

March 12, 2008

News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We wish Caryn Kuebler, our Associate Program Officer, who contributed a great deal to CNSTAT over the past 2.5 years, all the best in her new position at the Government Accountability Office, which she starts on March 13.

REPORT RELEASED

>*Ballistic Imaging*, the final report of the Committee to Assess the Feasibility, Accuracy, and Technical Capabilities of a National Ballistics Database (joint among the Committee on Law and Justice, CNSTAT, and the National Materials Advisory Board), chaired by John Rolph, was publicly released in prepublication format on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 10:00 am, EST. Please e-mail Michael Siri (msiri@nas.edu) if you would like a copy (see also http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12162).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

106th Meeting of the Committee

Friday, May 9, 2008

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

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

***Topic: 25 Years (and Counting) of Cognitive Survey Research:
Past Successes, Current Practices, Future Opportunities***

107th Meeting of the Committee

Friday, October 31, 2008

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

Public Seminar (topic to be determined) and Reception, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Currently Active Panels and Workshops

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Department of Commerce

Panel on the Census Bureau's Dynamics of Economic Well-Being System (DEWS—now, the re-engineered SIPP)

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008

Study director: Patricia Ruggles; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held March 10-11, 2008; no more meetings are planned.

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Duration: April 2004 – January 2006; extended through June 30, 2008

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Upcoming meetings: Last meeting, July 18, 2007; no more meetings are planned

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Chair: Larry Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Reports planned: Interim report, *Experimental and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census: Interim Report*, released December 7, 2007; final report at end of project

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for April 25-26, 2008

Workshop on the Development of a BEA Satellite Health Account

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Duration: September 2006 – September 2007; extended through March 2008

Study director: Chris Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Workshop proceedings

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for March 14, 2008

Department of Defense

Panel on the Application of Industrial Methods to the Testing of Defense Systems Acquired in Stages (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 – December 2008

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: To be determined

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

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008 (closed)

Panel on Collecting, Accessing, and Protecting Data from Multipurpose Population Surveys with Genetic and Other Biological Measures (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: First meeting held March 9, 2008

Panel to Review the National Children's Study Research Plan (joint with the Board on Children, Youth, and Families and the Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Duration: April 2007 – April 2008

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Sam Preston (U. Pennsylvania); panel member: Bill Kalsbeek (U. North Carolina)

Report: Final report is in review

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held January 24, 2008; no more meetings are planned.

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Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

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Duration: July 2007 – September 2008

Study director: Connie Citro; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Louise Ryan (Harvard); planning committee members Janet Norwood (BLS, retired), Ed Perrin (U. Washington), Sam Preston (U. Pennsylvania), Ken Prewitt (Columbia)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for April 30, 2008

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Report planned: Final report, *Ballistic Imaging*, released in prepublication format, March 5, 2008 (see above)

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel to Review Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – August 2008

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; final report at end of project

Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting scheduled for April 4-5, 2008

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 Sislín; project assistant: Elizabeth Scott

Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel member: 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, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2004 – June 2007

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)

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Panel to Assess the Benefits of the American Community Survey for the NSF Science Resources Statistics Division

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Duration: October 2006 – March 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Hal Stern (U. California, Irvine)

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Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held November 2, 2007; no more meetings are planned

Panel on Modernizing the Infrastructure of the NSF Federal Funds Survey

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Duration: October 2007 – December 2008

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Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

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Workshop on Protecting Students' Records and Facilitating Education Research (joint with the 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

Study director: Tom Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Felice Levine (AERA)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: The planning committee is conferring by telephone (closed); workshop scheduled for April 24-25, 2008

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>We welcome two incoming members of CNSTAT—*Alicia Carriquiry*, professor of statistics at Iowa State University, and *Hal Stern*, professor and founding chair of statistics at the University of California, Irvine—who have been appointed for 3-year terms beginning July 1, 2008. We also thank *Sam Preston*, Frederick J. Warren professor of demography at the University of Pennsylvania, for agreeing to serve a second 3-year term.

>We congratulate *Cynthia Clark* on her appointment as administrator of the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. She recently directed statistical research and survey methodology for the United Kingdom's Office for National Statistics and, prior to that, at the U.S. Census Bureau; she also has 13 years of experience working on the Census of Agriculture and serving as the Director of the NASS Census and Survey Division. She was a member of the CNSTAT panel that produced the 2007 report, *Understanding American Agriculture—Challenges for the Agricultural Resource Management Survey*.

>We congratulate the following members of our community who have received the honors listed below:

>*Rosemary Marcuss*, Deputy Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, recipient of the 2008 *Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award* for encouraging younger staff as a supervisor at a federal statistical agency.

>*Robert Groves*, Director, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, and *William Bell*, Senior Statistician, U.S. Census Bureau, co-recipients of the 2008 *Julius Shiskin Award for Economic Statistics*. Bill is recognized for innovative statistical research that led to improved economic statistics through important contributions to the theory and practice of seasonal adjustment, small-area estimation, and time series modeling; Bob (former CNSTAT member) is recognized for innovative statistical research that led to improved economic statistics through important contributions to the theory and practice of survey methods for the conduct of sample surveys of both households and establishments.

>*Robert Bell*, Statistical Research Department, AT&T Labs-Research, and former CNSTAT member, recipient with his team members of the *Netflix Progress Prize* for improving the Netflix movie recommendation system by 8.43%.

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Topic: Federal Statistics in the 21st 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]
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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; no more meetings are planned

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Chair: Robert Bell (AT&T Research); panel members: Lawrence Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard)

Reports planned: 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); final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: Last meeting, July 18, 2007; no more meetings are planned

Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX)

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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); final report, September 2009
Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting scheduled for July 10-11, 2008 (morning of July 10 is open)

Workshop to Assist BEA Development of a Satellite Health Account

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis
Duration: September 2006 – September 2007; extended through March 2008
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri
Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)
Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted
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 – March 2009
Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri
Chair: TBD
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)
Upcoming meetings: To be determined

Department of Health and Human Services

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Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)
Report planned: Final report is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting held March 13, 2008; no more meetings are planned

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Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Duration: April 2007 – April 2008; extended through July 31, 2008

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Samuel Preston (U. Pennsylvania); panel member: William Kalsbeek (U. North Carolina)

Report: Final report released in prepublication format, May 22, 2008 (see http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12211); printed copies will be available by the end of July

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held January 24, 2008; no more meetings are planned

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Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

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Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)

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Upcoming meetings: First meeting held July 3, 2008; workshop scheduled for November 6-7, 2008

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Report: Final report, *Ballistic Imaging*, released in prepublication format, March 5, 2008 (see http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12162); printed copies to be available shortly

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

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Duration: September 2006 – August 2008

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); final report at end of project

Upcoming meetings: Eighth meeting scheduled August 11-12, 2008, in Ann Arbor, MI (closed)

National Science Foundation

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Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Hal Stern (U. California, Irvine)

Report: Final report released in prepublication format, June 2, 2008 (see http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12244); printed copies are in preparation

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held November 2, 2007; 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 – December 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting June 12-13, 2008; workshop planned for September 5-6, 2008

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>We congratulate the following members of our community who received the honors listed below (courtesy of the GSS newsletter):

>**John Czajka**, senior fellow at Mathematica Policy Research in Washington, DC, is the 2008 recipient of the Patricia J. Doyle Award for exceptional service to the Government Statistics Section of ASA. John has a long history of serving the ASA and the GSS. He is a fellow of ASA. He has served on CNSTAT panels that produced reports on *Measuring a Changing Nation: Modern Methods for the 2000 Census* (1999); *Evaluating Welfare Reform in an Era of Transition* (2000); and *State and Local Government Statistics at a Crossroads* (2007). He is currently serving on our Panel on the Census Bureau's Reengineered Survey of Income and Program Participation.

>**Elizabeth (Betsy) Martin** is the 2008 recipient of the Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics, which is sponsored jointly by the Washington Statistical Society and the Government Statistics and Social Statistics Sections of ASA. She retired from the Census Bureau in 2007, where she had been Senior Survey Methodologist since 1998 and Chief of the Center for Survey Methods Research from 1986 through 1998.

Betsy was one of the leaders of the Cognitive Aspects of Survey Methodology movement. Her contributions and innovations at the Census Bureau include: expanding the scope of social science research conducted at the Bureau; building one of the first cognitive laboratories in the federal government; developing and mentoring the largest interdisciplinary staff of sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, statisticians, political scientists, and sociolinguists in the federal statistical system, bringing together their intellectual perspectives to address measurement errors in Census Bureau surveys and the decennial census; and developing and implementing an official pretesting policy for demographic surveys at the Census Bureau. Betsy was named a Fellow of the American Statistical Association in 1998 and awarded the Department of Commerce Silver Medal in 1997. She is a former president of the American Association for Public Opinion Research. She co-edited the National Academy of Sciences report *Surveying Subjective Phenomena* (1984).

>We welcome **Dan Melnick** to the CNSTAT staff as senior program officer. He has an 8-month part-time appointment to direct a panel on economic indicators for the State of the SUSA (SUSA), Inc., web site, to be launched in spring 2009. Dan was for many years on the Congressional Research Service staff; he has held positions with NSF and SAMHSA and operates his own consulting service.

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Panelists:

Michael Hofer, 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

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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
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)
Upcoming meetings: To be determined

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, Michael Siri
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 to Review the National Children's Study Research Plan (joint with the Board on Children, Youth, and Families and the Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Duration: April 2007 – April 2008; extended through July 31, 2008
Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds
Chair: Samuel Preston (U. Pennsylvania); panel member: William Kalsbeek (U. North Carolina)
Report: Final report released in prepublication format, May 22, 2008 (see http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12211); printed copies are available at the same url (PDFs may be downloaded free)

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held January 24, 2008; no more meetings are planned

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 – September 2008
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

Committee to Assess the Feasibility, Accuracy, and Technical Capabilities of a National Ballistics

Database (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, and the National Materials Advisory Board)

Sponsor: National Institute of Justice

Duration: September 2003 – December 2005; extended through June 2008

Study director: Carol Petrie; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: John Rolph (U. Southern California); panel members: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon U.), Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Daryl Pregibon (Google)

Report: Final report released in prepublication format, March 5, 2008 (see

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12162); printed copies are available at the same url

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel to Review Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – August 2008

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); final report at end of project

Upcoming meetings: Ninth meeting scheduled for November 15 in St. Louis, MO (closed)

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 member: 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, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2004 – June 2007

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 has cleared review and is being prepared for publication and release

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel to Assess the Benefits of the American Community Survey for the NSF Science Resources Statistics Division

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2006 – February 2008; extended through November 30, 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Hal Stern (U. California, Irvine)

Report: Final report released in prepublication format, June 2, 2008 (see

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12244); printed copies are available at the same url (free PDFs may be downloaded)

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held November 2, 2007; 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 – December 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third and final meeting scheduled for October 22-23, 2008 (closed)

Kauffman Foundation, Spencer Foundation, W.T. Grant Foundation

Workshop on Protecting Students' Records and Facilitating Education Research (joint with the 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; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Felice Levine (AERA)

Report planned: Workshop summary is in review

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held April 24-25, 2008

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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.

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). 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

107th 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]

108th Meeting of the Committee

Thursday and Friday, February 5-6, 2009

Retreat—NAS Beckman Center, Irvine, CA

109th Meeting of the Committee

Friday, May 8, 2009

NAS Keck Center, Room 100, 500 5th St. NW, Washington, DC

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

Topic: Federal Statistics in the 21st 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); 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); final report, September 2009

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for November 10-11, 2008 (the 10th 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); 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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107th 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 21st St. The nearest Metro station is Foggy Bottom at 23rd and I Sts., NW (Blue and Orange Lines).**

Please RSVP by October 28th to Bridget Edmonds at 202-334-3096 or cnstat@nas.edu.

November 25, 2008

News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We are delighted that two members of the statistical community received Presidential Rank awards on September 30, 2008. These awards are given to members of the Senior Executive Service for distinguished service (achievement of extraordinary results) and meritorious service (sustained accomplishment). Award winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process. They are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards comprised of private citizens, and approved by the President. The evaluation criteria (see <http://www.opm.gov/ses/performance/rankaward.asp>.) focus on leadership and results. Our award winners are:

- >John Galvin, associate commissioner for employment statistics, BLS, Meritorious Executive
- >Rosemary Marcuss, deputy director, BEA, Meritorious Executive

>We congratulate John Thompson on being named president of NORC. John is a member of our Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX). He served as NORC's interim president since February and as NORC's executive vice president for survey operations since he joined the organization in 2002. John came to NORC after a distinguished 27-year career at the U.S. Census Bureau, where he had responsibility for all aspects of the 2000 Decennial Census, including management, operations, and methodology.

>Nominations are being accepted for the annual Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics, which recognizes unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics or in the use of statistics in interpreting the economy. Contributions are recognized for statistical research, development of statistical tools, application of information technology techniques, use of economic statistical programs, management of statistical programs, or developing public understanding of measurement issues. The Award was established in 1980 by the Washington Statistical Society (WSS) and is now cosponsored by the WSS, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economics Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association (ASA). A nomination form and a list of all previous recipients are available at www.amstat.org/sections/bus_econ/shiskin.html. For more information, contact Steven Paben, Julius Shiskin Award Committee Secretary, at paben.steven@bls.gov 202-691-6147. Completed nominations must be **received by April 1, 2009**.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

108th Meeting of the Committee
Thursday and Friday, February 5-6, 2009
Retreat (closed in its entirety)—NAS Beckman Center, Irvine, CA

109th Meeting of the Committee
Friday, May 8, 2009
NAS Keck Center, Room 100, 500 5th St. NW, Washington, DC

Public Symposium and Reception, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, May 8, 2009
Topic: THE FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM—
RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS; MOVING IT FORWARD

**Joint Symposium of the Committee on National Statistics and the
American Academy of Political and Social Science**

Co-sponsored by:
**American Association of Public Opinion Research, American Statistical Association, Association of
Population Centers, Consortium of Social Science Associations,
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics,
Population Association of America**

Currently Active Panels and Workshops

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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 June 30, 2009

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 will 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 is no printed version), May 11, 2007 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11941); final report, *Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census*, released in prepublication format, October 29, 2008 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11941). Printed copies will be available in early January 2009.

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 is no printed version), December 7, 2007 (free PDFs
available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12080); final report, September 2009
Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting held November 10-11, 2008; sixth meeting to be scheduled

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: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)
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 will enter review in early December
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 Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held November 17-18 (open), followed by closed panel meeting, November 19, 2008; third meeting (closed) to be held in late January 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: 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—see attached announcement)

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); final report is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Ninth and last meeting held 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: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Chicago, IL)
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

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 is being drafted

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 by AERA

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; senior program officer: Peter Henderson; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Rebecca Blank, Brookings Institution (planning meeting, chair for the panel TBD)

Reports planned: Detailed scope of work from the planning meeting; final report from the panel study

Upcoming meetings: Planning meeting will be held in January 2009 (by invitation)

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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Workshop on Improving Measurement of Late-Life Disability in Population Surveys: Going Beyond ADL and IADL

January 8-9, 2009

Committee on National Statistics NATIONAL ACADEMIES

The Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) has invited a number of experts to convene at the *National Academies' Keck Center, 500 Fifth Street, NW*, on January 8-9, for a public workshop on Improving Measurement of Late-Life Disability in Population Surveys: Going Beyond ADL and IADL. The workshop is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging

The workshop is an opportunity to augment our knowledge and expertise by a focused discussion of the issues related to improving the measurement of disability by a wide range of researchers and other interested members of the public

The objectives of this workshop are to:

1. explore the potential of using methodological advances to improve the measurement of physical and cognitive limitations in population surveys of older adults, focusing on measures that are suitable for population surveys;
2. consider kinds of measures that are most relevant for monitoring of trends and policy-oriented research and evaluation;
3. develop measures that would facilitate comparability between different surveys and different populations; and
4. identify priority areas for research and development toward the goal of improved disability measures in population surveys.

The workshop will open with an overview of the background paper prepared in advance of the workshop. The sessions will focus on the issues pertaining to:

- Challenges to improved measurement of late-life functioning and disability in population surveys;
- Potential methods for refining or augmenting current measures of late-life disability in population surveys to foster comparability across key subgroups;
- Improving the validity of cross-population comparisons—within the U.S. and across countries—for measures of disability obtained in population surveys;
- The need to measure functioning and disability in context;
- Priority areas for research and development towards the goal of improved measures of late-life disability in population surveys.

A summary report of the workshop discussion will be prepared.

All are welcome to attend. Please register by January 2, 2009 with Bridget Edmonds at **(202) 334-3096** or cnstat@nas.edu.