their studies will involve workshops to be scheduled in the spring.

There is a new **2006 Deadline Calendar**. Please contact Cristyl if you did not receive a copy.

### DBASSE Deadlines for February and March

**February 9** — DBASSE Deadline for GBEC Mtg. (March 14)

**February 15** — GBEC Meeting—Keck 101

**February 28** — Financial Reports and PUDS due

**March 1** — PTFMS Reports Due

**March 6** — DBASSE Deadline for GBEC Mtg. (April 11)

**March 14** — GBEC Meeting— Keck 101

**March 17** — DBASSE Deadline for Presidents' Committee Meeting (April 132)

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## Recently approved GBEC Items and Membership

### January GBEC meeting

#### Combined Poverty Estimates from the American Community Survey and Current Population Survey (workshop summary)

The Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) proposes to convene a workshop to review candidate methods for combining information from the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS/ASEC) to produce an official poverty estimates series for the United States and subnational areas. A steering committee of experts would be appointed to organize the workshop, which would critique alternative methods proposed by Census Bureau research staff. The product of the workshop would be a separately authored workshop summary.

#### Expert Meeting to Assist NIA in Designing the Next Round of the National Long-Term Care Survey (No report due)

The Committee on National Statistics will assist the National Institute on Aging (NIA) in convening a one-time meeting of experts to help NIA think through design options for another round of the National Long-Term Care Survey (NLTC) in the context of ongoing data collection and research on aging and disability supported by NIA and other federal agencies. This meeting is separate from an October 7, 2005 expert meeting to assist NIA in thinking through the future of the NLTC vis-à-vis other related surveys.

### **Learning the Ideas of Science in Informal Environments: Practitioner Volume Individually-authored popular report**

This project will develop a practitioner-oriented volume that translates and synthesizes the report from the formal NRC study, Learning Science in Informal Environments, into a practical resource for science education practitioners in informal environments, such as materials developers, exhibit designers, program developers, program evaluators, and educators. The practitioner volume will translate findings and research-based information from the formal study in ways useful to each and all of these audiences. The practitioner volume, based on NRC requirements, will stay true to the findings of the study committee. In addition, the individual(s) writing this volume will integrate those findings into examples, text, stories, cases, or representations that illustrate report findings in a manner consistent with the formal report and helpful to this diverse set of informal science education practitioners.

### **Technical and Privacy Dimensions of Information for Terrorism Prevention and Other National Goals (with DEPS) Consensus report, proceedings, and transcript**

This project is intended to address the specific information needs of the government as it faces the challenges of terrorism prevention and threats to public health and safety that arise in the government's deployment of various forms of technology for broad access to data. Specifically, it will examine the nexus between terrorism prevention, technology, and privacy and the implications and issues involved in deploying surveillance, data mining, and information fusion technologies. The project will develop a conceptual framework which policy makers and the public can use to consider the utility, appropriateness, and empirical validity of data generated by various forms of technology currently in use or planned for the near future. It will examine the impact of these technologies on the ability of the Federal statistical agencies to collect accurate data from the public. In addition to the privacy and security concerns of the public, other policy issues to be considered will include the role of law enforcement in counter-terrorism and criminal investigation.

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## **Communications Products & Activities**

The new, "**Getting to Know the Committee Process**" brochures are now available. These brochures replace the old yellow booklets of the same title. Please contact [Doug Sprunger](#), x1368 for copies.

**Create an Online Portal Community!** A Portal Community is an on-line workspace—a private, password protected, website where groups can collaborate asynchronously. This replaces the Quickplace collaboration tool which ITS has projected to end in June 2006. For more information on AcademyPortal, please see the link below.

[http://academynet.nationalacademies.org/intranet/groups/its/documents/general\\_information/its\\_virtualconferencing\\_collab.hcsp#TopOfPage](http://academynet.nationalacademies.org/intranet/groups/its/documents/general_information/its_virtualconferencing_collab.hcsp#TopOfPage)

### **New!!**

There is a new Report Brief on the Ethical Considerations for Research on Housing-Related Health Hazards Involving Children. You may download a pdf version of this report brief from the [BCYF website](#). For hard copies of the brief, please contact [Wendy Keenan](#), x 1759



### **Current DBASSE Job Openings**

There are no current employment opportunities within DBASSE



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