



NEWS from CNSTAT

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PEOPLE *News*

We note with sadness the death in recent weeks of three leading lights in statistical methods and applications—

William (Bill) Nichols, a leader in survey methodology and particularly in the development and computerization of telephone surveys, died in Alexandria, VA, March 23, 2016, at age 85. Bill earned his B.A. in mathematics and sociology from Bucknell University and continued his education as part of the Paul Lazarsfeld group at Columbia University in the 1950s. Later he worked at the University of California, Berkeley, helping to develop computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). In 1980 Bill moved to the Census Bureau to head up the Computer-Assisted Interviewing Project and was instrumental in achieving the development of CATI systems for national surveys. Bill also contributed to the development of the International Field Directors and Technologies Conference (now in its 50th year) and the Federal CASIC workshop series (now in its 20th year). According to CNSTAT member Don Dillman, “Very few individuals have fostered as much change in survey practices as did Bill. AAPOR and the discipline of survey methodology have lost one of the great ones, whose influence continues to be felt on research and the practical application of survey methods throughout the world.”

Ingram Olkin, professor emeritus of statistics and education, Stanford University, died in Palo Alto, CA, on April 28, 2016, at age 91. An influential statistician, best known for developing methods for statistical analyses of education and an early champion of women in academia, he completed his undergraduate degree in mathematics at the City College of New York. He earned his master’s degree in mathematical statistics at Columbia University and his Ph.D. in the same subject at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to moving to Stanford in 1961, Ingram was a member of the faculty at Michigan State University for 9 years. During his long career, he made notable contributions in multivariate statistical analysis, majorization and inequalities, linear algebra, and meta-analysis. Among other awards, he received Samuel S. Wilks and Founders Awards from the American Statistical Association and a Guggenheim Fellowship and Melvin Zelen Leadership Award from Harvard University’s School of Public Health. He was elected to the National Academy of Education, served as president of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and was instrumental in the establishment of the National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS). He is the first and only male recipient of the Elizabeth L. Scott Award from the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS). He served on CNSTAT from 1977–1983, chaired the panel that produced the landmark 3-volume report, *Incomplete Data in Sample Surveys*, and served on the Panel to Review the 2000 Census.

Ernest (Ernie) Seglie, who joined the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 1988 as the first science advisor, Operational Test and Evaluation, where his responsibilities included providing “scientific and technical guidance on the overall approach to DoD evaluation of the operational effectiveness and suitability of major DoD weapons systems,” died in Rockville, MD, May 1, 2016, at age 70. Ernie

received a bachelor's degree in physics from The Cooper Union and a Ph.D. in theoretical nuclear physics from the University of Massachusetts in 1972. He taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Yale University and joined the Institute for Defense Analyses in 1979. He received the Andrew J. Goodpaster Award for Excellence in Research in 1987, the International Test and Evaluation Association 2009 Allen R. Matthews Award for "leadership and technical contributions to the evaluation of operational effectiveness and suitability," and the National Defense Industrial Association Walter W. Hollis Award in 2009. In addition, he was a recipient of a Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Senior Professional in 2003 and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service in 2010, for which he was cited as leading "the drive to apply statistical methods to test design and evaluation." CNSTAT knew Ernie for many years as an indefatigable sponsor of CNSTAT panels and workshops on statistical methods for weapons testing and development, including studies of reliability growth in defense systems, industrial methods with application to weapons testing and development, and innovations in software engineering.

We congratulate **John M. Abowd**, Edmund Ezra Day professor of economics and professor of statistics and information sciences at the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, incoming associate director for research and methodology at the U.S. Census Bureau, and outgoing member of CNSTAT, on receiving the **2016 Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics**. John is the 44th recipient of the award, which is sponsored by the Washington Statistical Society, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economics Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association. John is recognized for "designing and implementing disclosure avoidance techniques that enable federal statistical agencies to greatly expand the availability of their data while preserving respondents' confidentiality and for his leadership at Cornell in providing access to these data over the Internet. He is also recognized for developing econometric and statistical techniques to conduct labor market analysis." He has made major contributions to federal statistical programs through his work at Cornell, his work at the Census Bureau, his service to the Committee on National Statistics, and his service to professional organizations. He began his long association with the Census Bureau in 1998 when he joined the team of distinguished senior research fellows that helped found the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program. He has served continuously since 1998 as a scientific adviser to that program and others at the bureau. Since 2011, he has been the principal investigator for the Cornell University node of the National Science Foundation-Census Research Network and co-principal investigator of its coordinating office. For CNSTAT, he chaired the Panel on Measuring and Collecting Pay Information from U.S. Employers by Gender, Race, and National Origin and served as a member of the Panel on Access to Research Data and the Panel on Measuring Business Formation, Dynamics, and Performance. He has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago.

We congratulate **Susan Murphy**, the Herbert E. Robbins distinguished university professor of statistics, research professor at the Institute for Social Research, and professor of psychiatry at the University of Michigan, on her election to the **National Academy of Sciences**. She was previously elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2014 and received a MacArthur Fellowship in 2013. Susan earned her B.S. from Louisiana State University and her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina and was previously on the faculty of Pennsylvania State University. She is developing new methodologies to evaluate courses of treatment for individuals coping with chronic or relapsing disorders such as depression or substance abuse. Her Sequential Multiple Assignment Randomized Trial (SMART) is a means for learning how best to dynamically adapt treatment to each individual's response over time. Susan is a member of CNSTAT and served on the CNSTAT panel that produced the 2013 report, *The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials*.

We congratulate **Barbara Entwisle**, distinguished professor of sociology and vice-chancellor for research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on sharing in the first of the [2016 Golden Goose Awards](#). The award is being given to the researchers behind the landmark *National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health*, otherwise known as *Add Health*. Conceived by Peter Bearman, Barbara Entwisle,

Kathleen Mullan Harris, Ronald Rindfuss, and Richard Udry in the late 1980s and early 1990s, this federally funded study, recently renamed as the National Longitudinal Study of Adult Health, was designed to "illuminate the impact of social and environmental factors on adolescent health." The researchers, along with two other teams of still-unnamed Golden Goose Award recipients, will be honored at the fifth Golden Goose Award Ceremony in September. Barbara is currently chairing the CNSTAT Standing Committee on the Future of Major NSF-Funded Social Science Surveys.

[By way of background, the Golden Goose Awards, initiated in 2012, honor "scientists whose federally-funded work may have seemed odd or obscure when it was first conducted but has resulted in significant benefits to society." They are a rebuttal to the Golden Fleece Awards, which Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin issued monthly from 1975 to 1988 to target federal spending he considered wasteful. Unfortunately, the awards often singled out federally funded scientific research for ridicule, reflecting a fundamental misunderstanding of how science works, and how such research can turn out to be extremely important regardless of whether it appears to make sense at a first glance. The Golden Goose awards were initiated by a consortium of associations and universities following the vision of Representative Jim Cooper of Tennessee.]

We thank **Mark Harris** for his 36 years of contributions to federal statistics at the National Agricultural Statistics Service and wish him well in his retirement, which occurred at the end of March 2016. Mark began his career with NASS in 1980 after graduating from Oklahoma State University with a degree in agricultural economics. His first duty station was in the Indiana Field Office where he worked for 3 years. He transferred to the North Carolina Field Office where he worked while attending North Carolina State University as part of its Math Stat Graduate Training Program. His first tour at NASS headquarters began in 1986 in the Research Branch. Mark also served in the Methods Branch and the International Programs Office where he consulted in Pakistan, Yemen, Egypt, and El Salvador. Later in his career he consulted in Poland, Russia, and Brazil. Mark's first supervisory appointment was as deputy director of the Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service. During his second tour at headquarters, he headed the Economics Section of the Statistics Division and then became chief of the Crops Branch. From there, Mark went on to become the director of the Nebraska Field Office. In 2007, Mark returned to headquarters as director of the Research and Development Division where he served until 2013 when he became Agricultural Statistics Board chairperson and the first division director of the newly formed Methodology Division. We will also miss his helpful service on the Morris Hansen Memorial Lecture Committee, which is held each year in the USDA auditorium.

REPORT *News*

Modernizing Crime Statistics—Report 1: Defining and Classifying Crime, the first report of a CNSTAT panel with input from the Committee on Law and Justice, was released in prepublication format on May 16, 2016 (free [PDFs](#) are available; printed copies will be available shortly). The panel is chaired by Janet Lauritsen (University of Missouri–St Louis) and is sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and the FBI. The rationale for the first report is that to derive statistics about crime—to estimate its levels and trends, assess its costs to and impacts on society, and inform law enforcement approaches to prevent it—a conceptual framework for defining and thinking about crime is a prerequisite. Developing and maintaining such a framework is no easy task, because the mechanics of crime are ever evolving and shifting, tied to shifts and development in technology, society, and legislation. After some decades of preliminary work (notably, prisoners' offenses being tallied in the 1850–1890 decennial censuses), the collection of nationwide crime statistics began in earnest in the 1920s. A committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police issued a manual on the collection of "uniform" crime records in 1929, focusing attention on the crimes that were deemed to be most consistently defined across state laws as

well as most publicly visible. That 1929 manual was subsequently used by the FBI in establishing its Uniform Crime Reporting program, based on voluntary submissions from local law enforcement. It also marks the last time that the whole enterprise of U.S. crime statistics collection was assessed and its conceptual backdrop reviewed; many of the same concepts and definitions outlined in 1929 carried over to BJS's National Crime Victimization Survey in the 1970s and to other collections, and remain in place today. The key distinction between the rigorous classification proposed in this report and the "classifications" that have come before in U.S. crime statistics is that it is not a simple exercise in labeling. It is a conceptual framework intended for statistical purposes, partitioning the *entirety* of behaviors that could be considered criminal offenses into mutually exclusive categories. *Modernizing Crime Statistics—Report 1* considers a wide variety of data user and stakeholder perspectives, and examples of historical and international classification systems, in suggesting a taxonomy and an accompanying set of attributes to be collected on crime incidents. Report 2, to be completed next year, will address priorities for implementation and operational considerations.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Fatigue, Long-Term Health, and Highway Safety: Research Needs, the final report of a CNSTAT panel with input from the Board on Human-Systems Integration and the Transportation Research Board, was released in prepublication format, March 10, 2016 (free [PDFs](#) are available; printed copies will be available shortly). The panel was co-chaired by Matthew Rizzo (University of Nebraska Medical Center) and Hal Stern (University of California, Irvine) for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The motivation for the report is the approximately 4,000 fatalities in crashes involving trucks and buses in the United States each year. Though estimates are wide-ranging, possibly 10 to 20 percent of these crashes might have involved fatigued drivers. The stresses associated with their particular jobs (irregular schedules, etc.) and the lifestyle that many truck and bus drivers lead, put them at substantial risk for insufficient sleep and for developing short- and long-term health problems. The report assesses the state of knowledge about the relationship of such factors as hours of driving, hours on duty, and periods of rest to the fatigue experienced by truck and bus drivers while driving and the implications for the safe operation of their vehicles. The report evaluates the relationship of these factors to drivers' health over the longer term, and identifies improvements in data and research methods that can lead to better understanding in both areas.

Reminder: PDF versions of CNSTAT and National Academies reports are available for free download at *The National Academies Press* website, <http://www.nap.edu>. NOTE: The download site asks for your e-mail and a password. If you don't have an NAP account and don't want to have one, then provide your e-mail and click "I don't have an account;" on the next page click "accept NAP policies" and "log in as guest".

Reminder: Slides from previous CNSTAT public seminars are available on the CNSTAT [public seminars and symposia](#) page; slides from several major workshops are available on the [presentations](#) page on the CNSTAT website. The most recent addition to the presentations section is "[Multiple Data Sources Presentations](#)," which links to presentations from recent workshops and meetings for CNSTAT's [Panel on Improving Federal Statistics for Policy and Social Science Research Using Multiple Data Sources and State-of-the-Art Estimation Methods](#).

EVENT & OTHER *News*

We call your attention to the upcoming ***Workshop on State and Local Governments Use of Alternative and Multiple Data Sources, June 1, 2016***, NAS Keck Center, Room 100, 500 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC.

CNSTAT Meetings

CNSTAT holds three regular meetings each year, with its spring and fall meeting dates following a set formula; our May meetings are always the Thursday–Friday preceding Mother’s Day and our October meetings are always the second-to-last Thursday–Friday of the month. Here are the next three meetings:

CNSTAT’s 131st meeting will be held **October 20-21, 2016**, in the **National Academy of Sciences Building** at 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. On the 21st, the meeting will feature a luncheon with statistical agency heads (members of the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, ICSP), followed by a public seminar, beginning with light refreshments at 2 pm and ending with a reception at 4:30 pm.

CNSTAT’s 132nd meeting will be held **February 10-11, 2017**, at the **Beckman Center** on the University of California, Irvine, campus. It will be in retreat format.

CNSTAT’s 133rd meeting will be held **May 11-12, 2017**, at the **National Academy of Sciences Building** at 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. On the 12th, the meeting will feature a luncheon with statistical agency heads (members of the ICSP), followed by a public seminar, beginning with light refreshments at 2 pm and ending with a reception at 4:30 pm.

NOTE: Presentations from the joint CNSTAT/NSF-Census Research Network (NCRN) set of workshops and public seminar at the May 8, 2015, CNSTAT meeting are available on the NCRN [site](#). Presentations from the October 23, 2015, CNSTAT public seminar on “Reengineering the 2020 Census” are available on the CNSTAT web site under [News and Events/Public Seminars and Other Symposia](#). Presentations from the May 6, 2016, CNSTAT public seminar on “Combining Information from Survey and Non-Survey Data Sources for Policy Research: Challenges and Opportunities” will be available shortly.

Active PANELS & WORKSHOPS

[Listed by sponsor agency, beginning with federal departments. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are in Washington, DC, and include open sessions. 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). Also see the CNSTAT [web site](#) under “Our Work.”]

Department of Agriculture

Panel on Methods for Integrating Multiple Data Sources to Improve Crop Estimates

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: September 2014–September 2017

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Mary Ann Kasper

Chair: Mary Ellen Bock (Purdue University)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for October 6-7, 2016, in Washington, DC.

Panel on Improving Data Collection and Reporting about Agriculture with Increasingly Complex Farm Business Structures

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Economic Research Service

Duration: September 2015–September 2018

Study director: Christopher Mackie; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Workshop on Model-Based Methods for Producing Estimates of Livestock with Appropriate Measures of Uncertainty

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: September 2015–September 2018

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Mary Ann Kasper

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Department of Commerce

Panel to Reengineer the Census Bureau’s Annual Economic Surveys

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: May 2015–May 2018

Study director: Glenn White; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Mary Ann Kasper

Chair: Katharine Abraham (University of Maryland)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for June 2-3, 2016, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review and Evaluate the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation Content and Design

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2013–November 2016

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin; research associate: Adrienne Bradford

Chair: John Czajka (Mathematica Policy Research)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting to be held in October 2016 in Washington, DC

Standing Committee on Reengineering Census Operations

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2014–September 2019

Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; program officer: Jordyn White;
project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Thomas Cook (Decision Analytics International)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee has facilitated a consensus panel on reengineering the Census Bureau’s annual economic surveys (see above) and will spin off workshops on central topics for 2020 census planning. A [website](#) is maintained for the committee.

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting scheduled for September 7-9, 2016, in Washington, DC

Workshop on the Census Bureau's Concept of Operations for Reengineering the 2020 Census

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2015–September 2016

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Workshop on Respondent Burden in the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2015–November 2016

Study director: Brian Harris-Kojetin; senior program officers: Michael Cohen, Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Co-chairs: Linda Gage (California Department of Finance, retired) and Joseph Salvo (NYC Department of City Planning)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held March 8-9, 2016, in Washington, DC

Department of Education

Committee on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Achievement Levels

Evaluation (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment, which has the lead)

Sponsor: National Center for Education Statistics

Duration: September 2014–March 2016

Study director: Judith Koenig (BOTA); program officer: Jordyn White (CNSTAT); project assistant: Kelly Arrington (BOTA)

Chair: Christopher Edley, Jr. (University of California, Berkeley)

Report planned: Final report, *Evaluation of the Achievement Levels for Mathematics and Reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress*, has cleared review and is being prepared for release

Upcoming meetings: Eighth (last) meeting (closed) held November 16-17, 2015, in Irvine, CA

Department of Health and Human Services

Standing Committee on Integrating New Behavioral Health Measures into SAMHSA's Data

Collection Programs (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences and the Board on Health Sciences Policy)

Sponsors: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Duration: August 2014–July 2016

Study director: Krisztina Marton; senior program officer: Jeanne Rivard (BBCSS); senior program officer: Adrienne Stith Butler (BHSP); project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: James Jackson (University of Michigan)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee is facilitating workshops on the topics of **measuring serious emotional disturbance in children** (workshop summary released in prepublication format on November 23, 2015, printed copies along with free [PDFs](#) are now available); **specific mental illness diagnoses with any functional impairment** (workshop summary

released in prepublication format, February 12, 2016, printed copies along with free [PDFs](#) are now available); **trauma** (workshop summary has cleared review and is being prepared for release); and **recovery** (workshop summary is being drafted). A [website](#) is maintained for the committee. Upcoming meetings: Final meeting scheduled for May 26-27, 2016, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Improving Data on Criminal Justice System Involvement in Population Health Data Collections

Sponsor: Office of Minority Health
Duration: September 2015–September 2016
Study director: Jordyn White; senior program officer: Carol House; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Chair: Wendy Manning (Bowling Green University)
Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Workshop held March 29-30, 2016, in Washington, DC.

Department of Justice

Panel on Modernizing the Nation’s Crime Statistics (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice)

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics and Federal Bureau of Investigation
Duration: September 2013–December 2016
Study director: Daniel Cork; program officer: Jordyn White; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Janet Lauritsen (University of Missouri–St. Louis)
Reports planned: First report was released the morning of May 16, 2016 (see “Report News” above); second report is being planned
Upcoming meetings: Twelfth meeting scheduled for June 29-30, 2016, in Washington, DC

Department of Transportation

Panel to Review the Compliance, Safety, and Accountability Program of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (joint with the Transportation Research Board)

Sponsor: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Duration: March 2016–September 2017
Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Richard Pain; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; TRB Studies and Special Programs Division director: Stephen Godwin; project assistant: Michael Siri; summer intern: Andrew Yarger
Co-chairs: Joel Greenhouse (Carnegie Mellon) and Sharon-Lise Normand (Harvard Medical School)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: First meeting scheduled for June 29-30, 2016, in Washington, DC

National Science Foundation

Transparency and Reproducibility in Federal Statistics: A Workshop

Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Duration: March 2016–March 2017
Study director: Hermann Habermann; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair-designate: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon University)
Report: Workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: TBD

Panel to Evaluate the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics Approach to Measuring the Science and Engineering Workforce

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: September 2015–March 2018

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Rita Colwell (University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University) and James House (University of Maryland)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Second scheduled for August 4-5, 2016, in Washington, DC;

Standing Committee on the Future of Major NSF-Funded Social Science Surveys

Sponsor: Directorate on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

Duration: March 2015–June 2016

Study director: Cynthia Thomas; project assistant: Eileen LeFurgy

Chair: Barbara Entwisle (University of North Carolina)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they may also facilitate separate workshops or consensus panels. A [website](#) is maintained for the committee.

Upcoming meetings: Third in-person meeting scheduled for October 6-7, 2016, in Washington, DC (by invitation)

Workshop on Prioritizing and Implementing Improvements to Innovation Indicators

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: September 2015–September 2016

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Scott Stern (MIT)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for May 19-20, 2016, in Washington, DC

The Carnegie Corporation of New York

Standing Committee on Creating the American Opportunity Study, First Phase

Sponsor: The Carnegie Corporation of New York

Duration: April 2015–March 2017

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Michael Hout (NYU)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee facilitated a workshop, May 9, 2016, on research uses of the American Opportunity Study (AOS), which is being developed to measure intergenerational mobility by linking 1990 census records (after capturing the necessary information) with subsequent census records, American Community Survey records, and administrative records that become available. The result will be a facility for researchers to obtain extracts of linked files for analysis within the Federal Statistical Research Data Center network (formerly the Census Bureau RDC network). The First-Phase AOS is to address the challenges of capturing linking information for the 1990 census short- and long-form records, to evaluate the likely quality of matches with other records, and to propose the next phase of work. A “workshop in brief” summary will be prepared for the May workshop.

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting will be held in October 2016

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Panel on the Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration

Sponsor: The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Duration: May 2013–October 2016

Study director: Christopher Mackie; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Francine Blau (Cornell University)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: Seventh and final meeting (closed) held September 11-12, 2015, in Washington, DC

The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Panel on Improving Federal Statistics for Policy and Social Science Research Using Multiple Data Sources and State-of-the-Art Estimation Methods

Sponsor: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Duration: April 2015–December 2017

Study director: Brian Harris-Kojetin; research assistant: George Schoeffel; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Robert Groves (Georgetown University)

Report planned: Final report. A [website](#) is maintained for the committee.

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting scheduled for June 1-2, 2016, in Washington, DC (June 1 is a public workshop on state and local government administrative records)

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