



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for January 2005

(on the web at <http://www.science.gmu.edu/~wss/cal0501.pdf>)

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5 Wednesday. **Adjusting for Covariate Effect in Nonparametric ANCOVA.** *Speaker: Michael Akritas, Pennsylvania State University.* 11:00 am. National Cancer Institute, Executive Plaza North, Conference Room G, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. Office of Preventive Oncology, Cancer Prevention and Control Colloquium. For information see [www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/akritas.html](http://www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/akritas.html) or call 301-496-8640.

10 Monday. **Signal Extraction: How (in)efficient are Model-Based Approaches? An Empirical Study based on TRAMO/ SEATS and Census X-12-ARIMA.** *Speaker: Marc Wildi, University of Technical Sciences, Zurich.* Discussant: Tucker McElroy, U.S. Census Bureau. Chair: David Findley, U.S. Census Bureau. 12:30-2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

10,11 Monday, Tuesday. **Questions For Standardized Measurement In Surveys.** *Instructor: Nora Cate Schaeffer, University of Wisconsin - Madison.* 8:00 – 5:00 pm. Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Fees: \$550 sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time students, \$730 others. For details see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2005-0110.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2005-0110.html).

12 Wednesday. **Resampling Methods.** *Speaker: Peter Bruce, Resampling Stats.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:30-1:30 pm. Room S3031 1800 M St, NW from 12:30 to 1:30. First-time attendees should contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, [hallahan@ers.usda.gov](mailto:hallahan@ers.usda.gov). For information see [www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/](http://www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/).

19 Wednesday. **Machine Learning Methods for Text Classification.** *Speaker: William Winkler, U.S. Census Bureau.* Discussant: Daniel Gillman, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Chair: Alvan Zarate, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

26 Wednesday. **Credit Report Accuracy and Access to Credit.** *Speakers: Robert B. Avery, Paul S. Calem, and Glenn B. Canner, Federal Reserve Board.* Discussant: Mike Staten, Georgetown University. Chair: Linda Atkinson, USDA. 12:30- 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Economics Section.

27 Thursday. **Discussion of Nonresponse on the 2001 National Household Travel Survey.** *Speakers: Mark Freedman, Gary Shapiro and David Cantor, Westat.* Chair: Lee Giesbrecht, Bureau of Transportation Statistics. 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center Room 3. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

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#### February Courses and Special Events

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1 Tuesday. **How Visual Design and Layout Influence Answers to Self-Administered Questionnaires.** *Instructor: Don A. Dillman, Washington State University.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology short course. 8:30 – 4:30. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Fee: \$300 for staff at sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full time students, \$400 others. For details see [//projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2005-0201.html](http://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2005-0201.html).

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17, 18. Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling.** *Instructors: Gregory R.Hancock, University of Maryland and Ralph O. Mueller, The George Washington University.* Short Course offered by the Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland. Pyon Su Room #2108, Stamp Student Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee \$500. For information contact

[Rmorales@umd.edu](mailto:Rmorales@umd.edu) or see [www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/courses/SEM2005.doc](http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/courses/SEM2005.doc).

24, 25 Thursday, Friday. **Introduction to Multilevel Analysis Methods: Hierarchical Linear Models.** *Instructor: Robert G. Croninger, University of Maryland.* Pyon Su Room #2108, Stamp Student Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee \$500. For information contact [RMorales@umd.edu](mailto:RMorales@umd.edu) or see [www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/courses/HLM2005.doc](http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/courses/HLM2005.doc).

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